

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

Monday, April 25, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of April 11, 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
April 11, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on April 11, 2022, at 5:30 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.; Bergson Leneus; Brittany Claybrooks; Alicia Holman; Vernon Pullins, Jr.;
Christopher Awe

ABSENT

Mustafa Al-M Brent
Tameika Garrett-Ward – Arrived @5:36
Amy Lewis
Christopher D. James

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, Acting City Administrator	City Administrator
Malee Wing, First Assistant Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Dorothy Gallagher, CFO	Finance
Jamal Pearson, Acting Director	Recreation
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
Rupert Bell, Acting Director	Public Works

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Victor Kutey, Health Officer	Health Department

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.

NONE

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 |

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 Supporting Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Designating Don Pedro Development Corporation as Redeveloper for 81 Eaton Place and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement With Don Pedro Development Corporation | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Designating Don Pedro Development Corporation as Redeveloper for 118, 124 and 126 North 15th Street and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement With Don Pedro Development Corporation | 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 #7 | 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 – 4/11/2022 | 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 |

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

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| 323. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees -\$21,682.07 | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy Certified By the Board of School Estimate - \$24,674,822 | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for a Public Safety Consultant | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Authorizing PNC Bank National Association to Continue Operating and Maintaining an Automatic Teller Machine in City Hall | 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 |
| 508. | Confirmation of Appointment of Nicole G. Amos – East Orange Housing Authority (Third Ward) | Resolution to be presented |

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 |
| 706. | Resolution In Support of Community Development Block Grant/Home Funding and Community Development Week | Resolution to be presented |

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 Vehicle Technology Equipment for 24 New Police Cars and Portable Radios for New Officers | Resolution to be presented |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY - Continued

AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN
Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent

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| 804. | Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Invitation to Bid for: Police Prisoner Meal Catering Services | Resolution to be presented |
| 805. | Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Invitation to Bid for Police Vehicle Outfitting | Resolution to be presented |
| 806. | Resolution Amending I-323 of 2021 | 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 the Advertisement of Invitation to Bid: Columbian Park Improvements – Field House & Swimming Pool | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces | Resolution to be presented |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 14 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Amend to Extend Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to Jarid Jamar Construction Company, Inc in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12A-1 et seq, Known as the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law”
<u>Ordinance No. 15 of 2022</u>
Ordinance Supplementing Article III, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 260-20, Curb Loading Zones of the Ordinances of the City of East Orange to Add a Loading Zone Along Whitney Place |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Final 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 Theresa E. Pollard, Esquire and Phillip G. Reed, Sr. 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 5:51 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)

Monday, April 11th
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Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
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