

**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                      |
| <b>103.</b> | Diana L. Holmes - Memorial | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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                      |
| <b>207.</b> | 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 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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                      |
| <b>307.</b> | Payroll #14   | <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 – 7.25.2022  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 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                      |
| <b>322.</b> | Duplicate Tax Payments - \$800.00   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>323.</b> | Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 ET SEQ (The Local Budget Law) | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>324.</b> | Resolution to Adopt CY2022 Municipal Budget   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>325.</b> | Resolution to Read Budget by Title  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>326.</b> | Resolution Amending the Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate for City Employees for the Remainder of 2022     | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 328. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with 725 Park Associates, L.P.  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 329. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement with Bakery Village Urban Renewal Associates, L.P.  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 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.                     | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 331. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract to Maintenance Mart, Inc., 14 Tennent Road, Morganville, New Jersey 07751, For Janitorial Services for Municipal Properties                   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 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 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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 Supporting an application to and Acceptance of an Award from NJDCA for year two of the East Orange Hollywood Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 707. | Resolution for the Submission of the FY2022 Annual Update to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)      | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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                      |
| <b>903.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Nine (9) Handicap Parking Spaces                         | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>904.</b> | Resolution Renaming the Intersection of No Oraton Parkway and Davis Place to Gladys Eva Blount Way | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>905.</b> | Resolution Authorizing Emergency Trench Replacement at Firehouse #2 – 60 Main Street               | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>906.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the use of Rich’s Tree Service for Tree Removal                             | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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

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| <b>601.</b> | Ordinances on First Reading            | <b><u>Ordinance No. 22 of 2022</u></b><br>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”<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 23 of 2022</u></b><br>An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 118, Article IV of the City Code Entitled “Mobile Food Vendors”.   |
| <b>602.</b> | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <b><u>Ordinance No. 18 of 2022</u></b><br>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<br><br><b><u>Bond Ordinance No. 19 of 2022</u></b><br>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.<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 20 of 2022</u></b><br>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<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 21 of 2022</u></b><br>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  |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins, Jr.

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| 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 Officially Designating the Senior Center Building located at 90 Halstead Street as the "Bowser Family Senior Center" | <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 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 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>

Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
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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Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

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