

TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON



INAUGURATION AND REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024 12:00 NOON

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order by Municipal Clerk Shawna M. Supel, who explains that the terms of office of the Ward Council Members run from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2028 at 12:00 noon. Therefore, it is necessary for the newly elected Ward Council Members to be sworn in at this time.

Ms. Supel reads the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

2. THE OATH OF OFFICE IS ADMINISTERED BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO THE FOLLOWING

JAMILLAH Z. BEASLEY – SOUTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
VERN COX – WEST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
DR. OCTOBER HUDLEY – EAST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
ORLANDER G. VICK - NORTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER

3. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL	EARLY DEPARTURE
Beasley	X			
Brown	X			
Cox	X			
Dr. Frederic		X		
Dr. Hudley	X			
Vick	X			

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4. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO 6:00 PM AT TRANSCEND WORSHIP CENTER, 971 CLINTON AVENUE

The Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 P.M. at Transcend Worship Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

Shawna M. Supel
Municipal Clerk

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MINUTES**

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

6:00 P.M.

TRANSCEND WORSHIP CENTER

971 CLINTON AVENUE, IRVINGTON NJ 07111

1. CALL TO ORDER

The resumed meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk, who read the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the Irvington Herald and Star Ledger, posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board, the township's website, and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. INVOCATION

At this point, Municipal Clerk Supel calls on Pastor Jerry Smith of Transcend Worship Center in Irvington, New Jersey to offer the Invocation.

5. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

At this time, Municipal Clerk Supel read the certification of the Municipal Election results.

**Certification of Results
Municipal Election
May 14, 2024
Irvington, New Jersey**

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Municipal Election was held on May 14, 2024 in and for the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for the purpose of electing four (4) Ward Council Members.

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I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that immediately following the close of the polls at said election, a canvass of the votes, as indicated on the Statement of Results submitted to me by the members of the District Boards of Registry and Election, was made under my supervision. As a result of said canvass, together with the canvass of the Vote By Mail Ballots and Provisional Ballots certified by the Essex County Board of Elections, the following named persons are hereby declared elected to the municipal offices as indicated:

OFFICE	NAME	VOTES
South Ward Council Member	Jamillah Z. Beasley	386
West Ward Council Member	Vern Cox	306
East Ward Council Member	Dr. October Hudley	268
North Ward Council Member	Orlander Glen Vick	412

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above named Ward Council Members are eligible to be installed into their respective offices on July 1, 2024 in Irvington, New Jersey as prescribed by law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND
AND THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2024.**

Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS

At this point, the Honorable Mayor Tony Vauss introduces the Newly Elected Ward Council Members

7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

At this point Municipal Clerk Shawna M. Supel administered to oaths of office to:

South Ward Council Member Jamillah Z. Beasley
West Ward Council Member Vern Cox
East Ward Council Member Dr. October Hudley
North Ward Council Member Orlander G. Vick

8. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

At this point, Assistant Municipal Clerk Shonta' D. Watson distributed the Certificate of Election to the Ward Council Members.

Remarks by:

South Ward Council Member Jamillah Z. Beasley

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West Ward Council Member Vern Cox
East Ward Council Member Dr. October Hudley
North Ward Council Member Orlander G. Vick

Remarks and Acknowledgements by:

Honorable Mayor Tony Vauss

9. PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

At this point, Mayor Vauss calls on Pastor Steffie Bartley of New Hope Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey to offer a Prayer for Guidance for Newly Elected Ward Council Members.

10. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL	EARLY DEPARTURE
Beasley	X			
Brown	X			
Cox	X			
Dr. Frederic	X			
Dr. Hudley	X			
Vick	X			

11. RESOLUTIONS

Brown – Hudley A. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment – Interim Council Member At-Large - Sean C. Evans *Immediate Swear In of New Interim Council Member At-Large

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE – SEAN C. EVANS

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Municipal Council for the Council Member At-Large by virtue of the fact that former Council Member At-Large Dr. October Hudley was elected as East Ward Council Member on May 14, 2024 for a term to commence on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-4(b) provides that in the case of a vacancy in the membership of the governing body of a municipality holding regular municipal elections, the vacancy may be filled temporarily by appointment of the governing body until the next general or regular municipal election, whichever comes first:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Sean C. Evans, is hereby appointed as Council Member At-Large for a term to commence on July 1, 2024 and to expire upon the election of a qualified successor to said office at the November 5, 2024 General Election, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-4(b).

Adopted

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At this point, Municipal Clerk Shawna M. Supel administered to oath of office to:

Interim Council Member At-Large Sean C. Evans

Brown – Frederic B. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Council President -
Jamillah Z. Beasley, South Ward Council Member

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 7-17 (A) of the Administrative Code of the Township of Irvington provides that the term of Office of President of the Council is for a period of two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the Council President is appointed by the Members of the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Municipal Council to appoint a Council Member as the Council President for a term of two (2) years, commencing July 1, 2024:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Jamillah Z. Beasley hereby designated and appointed President of the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for a term as aforesaid.

