

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

Monday, August 8, 2022

5:30 P.M.

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

The East Orange City Council met on July 25, 2022, at 5:43 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.; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Alicia Holman; Vernon Pullins, Jr; Amy Lewis; Christopher D. James; Christopher Awe

ABSENT

Brittany Claybrooks
Tameika Garrett-Ward – **arrived @ 6:18**
Bergson Leneus

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayors Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
Capitan Wright	Police Department
Deputy Chief Lawlor	Fire Department
Howard Ray	Health Department
Hassan Mateen	Code Enforcement

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 Space and what kind of Impact will that have on our citizens.

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. | Diana L. Holmes - Memorial | 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 Right of Way Easement with Buzzing Bees Child Care Center, LLC within a portion of the City's Property | 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 #14 | 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 – 7.25.2022 | 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 - \$800.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 ET SEQ (The Local Budget Law) | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution to Adopt CY2022 Municipal Budget | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution to Read Budget by Title | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Amending the Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate for City Employees for the Remainder of 2022 | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 327. | Resolution Terminating the Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and East Orange Hospitality Urban Renewal, LLC | Resolution to be presented |
| 328. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with 725 Park Associates, L.P. | Resolution to be presented |
| 329. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with Bakery Village Urban Renewal Associates, L.P. | Resolution to be presented |
| 330. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with Dr. King Plaza Urban Renewal Associates II, L.P. and Dr. King Plaza Urban Renewal Associates, L.P. | Resolution to be presented |
| 331. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract to Maintenance Mart, Inc., 14 Tennent Road, Morganville, New Jersey 07751, For Janitorial Services for Municipal Properties | Resolution to be presented |
| 332. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Morris Country Cooperative Pricing Council, to Become a Member for the Period of October 1, 2021, Through September 30, 2026 | 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 |

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 Designation of Nine (9) Handicap Parking Spaces | |
| 904. | Resolution Renaming the Intersection of No Oraton Parkway and Davis Place to Gladys Eva Blount Way | |
| 905. | Resolution Authorizing Emergency Trench Replacement at Firehouse #2 – 60 Main Street | |
| 906. | Resolution Authorizing the use of Rich’s Tree Service for Tree Removal | |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 22 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Transfer a city owned Property to Life Long East Orange Builders, LLC in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area under the Auspices of N.J.S.A.40:12A-1 et.seq, known as the “Redevelopment and Housing Law”

<u>Ordinance No. 23 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 118, Article IV of the City Code Entitled “Mobile Food Vendors”. |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 18 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance of the City of East Orange Municipal Council to Approve the Transfer of a Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement Between The City of East Orange and 45 South Grove Urban renewal, LLC

<u>Bond Ordinance No. 19 of 2022</u>
Bond Ordinance Providing for Phase III of the Local Unit’s Allocable Share of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties By and In the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The “Local Unit”) on Behalf of the East Orange Water Commission; Appropriating \$1,795,000. Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,795,000.

<u>Ordinance No. 20 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 159 of the City Code Entitled “Housing Standards; Property Maintenance” to Require the Installation of Surveillance Cameras in all Dwellings Containing Five (5) or More Residential Units

<u>Ordinance No. 21 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 260, Article III of the City Code Entitled “Stopping, Standing and Parking” Which Authorizes Overnight Parking on Certain Streets |
| 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

1000. East Orange Parking Authority

In Committee

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 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, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

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