

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, August 22, 2022
5:30 P.M.
(Minutes from the Meeting of August 8, 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
August 8, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on August 8, 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. | Nolomis Orrell – 90 th Birthday | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | 50 th Reunion East Orange High School | 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 |

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 #15 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refund - \$6,986.24 | Resolution to be presented |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 8.8.2022 | 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 - \$575.61 | 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 Fixing the Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Authorizing the Installation of the Advanced IP Camera Surveillance and Security System | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-243-2022 Which Authorize the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the East Orange Parking Authority | 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 |
| 508. | Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Geoffrey T. Burgage to the Housing Authority Representing the First Ward | Resolution to be presented |

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 to Authorize the Award of Contract for the City Marketing and Branding Initiative for the City of East Orange | 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 |
| 803. | Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of AXON an In-Car Video System for 24 New Police Cars | Resolution to be presented |
| 804. | Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 85 Desktop Computers for the Police Department | 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 Granting Approval to Submit A Grant Application and Execute A Grant Agreement With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of East Orange MA-2023- East Orange City-00035 Various Streets Improvements | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Seasonal Hauling and Disposal of Leaves Services | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 905. | Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Remove and Dispose of Sanitary Septic System Waste Service | Resolution to be presented |
| 906. | Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Brush, Tree Parts and Tree Stalks Removal and Disposal Services | Resolution to be presented |
| 907. | Resolution Ratifying the Authorization to Apply for a Grant with the State of New Jersey for Electronic Vehicle Assistance | 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. 24 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to Don Pedro Development Corporation in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:1A-1 et seq, Known as the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law”
<u>Ordinance No. 25 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to Tejada Development, LLC 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. 26 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13 of 2022 Which Legalized and Regulated the Sale of Recreational Cannabis and Cannabis Products Within the City of East Orange (Back to Committee) |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final 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”. |
| 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 Amending Resolution I-167 of 2021 Which Authorized the Settlement of a Workers Compensation Litigation Matter | |

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 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
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

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