

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2022
5:30 P.M.
(Minutes from the Meeting of March 14, 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
March 14, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on March 14, 2022, at 5:52 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; Alicia Holman; Vernon Pullins, Jr.; Christopher Awe

ABSENT

Amy Lewis
Christopher D. James

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
Romal D. Bullock	Tax Assessor
Bruce Davis, Acting Chief	Fire Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	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
Pamela Holmes, Acting Director	East Orange Public Library
Rupert Bell, Acting Director	Public Works

ALSO PRESENT

Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Todd Hay	Public Works
Donyale Harris	Mayor's Office

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. | James Frances Holman - Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Salma Abdallah - Commendation | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | Resolution Endorsing the Enactment of Assembly Bill, A938/S386, The "New Jersey Reparations Task Force Act" | 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 Advertisement of Request for Proposal for Planning Consultants | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE

VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN

Holman, James, Lewis

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| 301. | Personnel | In Committee |
| 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 #5 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refund | In Committee |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 3/14/2022 | 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 | In Committee |
| 323. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee - \$66,688.94 | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$102,918.30 | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 325. | Resolution Authorizing the Publication of a Request for Qualifications to Secure the Services of an Accounting & Financial Consultant for Administration for the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |
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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 |
| 406. | Resolution Accepting a Donation From the United Way of Essex and West Hudson for COVID-19 Education and Vaccine Uptake | Resolution to be presented |
| 407. | Resolution Ratifying the Application to and Authorizing the Acceptance of Award From the NJ Department of Health's State HIV Services Program 2022 | Resolution to be presented |
| 408. | Resolution Authorizing the Department of Health & Human Services to Extend the Lease for Office Space at 185 Central Avenue | Resolution to be presented |
| 409. | Resolution Ratifying the Application to and Authorizing the Acceptance of Award From the NJ Department of Health's Federal EHE Program 2022 | Resolution to be presented |

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 Authorizing the Purchase of 12 Automated License Plate Recognition Technology Licenses From Packetalk for the City's Neighborhood Street Surveillance Camera System VIA Bergen County Co-Op Contract Bid 19-32 | 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 |
| 903. | Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Additional Structure Inspection of the Central City Garage Parking Deck Replacement. | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Waiving the Twenty Day Effective Period for Ordinances No. 5 & 6 of 2022 | Resolution to be presented |
| 905. | Resolution Awarding a Contract of Professional Services for the Milling & Paving of Various Streets – FY2022 | Resolution to be presented |
| 906. | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces | Resolution to be presented |
| 907. | Resolution Approving a Site Access Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Rudmar, Inc. | Resolution to be presented |
| 908. | Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for Seasonal Landscaping Services at City Parks and Municipal Properties | Resolution to be presented |
| 909. | Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of Resolution Number 407 of 2021 -Storm Water Control #51-200 | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <p><u>Ordinance No. 10 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-14 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of No Parking – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Nassau Place, Northbound & Southbound)</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 11 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-9 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of No Parking – 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM (Watson Avenue, Westbound)</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 12 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 260-9 of the Code of the City of East Orange for the Creation of Three-Way “T” Intersection Stop Sign (North Arlington Avenue and New Street)</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 13 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 43 of 2021 Which Legalized and Regulated the Sale of Cannabis and Cannabis Related Products within the City of East Orange</p> |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Final Reading | <p><u>Ordinance No. 4 of 2022</u>
Ordinance to Appropriate \$1,200,000.00 from the Water Capital Improvement Fund to Pay for a Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Study for the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of East Orange</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 5 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-14 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creating of No Parking – 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 6 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-90 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of Four Way Stop Signs at East Park Street</p> |

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

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| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Final Reading | <p><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. 400:12-A-1 et seq Know as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law</p> <p><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</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 9 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14</p> |
| 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 8:50 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 (Virtual)
Monday, March 28th (Virtual)

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Monday, October 24th

Tuesday, November 14th
Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

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