

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

Monday, November 28, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of November 14, 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
November 14, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on November 14, 2022, at 5:58 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; Amy Lewis; Christopher D. James; Christopher Awe

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Deputy Chief Ch	Fire Department
Tony Jackson	Mayors Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works

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. | Jean Antonio Desrosiers – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Joy Y. Humphries-Masslieno – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | Robin C. Lewis – Retirement | Resolution to be presented |
| 106. | Imam Abdoul Aziz Ouedraogo - 20th Anniversary | Resolution to be presented |
| 107. | Reverend Father Jean Was Obias – Anniversary | 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. | Resolution Designating South Clinton Estates Urban renewal entity, LLC as Redeveloper for 186 South Clinton Street Located in the Central Avenue Commercial District Redevelopment Area | Resolution to be presented |
| 205. | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Orange and South Clinton Estates Urban Renewal Entity, LLC for 186 South Clinton Street | 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 #22 | 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 – 11.14.2022 | 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. | Authorized Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$1,109.85 | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Chapter 159 for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) 2023 | |

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

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| 325. | Chapter 159 for the Childhood Lead 2023 | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund Joint Trust Agreement and Resolution to Rejoin | 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 |
| 706. | Resolution Recertifying and Approving Sierra House as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and recognizing it as eligible to receive Home Program Funds | 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 (8) Towable Message Boards for Public Safety Announcements | Resolution to be presented |
| 804. | Resolution Amending, I-26 of 2022 Which Approved a Memorandum of Agreement With the East Orange Fire Officers Association (Deputy Chiefs) | Resolution to be presented |
| 805. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-182 of 2022 Which Approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the East Orange Fire Officers Association (Captains) | Resolution to be presented |
| 806. | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange Police Department to Use the Alternate Route Hiring Process for Entry Level Enforcement Positions, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 (P.L. 2021 c.7) | 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 Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing Oxford Electrical Contractors to Remove Obsolete Wiring and Electrical Equipment at Firehouse #2 | Resolution to be presented |
| 905. | Resolution Accepting the Proposal of Roof Replacement for the City Central Garage | Resolution to be presented |
| 906. | Resolution Accepting the Bid of American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC for the Milling and Paving of Various Streets | Resolution to be presented |
| 907. | Resolution Accepting the Bid of CMS Construction, Inc. for Phase 1 of Citywide Sidewalk Construction | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <p><u>Ordinance No. 31 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to Psi Properties, 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"</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 32 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance of the City of East Orange Consenting to the Sale of the Project of Novus Landmark East Orange Urban Renewal LLC to South Burnet Holdings Urban Renewal LP: Authorizing the Assignment of the Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Novus Landmark East Orange Urban Renewal LP and Authorizing an Amendment to the Financial Agreement to Update the Project Description</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 33 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange That Are Members of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 34 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 18 of 2013 (Amended by Ordinance No. 6 of 2015, No. 41 of 2016, No. 9 of 2017, No. 27 of 2018 and No. 11 of 2019) Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange</p> |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <p><u>Bond Ordinance No. 29 of 2022</u>
Bond Ordinance Funding an Emergency Appropriation Providing for the Local Unit's Allocable Share of the Unfunded Portion of Phase I 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 \$1,010,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,010,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof</p> |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins, Jr.

602.	Ordinances on Second and Final Reading	<u>Ordinance No. 30 of 2022</u> An Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to Polaris American Real Estate, 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

1000.	East Orange Parking Authority	In Committee
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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. Mushanak Durham – When will the Resources begin for the Rec Smart Program, there is no food program available for the children and there is no update from Code Enforcement about the issues at 484 William Street
2. Neil Herbert – Wanted to wish all the City Council Members a Happy Holiday

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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

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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**