

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

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

**(Minutes from the Meeting of May 9, 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  
May 9, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on May 9, 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.; Bergson Leneus; Brittany Claybrooks; Alicia Holman; Vernon Pullins, Jr; Amy Lewis; Christopher D. James; Christopher Awe

**ABSENT**

Mustafa Al-M Brent

Tameika Garrett-Ward – **Arrived @5:47**

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Malee Wing, First Assistant Corporation Counsel

Dorothy Gallagher, CFO

Bruce Davis, Acting Chief

Monica Reed, Acting Director

Tiffany Harris-Delaney, Acting Director

Eladio Negrón, Acting Director

Rupert Bell, Acting Director

Monique Griffith, Director

Law Department

Finance

Fire Department

Human Resources

Planning

Code Enforcement

Public Works

Health and Human Services

**ALSO PRESENT**

Tony Jackson

Captain Darryl Wright

Mayor's Office

East Orange Police 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.

1. Virginia Jeffries – Open Public Meeting Act
2. Wafiyah Muhammad – Petition the largest school district in New Jersey to recognize and acknowledge Eid-ul Fitr/Eid-ul Adha and to have schools closed for this holiday.
3. Valdez Garner – Since the federal mask mandate has been lifted, why does East Orange still require mask to enter our public facilities when the scientific data shows that masks are not effective in preventing the transmission or acquisition of Covid

**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**

101.	Recreation Department	In Committee
102.	East Orange Public Library	In Committee
<b>103.</b>	Norma Pollard – Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>104.</b>	Mary Virginia Scott – Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>105.</b>	Honorable Robert L. Bowser - Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>106.</b>	Robin Patterson – Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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

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
<b>207.</b>	Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Agreement for Special Legal Counsel for Cannabis-Related Matters	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
208	Resolution Rescinding Resolution I-132 of 2022, Which Designates Don Pedro Development Corp as Redeveloper for 118, 124 and 126 N. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street and Authorizes the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Don Pedro Development Corp	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
209.	Resolution Designating Life Long Builders, LLC as a Redeveloper for 191 North 16 <sup>th</sup> Street, 194 North 16 <sup>th</sup> Street and 186 North 19 <sup>th</sup> Street and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement With Life Long East Orange Builders, LLC	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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

<b>301.</b>	Personnel	Confirmation of Appointment Tiffany Harris Delaney, Director of Planning <b>Resolution to be presented</b>
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
<b>307.</b>	Payroll #9	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
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
<b>315.</b>	Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 5.9.2022	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
316.	Tax Sale Assignment	In Committee
317.	Tax Lien	In Committee

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

318.	Tax Lien Redemption	In Committee
319.	Budget Insertions	In Committee
320.	Status of Women	In Committee
321.	Auction	In Committee
<b>322.</b>	Duplicate Tax Payments - \$3,069.76	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>323.</b>	Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees -\$7,880.50	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>324.</b>	Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Hearing Officers	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>325.</b>	Resolution Authorizing the Wire and Cable Installation for the Advanced IP Camera Surveillance and Security System	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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, Jr., 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
<b>706.</b>	Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Planning Consultant Services to Nishuane Group LLC for a Period of One (1) Year	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>707.</b>	Resolution Approving the Application and Acceptance of The JJDP Summer Expansion Program Grant Application	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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

801.	Police Department	In Committee
802.	Fire Department	In Committee

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

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| 803. | Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement With the East Orange Fire Officers' Association (Captains) | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
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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 Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces                                                                                            | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the Fiscal Year 2023 State Aid Program | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading                                                 | In Committee                      |
| 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 Authorizing Settlement of Workers Compensation Litigation Matter | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 7:23 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 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Regular Official Meetings** 6:00PM

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)  
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**City Council Reorganization Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
@ 5:30 PM**