Adopted

Brown - Beasley C. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Council 1st Vice President -
Dr. October Hudley, East Ward Council Member

WHEREAS, Section 7-17 (I) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington provides that the Municipal Council shall appoint from amongst their members a First Vice President of the Municipal Council for a two-year term at their reorganization meeting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Dr. October Hudley is hereby appointed First Vice President of the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Adopted

Brown - Cox D. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Council 2nd Vice President -
Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council Member At-Large

WHEREAS, Section 7-17 (I) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington provides that the Municipal Council shall appoint from amongst their members a Second Vice President of the Municipal Council for a two-year term at their reorganization meeting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Dr. Charnette Frederic is hereby appointed Second Vice President of the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

Adopted

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Brown - Beasley E. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Representative to Joint Meeting - Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council Member At-Large

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY, that Council Member Dr. Charnette Frederic be and is hereby appointed as Representative of the Township of Irvington to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties for a term of two (2) years, commencing July 1, 2024.

Adopted

Brown - Frederic F. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of A.B.C. Chair Person - Vern Cox, West Ward Council Member

WHEREAS, Article III, 158-29 of the Irvington Township Revised Code provides that the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington shall constitute the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board requires a Chairman to conduct its meetings and preside over its deliberations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Vernal C. Cox Sr. hereby designated as Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington for a term of two (2) years commencing on July 1, 2024.

Adopted

Brown - Beasley G. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Representative to Planning Board – Orlander Glen Vick, North Ward Council Member

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23 requires that a member of the Municipal Council be appointed to serve as a Member of the Planning Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Orlander Glen Vick is hereby appointed as a Member of the Irvington Planning Board for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2024.

Adopted

Brown - Beasley H. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Legislative Research Officer - Rashidah N. Hasan, Esq.

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WHEREAS, Section 7-66 of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington provides that the Municipal Council shall appoint a Legislative Research Officer to the Municipal Council:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Rashidah N. Hasan, Esq. is hereby appointed as Legislative Research Officer to the Municipal Council for a two year term, effective on July 1, 2024.

Adopted

Brown – Vick I. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment to the Springfield Avenue Center Business District Management Corporation - Jamillah Z. Beasley, South Ward Council Member

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE VOTING MUNICIPAL AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE BY THE MAYOR TO THE SPRINGFIELD AVENUE CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Municipal Ordinance MC 3084 created the Springfield Ave Center Business Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provides that the Mayor may appoint one voting member; and

WHEREAS, Mayor wishes to reappoint, Jamillah Z. Beasley to the Springfield Ave Center Business Improvement District Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Jamillah Z. Beasley is hereby reappointed to the Springfield Ave Center Business Improvement District Board of Director as a voting member.

Adopted

Vick – Cox J. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment to the Camptown Business Improvement District - Dr. October Hudley, East Ward Council Member

WHEREAS, Ordinance No MC 3159 created the Camptown Business Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides for the appointment of persons to the District Management Corporation provided under the bylaws of the District Management Corporation; and

WHEREAS, First Team Management, the firm hired by said District Management Corporation to administer the Camptown Business Improvement District, has represented that the by-laws of said District Management Corporation provide for the appointment of one Council Member to the Camptown District Management Corporation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Dr. October Hudley, East Ward Council Member is hereby appointed as a member of the Camptown Business District Management Corporation.

Adopted

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Cox – Hudley K. Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the 2024-2025 Licensing Year

WHEREAS, the following named individuals, partnerships or corporations, being applicants for Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the Year 2024-2025 to sell alcoholic beverages under the provisions of NJSA Title 33, having been investigated as required by said Law, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board being satisfied that said applicants in all things have met the requirements of the law and are suitable and proper organizations to whom Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses should be issued; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council, acting as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington, that a Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses be issued to the following named individual, partnerships and corporations for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the glass or in original containers for **consumption on and off the licensed premises**, for the Year 2024-2025 at the address set opposite their name.

License Number	Name	Address
0709-32-077-008	Irvington House of Liquor, Inc. DBA/A-1 Payless Liquor Consumption License with Broad Package Privilege	1045 Stuyvesant Avenue
0709-33-030-003	Point Tavern Inc. DBA/Point Tavern	712 Grove Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said licenses be issued in the name and under the seal of the Township of Irvington and be signed by the ABC Board Secretary, in order to fulfil the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Irvington Township Code, known as Ordinance MC 3635, which license, after being so signed, shall be released by the ABC Board Secretary to the licensee.

Adopted

Cox - Vick L. Renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the 2024-2025 Licensing Year

WHEREAS, the following named individuals, partnerships or corporations, being applicants for Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the Year 2024-2025 to sell alcoholic beverages under the provisions of NJSA Title 33, having been investigated as required by said Law, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board being satisfied that said applicants in all things have met the requirements of the law and are suitable and proper individuals, partnerships or corporations to whom Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses for the sale of package goods should be issued; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council, acting as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington, that a Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses be issued to the following named individuals, partnerships and corporations for the sale of package goods in original containers for **consumption off the licensed premises**, for the Year 2024-2025 at the address set opposite their respective name.

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License Number	Name	Address
0709-44-067-006	762-764 Chancellor Avenue DBA/Jaison Liquor Deli & Grocery	762-764 Chancellor Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said licenses be issued in the name and under the seal of the Township of Irvington and be signed by the ABC Board Secretary, in order to fulfil the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Irvington Township Code, known as Ordinance MC 3635, which license, after being so signed, shall be released by the ABC Board Secretary to the licensee.

Adopted

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

General Hearing of Citizens and Council Members limited to three minutes per person (MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE OF MEETING)

There were no requests to be heard.

13. BENEDICTION

At this point Council President Beasley calls on Imam Wahy-ud Shareef of Masjid Waarith Ud Deen, Irvington, New Jersey to offer the Benediction.

14. ADJOURNMENT (*Roll Call)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Jamillah Z. Beasley, Council President

Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk