

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

Monday, May 9, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of April 25, 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 25, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on April 25, 2022, at 5:46 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.; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Brittany Claybrooks; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe

ABSENT

Mustafa Al-M Brent – **Arrived @5:54**

Alicia Holman

Vernon Pullins, Jr

Christopher D. James

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Honorable Ted R. Green

Solomon Steplight, Acting City Administrator

Malee Wing, First Assistant Corporation Counsel

Dorothy Gallagher, CFO

Jamal Pearson, Acting Director

Bruce Davis, Acting Chief

Phyllis Bindi, Chief

Monica Reed, Acting Director

Tiffany Harris-Delaney, Acting Director

Eladio Negron, Acting Director

Rupert Bell, Acting Director

Mayor

City Administrator

Law Department

Finance

Recreation

Fire Department

Police Department

Human Resources

Planning

Code Enforcement

Public Works

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson

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.

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 |
| 103. | Maggie Cora Hopkins Stevens – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Kelly Timothy Christopher – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | JaNiece Jenkins – Commendation | 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 Deed of Easement with 125 SHS Urban Renewal, LLC Within a Portion of the City's Right of Way | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Designating Tejada Development, LLC as Redeveloper for 46 North 15 th Street and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 301. | Personnel | Confirmation of Appointment
Eladio Negron – Director – Code Enforcement
Resolution to be presented

Confirmation of Appointment
Monica Reed – Director – Human Resources
Resolution to be presented

Confirmation of Appointment
Rupert C. Bell – Director – Public Works
Resolution to be presented

Confirmation of Appointment
Solomon Steplight – City Administrator
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 #8 | 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 | In Committee |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |

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

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 Employees -\$35,862.90	Resolution to be presented
324.	Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq	Resolution to be presented
325.	Authorizing the City of East Orange to Enter Into a Contract to Purchase Office Furniture from Glenwood Office Furniture Inc., a State Approved Contract Vendor State Contract #19-FOOD 00876	Resolution to be presented
326.	Introduction of the Calendar Year 2022 Budget	Resolution to be presented

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

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

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

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

801.	Police Department	In Committee
802.	Fire Department	In Committee
803.	Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of (2) Ford Explorer Vehicles	Resolution to be presented
804.	Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Body Armor for Police School Resource Officers	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 City of East Orange to Enter Into a Right of Entry Agreement With PSE&G | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces (377 Tremont Avenue, Ross Street side) | Resolution to be presented |
| 905. | Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Trees to the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |
| 906. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Application for a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Treatment Works Approval for 227 North Walnut Street Urban Renewal, LLC (Block 351, Lot 4) | Resolution to be presented |
| 907. | Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Invitation to Bid for Janitorial Services for Municipal Properties | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | In Committee |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Final 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 |
| 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 |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned AT 8:30 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 (Virtual)
Monday, March 28th (Virtual)

Monday, April 11th
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Monday, December 19th

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