

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

Monday, September 26, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of September 12, 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
September 12, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on September 12, 2022, at 5:35 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

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Dorothy Gallagher, CFO	Finance
Eladio Negron, Director	Code Enforcement
Tiffany Harris-Delaney, Director	Planning
Malee Wing, Acting Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Bruce Davis, Acting Chief	Fire Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Monica Reed, Director	Human Resources
Rupert Bell, Director	Public Works
Jamal Pearson, Director	Recreation
Yvonne C. Blake, Acting Director	Health Department

ALSO PRESENT

Javonna Baker, Assistant Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Tony Jackson	Mayors Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
La'Nay Grant	Health Department
Bennie Brantley, President	CWA
Sherkera Lucas, Commissioner	East Orange Water Department
Racquel Ferguson, Purchasing Agent	Procurement

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 |
| 103. | Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of a Bid to Contract for the Child & Adult Care Food Program Services and Authorizing the Re-Bidding of the Child & Adult Care Food Program Services | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Contract for the Child & Adult Care Food Program Service | 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 Designating Polaris American Real Estate, LLC as Redeveloper of 11 and 37 North 18th Street and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Authorizing the Conditional Designation of SBF Estates Urban Renewal, LLC as Redeveloper for 38 North Clinton Street | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Amending I-131 of 2022 which designated Don Pedro Development Corporation as Redeveloper for 81 Eaton Place and Authorized the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Don Pedro Development | 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 #17 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Payroll #18 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refund - \$145,136.36 | In Committee |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 9.12.2022 | Resolution to be presented |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |
| 317. | Tax Lien | In Committee |

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

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 - \$38,878.10	In Committee
323.	Resolution to Cancel Grants Receivable and Appropriated Reserve Balances	Resolution to be presented
324.	Authorized Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$119,164.43	Resolution to be presented
325.	Amending Resolution I-270-2022 Authorizing Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$67,074.71	Resolution to be presented
326.	Miscellaneous Refund - \$100.00	Resolution to be presented
327.	Electronic Tax Sale	
328.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase Two 2022 Ford Escape S Model AWD Vehicles for the Department of Health and Human Services	Resolution to be presented
329.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase One 2023 4DR 4WD Ford Explorer Vehicle for the Department of Health and Human Services	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
508.	Confirmation of Appointment - Able Rumph to the East Orange Housing Authority representing the Fifth Ward	Resolution to be presented

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

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 Supporting an Application Seeking Up to \$75,000. In Funding from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Firefighter Grant | Resolution to be presented |
| 804. | Confirmation of Appointment – David Williams – Coordinator of Emergency Management | 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 Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Nature's Choice Corporation for Brush and Tree Part Removal and Disposal | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contact for Hauling and Disposal of Leaves to Nature's Choice Corporation | Resolution to be presented |
| 905. | Resolution Authorizing the Change Order No 1 for the City Council Flooring Replacement | Resolution to be presented |
| 906. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to John Matthes Septic Pumping for the Removal of Sanitary Septic System Waste | Resolution to be presented |
| 907. | Resolution Authorizing the Rental of Various Trucks Through HERC Rentals, Inc. Under the NJ State Contract #GS=0020T | Resolution to be presented |
| 908. | Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Contract #5878 for the Renovation of Three Firehouses, #2, #3 & #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 | In Committee |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final 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 |
| 603. | Bingo/Raffles | In Committee |
| 604. | A.B.C. | In Committee |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins, Jr.

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| 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. | Confirmation of Appointment – Marjani Jones to the East Orange Parking Authority representing the First Ward | Resolution to be presented |
| 610. | Confirmation of Appointment - Crystal G. Booker to the East Orange Parking Authority representing the Third Ward | Resolution to be presented |
| 611. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-231-2022 Confirming the Mayor’s Appointments to the East Orange Parking Authority | Resolution to be presented |
| 612. | Confirmation of the Mayor’s Appointment – Derrick Samuels to the East Orange Parking Authority | Resolution to be presented |
| 613. | Confirmation of Appointment of Sherkera Lucas to the East Orange Water Commission representing the Fourth Ward | Resolution to be presented |
| 614. | Confirmation of Appointment of Kevin T. Mickens to the Board of Cannabis Control | Resolution to be presented |
| 615. | Resolution Waving the Twenty Day Effective Period on Ordinance No.26 of 2022 | 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 6:15 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, 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**