

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, March 14, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of February 28, 2022)

**CHRISTOPHER AWE
City Council Chairman**

**First Ward
Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis**

**Second Ward
Christopher Awe
Brittany D. Claybrooks**

**Third Ward
Bergson Leneus
Vernon Pullins, Jr.**

**Fourth Ward
Casim L. Gomez
Tameika Garrett-Ward**

**Fifth Ward
Alicia Holman
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on February 28, 2022 at 5:39 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:

Casim L. Gomez; Jr.; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Brittany Claybrooks; Vernon Pullins, Jr.; Amy Lewis; Christopher D. James; Christopher Awe

ABSENT

Alicia Holman;

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Honorable Ted R. Green	Mayor
Solomon Steplight, Acting City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Acting Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Dorothy Gallagher, CFO	Finance
Jamal Pearson, Acting Director	Recreation
Bruce Davis, Acting Chief	Fire Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	East Orange Police Department
Monica Reed, Acting Director	Human Resources
Tiffany Harris-Delaney, Acting Director	Planning
Eladio Negron, Acting Director	Code Enforcement
Monique Griffith, Acting Director	Health and Human Services
Rupert Bell, Acting Director	Public Works

ALSO PRESENT

Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
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OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

This Meeting of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via video conference, streaming on Facebook Live - [facebook.com/eocitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eocitycouncil).

Residents may submit a written public comment or question via email to be read during the "Open Hearing of Citizens" portion of the meeting. Comments/questions are to be emailed in advance to citycouncil@eastorange-nj.gov by **5:00 PM**.

No Comments

COMMITTEES

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
300-FINANCE
400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION
500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
600-LAW AND LEGISLATION
700-PLANNING AND GRANTS
800-PUBLIC SAFETY
900-PUBLIC WORKS
1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS - CHAIRWOMAN
Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

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| 101. | Recreation Department | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |
| 103. | Patricia Diane Waters – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Eward Wadood – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN
Leneus, Brent, James

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| 201. | Brick Church Mall | In Committee |
| 202. | Brick Church Urban Renewal | In Committee |
| 203. | Economic Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 204. | Board of Adjustment | In Committee |
| 205. | Community Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 206. | Sanford Evergreen Connector | In Committee |
| 207. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement With the East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Corp | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Cancel a Financial Agreement With 329 Park Avenue Tenants Association | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Licensing Agreement for 20-30 Evergreen | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN
Holman, James, Lewis

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| 301. | Personnel | Confirmation of Mal'ee Wing.
First Assistant Corporation Counsel
Resolution to be presented |
| 302. | Tax Refund | In Committee |
| 303. | Labor Negotiations | In Committee |
| 304. | Tax Revaluation | In Committee |
| 305. | Tax Sale Certificate | In Committee |
| 306. | In Rem Foreclosure | In Committee |
| 307. | Payroll #4 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refund - \$25, 096.11 | Resolution to be presented |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 2/28/2022 | Resolution to be presented |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |
| 317. | Tax Lien | In Committee |
| 318. | Tax Lien Redemption | In Committee |
| 319. | Budget Insertions | In Committee |
| 320. | Status of Women | In Committee |
| 321. | Auction | In Committee |
| 322. | Duplicate Tax Payments - \$15,229.20 | Resolution to be presented |

300 – FINANCE - Continued
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN
Holman, James, Lewis

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| 323. | Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement With the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey 65MCECCPS | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Renewal Cooperative Pricing Agreement With the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Awarding A Contract for Municipal Budget Consultant Services-City Council | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Appointing the City of East Orange's PEJIF Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner | Resolution to be presented |
| 327. | Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold and Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq | Resolution to be presented |
| 328. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-373-2021 Authorizing the City of East Orange, NJ to Purchase a 100 Foot Mid-Mount Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus and Accessories Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement | Resolution to be presented |
| 329. | Resolution Awarding a Contract for Professional Grant Consultant Services to the Aubrey Group | Resolution to be presented |
| 330. | Resolution Awarding a Contact for Professional Grant Consultant Services to Millennium Strategies | Resolution to be presented |
| 331. | Resolution Authorizing the Publication of a Request for Qualifications to Secure the Services of a Hearing Officer for the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |
| 332. | Resolution to Approve the Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of a Second Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and the East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Regarding 777 Springdale Avenue | Resolution to be presented |
| 333. | Resolution to Approve the Tax Exemption and To Authorize the Execution of a Second Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and the East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Regarding 780 Springdale Avenue | Resolution to be presented |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD – CHAIRWOMAN
Brent, Claybrooks, Leneus

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| 401. | Child Guidance Clinic | In Committee |
| 402. | Health Department | In Committee |
| 403. | Mental Health Board | In Committee |
| 404. | East Orange General Hospital | In Committee |
| 405. | East Orange Board of Education | In Committee |

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES – CHAIRMAN
Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks

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| 501. | Rent Leveling | In Committee |
| 502. | Affordable Housing Program | In Committee |
| 503. | Housing Authority | In Committee |
| 504. | Housing, Planning & Coordinating | In Committee |
| 505. | Private Parking Rentals | In Committee |
| 506. | Senior Citizens Housing | In Committee |
| 507. | Housing Summit | In Committee |

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN
James, Pullins, Holman

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| 701. | Community Development | In Committee |
| 702. | Safe and Clean | In Committee |
| 703. | Small Tools Library | In Committee |
| 704. | Green Acres Grant | In Committee |
| 705. | Women’s Summit in Committee | In Committee |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN
Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent

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| 801. | Police Department | In Committee |
| 802. | Fire Department | In Committee |
| 803. | Resolution Ratifying the Unpaid Leave of Absence-Police Officer Tiffany Dunston | Resolution to be presented |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS
MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT – CHAIRMAN
Claybrooks, Holman, Gomez

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| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape | In Committee |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 7 of 2022</u>
Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to 75 Halsted, LLC in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12-A-1 et seq Known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
<u>Ordinance No. 8 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Canceling Bond Ordinance No. 58 of 2021 Providing for the Purchase of a Fire Truck for the East Orange Fire Department
<u>Ordinance No. 9 of 2022</u>
Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14 |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Reading | In Committee |
| 603. | Bingo/Raffles | In Committee |
| 604. | A.B.C. | In Committee |
| 605. | City Council Rules | In Committee |
| 606. | Settlements | In Committee |
| 607. | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract | In Committee |
| 608. | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses | In Committee |
| 609. | Resolution Appointing Justin Brown, Thomas Bullock and Aziza K. McGill-Ayinde to the East Orange Cannabis Control Commission for a Four-Year Term | Resolution to be presented |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk

THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL 2022 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2022 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. These Meetings will be held in City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey.

Committee Discussion & Agenda Meetings 5:30PM

Monday, January 10th
Monday, January 24th

Monday, February 14th
Monday, February 28th

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

Monday, April 11th
Monday, April 25th

Monday, May 9th
Tuesday, May 23rd

Monday, June 13th
Monday, June 27th

Monday, July 11th
Monday, July 25th

Monday, August 8th
Monday, August 22nd

Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
Monday, October 24th

Tuesday, November 14th
Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

Regular Official Meetings 6:00PM

Monday, January 10th
Monday, January 24th (Virtual)

Monday, February 14th (Virtual)
Monday, February 28th (Virtual)

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

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**City Council Reorganization Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
@ 5:30 PM**