

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

Monday, June 13, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of May 23, 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 23, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on May 23, 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 - **Arrived @5:55**
Tameika Garrett-Ward – **Arrived @5:45**

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Malee Wing, First Assistant Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Dorothy Gallagher, CFO	Finance
Bruce Davis, Acting Chief	Fire Department
Monica Reed, Acting Director	Human Resources
Tiffany Harris-Delaney, Acting Director	Planning
Eladio Negrón, Acting Director	Code Enforcement
Rupert Bell, Acting Director	Public Works
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Captain Darryl Wright	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.

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 Authorizing the Execution of an Addendum to the Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Berwyn Estates Urban Renewal, LLC | 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 #10 | 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 – 5.23.2022 | 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 - \$3,500.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution to be read Budget by Title | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-1 et seq (Budget Law) \$8,956.25 | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 326. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Specialized Educational Instruction Program for the Summer Work Experience Program (S.W.E.P) | Resolution to be presented |
| 327. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Specialized Educational Instruction and Virtual Programming for the Summer Work Experience Program (S.W.E.P) | 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, Jr., 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 Authorizing the Execution of an MOA Between the City of East Orange & Alpha Drones USA, Inc to Facilitate Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification Training for East Orange Residents | Resolution to be presented |

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

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

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 for Golf Cart Leasing | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces | Resolution to be presented |
| 905. | Resolution Accepting the Bid of J.A. Alexander, Inc. for the Milling & Paving of Various Streets Funding Year 2021 | Resolution to be presented |
| 906. | Resolution Authorizing the Renovation of Various Flooring Through the Essex County Cooperative Purchasing Group | Resolution to be presented |
| 907. | Resolution Accepting the Proposal for the Relocation of Verizon Pole at Columbian Park | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 16 of 2022</u>
Ordinance Adding a Loading Zone on Halsted Street – Dunkin Donuts |
| 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 Litigation in the Matter of Kia Brooks v. City of East Orange, et al | 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 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 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

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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**