

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

Monday, September 12, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of August 22, 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 22, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on August 22, 2022, at 5:36 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; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Brittany Claybrooks
Alicia Holman; Vernon Pullins, Jr; Christopher D. James; Christopher Awe

ABSENT

Amy Lewis

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dorothy Gallagher, CFO	Finance
Monica Reed, Director	Human Resources
Rupert Bell, Director	Public Works
Jamal Pearson, Director	Recreation

ALSO PRESENT

Javonna Baker, Assistant Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Tony Jackson	Mayors Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
La'Nay Grant	Health Department
Howard Ray	Health 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. Glenn Brown – Concerns about accidents on the corner of Beech and So. Burnet Street.
2. Virginia Jeffries – Committee agenda that is posted does not reflect what the meeting is going to be about therefore, they are still in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act.
3. Yvette Morant – Need a four (4) way stop sign at the corner of No. Clinton and Summit Street, there has been two accidents and the cars always landed in her yard.

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
103.	Paquita Geraldine Hudson Roberts – Memorial	Resolution to be presented
104.	Earnestine Grubbs – Memorial	Resolution to be presented
105.	Captain Berkely E. Jest – Memorial	Resolution to be presented
106.	The Life and Legacy of Althea Gibson – Commendation	Resolution to be presented

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

300 - FINANCE

VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN

Holman, James, Lewis

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 #16	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 – 8.22.2022	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	In Committee
323.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for A Municipal Auditor for The City of East Orange	Resolution to be presented
324.	Chapter 159 For the American Rescue Plan Grant	Resolution to be presented
325.	Chapter 159 For the United Way of Greater Newark For Essex County Covid-19 Mitigation	Resolution to be presented

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
706.	Resolution Authorizing the Execution of The Community Development Block Grant and Home Grant Third-Party Contracts	Resolution to be presented

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

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

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

901.	Capital Improvement Projects	under Construction
902.	Streetscape	In Committee
903.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for The Furnishing of General Plumbing Services at Municipal Buildings	Resolution to be presented
904.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for The Furnishing of General Electrical Services at Municipal Buildings	Resolution to be presented
905.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for The Furnishing Supplemental Snow Plowing Services	Resolution to be presented
906.	Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Advertise for The Milling & Paving of Various Streets Funding Year 2022	Resolution to be presented
907.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for The Resurfacing of Parking Lot At 229 North Munn Avenue	Resolution to be presented

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

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| 908. | Resolution Accepting the Lease Proposal of Temporary Facilities for Construction Preparation of Firehouses | Resolution to be presented |
| 909. | Resolution Accepting the Proposal of Roof Replacement for Firehouse #3 and #5 | 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. 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
<u>Ordinance No. 27 of 2022</u>
Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2022 Capital Acquisitions and Improvements, By and In the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State Of New Jersey; Appropriating \$30,500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$29,047,616 Bonds or Notes of The City to Finance Part of The Costs Thereof
<u>Ordinance No. 28 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Appropriate \$850,000.00 From the East Orange Water Capital Improvement Fund to Pay for Engineering and Capital Planning Assessments for The East Orange Water Commission |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final 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” |
| 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

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:10 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