

TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2025 7:30 PM

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Appointments

Virtual - Zoom Meetings
Administration

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE
3. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL	EARLY DEPARTURE
Antilus	X			
Brown	X			
Dr. Frederic	X			
Dr. Hudley	X			
Vauss	X			
Vick	X			
Beasley, President	X			

Council President Jamillah Z. Beasley reads the following Statement of Proper Notice Pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this virtual 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.

4. HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Limited to (3) three minutes per person and (30) thirty minutes total (MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE OF MEETING)

No public members requested to be heard.

5. HEARING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No Council Members requested to be heard.

6. REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

A. Reports

1. Joint Meeting – Annual Financial Report, December 31, 2022 and 2021
2. Joint Meeting – September 19, 2024, October 17, 2024 and November 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
3. IT Supervisor Brittany Hayes – Report of the February 4, 2025 Technology Committee Meeting
4. Community Development Executive Assistant Attiya Pennix – Report of the February 5, 2025 Redevelopment Committee Meeting
5. A/INIC Director Josie Monel – Report of the February 5, 2025 Grant Committee Meeting
6. EDGO Deputy Director Tanya Way – Report of the February 5, 2025 Grant Committee Meeting
7. Municipal Court Administrator Deshanaye Alexander-Sanders - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of February 3, 2025 to February 5, 2025
8. Municipal Court Administrator Deshanaye Alexander-Sanders - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of February 10, 2025 to February 14, 2025
9. Assistant Recreation Director Natalie Julien – Report of the February 13, 2025 Recreation Committee

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND HAVE BEEN LISTED FOR ONE ROLL CALL VOTE FOR ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS

8. ORDINANCES, BILLS & CLAIMS

A. Ordinances on First Reading

None

C. Bills & Claims

Frederic – Vauss, Jr. 1. Bill Lists

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RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON FOR A PERIOD **FEBRUARY 24, 2025** AS ENUMERATED ON THIS LIST FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FURNISHED, DELIVERED AND/OR PERFORMED HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENTS AS CORRECT, EACH CLAIM AND PURCHASE ORDER HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AND REVIEWED FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, ACCURACY OF ACCOUNT CODING AND COMPLETENESS BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON THAT THE FOLLOWING BE PAID BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

BILL LIST	\$2,078,267.59
TOTAL	\$2,078,267.59

Adopted

Antilus – Vauss, Jr. 2. Payrolls

Payroll Date: February 7, 2025

TOTAL	\$2,384,770.76
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Adopted

9. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

A. Resolutions

Hudley – Vick 1. Waive 20 Day Time Period for Effective Date on an Ordinance Providing Residential Parking Permits on Edmund Place Between Wilson Place and Durand Place, Seven Days a Week, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

WAIVE 20 DAY TIME PERIOD FOR EFFECTIVE DATE ON AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING
RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ON EDMUND PLACE BETWEEN WILSON PLACE AND
DURAND PLACE,
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 A.M.

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ON EDMUND PLACE BETWEEN WILSON PLACE AND DURAND PLACE, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 5:00 PM TO 8:00 AM”** was duly passed on first reading by the Municipal Council on **FEBRUARY 10, 2025** and duly adopted by the Municipal Council on second reading after public hearing on **FEBRUARY 24, 2025**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 (a) and Section 7-32 (d) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington, an ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage by the Municipal Council and approval by the Mayor; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 (b) and Section 7-32 (d) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington, two- thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Municipal Council may declare an emergency, by written resolution, to reduce this twenty (20) day period:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON (not less than 2/3 of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring) that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 (b) and Section 7-32 (d) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington, it does hereby declare that an emergency exists that an ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ON EDMUND PLACE BETWEEN WILSON PLACE AND DURAND PLACE, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 5:00 PM TO 8:00 AM”** shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

Adopted

Vick – Frederic 2. Authorize Donation of Bicycles to the Salvation Army a Not For Profit Organization

A RESOLUTION DONATING BICYCLES TO NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS the Municipal Council authorized the sale of old/unused equipment by resolution number DA 24-0923-23

WHEREAS, the attached list of bicycles were auction twice on Municibid Website and received no bids; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Township's best to donate the attached list of bicycle to a Not for Profit Organization for Public Good; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army wishes to accept the donated bicycles and use them for Public Good; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township attached list of bicycles is hereby approved to be donated to The Salvation Army
2. The donation is being accepted in an as in condition with no liability or warranty.

Adopted

Vick – Hudley 3. Establish Handicapped Parking Spaces in Front of 78 Smith Street, 76-78 Harper Avenue, 29 Berkshire Place, 8 Union Place and 11 Lafayette Place

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.5 provides that a Municipality may by resolution provide for restricted parking space(s) in front of residence(s) for use by any person who has been issued a special vehicle identification card pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-205, when using a motor vehicle on which is displayed a certificate, for which a special vehicle identification card has been issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206; and

WHEREAS, request(s) have been made for restricted parking space(s) in front of **78 SMITH STREET, 76-78 HARPER AVENUE, 29 BERKSHIRE PLACE, 8 UNION PLACE, 11 LAFAYETTE PLACE:**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a parking space restricted for use by any person who has been issued a special vehicle identification card pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-205, when using a motor vehicle on which is displayed a certificate, for which a special vehicle identification card has been issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206, be established in front of and of **78 SMITH STREET, 76-78 HARPER AVENUE, 29 BERKSHIRE PLACE, 8 UNION PLACE, 11 LAFAYETTE PLACE** :

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is directed to place signs designating said handicapped parking spaces.

Adopted

Vick – Frederic 4. Authorize Removal of Handicapped Parking Space in Front of 4 Union Place

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.5 provides that a Municipality may by resolution provide for restricted parking space(s) in front of residence(s) for use by any person who has been issued a special vehicle identification card pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-205, when using a motor vehicle on which is displayed a certificate, for which a special vehicle identification card has been issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206; and

WHEREAS, a restricted handicapped parking space has been previously established restricted at **4 Union Place**; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the handicapped resident for which the restricted handicap parking space in front of **4 Union Place** no longer lives at that location:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the restricted handicapped parking space heretofore established in front of **4 Union Place** be and the same is hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is directed to remove the restricted handicapped parking sign located in front of **4 Union Place**.

Adopted

Brown – Vick 5. Award an Emergency Contract for Collection of Recycling Waste - Integrity Recycling and Waste - Not to Exceed \$140,000.00

RESOLUTION TO AWARD AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR COLLECTION OF RECYCLING WASTE

WHEREAS, on October 01, 2024 DPW needed to dispose of recyclable waste and;

WHEREAS, DPW contacted Integrity Recycling and Waste to dispose of said waste, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director declared an emergency on January 14, 2025 to provide an emergency contract to dispose of recycling waste and;

WHEREAS, Integrity Recycling and Waste Solution of 111 Route 31, suite 223, Flemington, NJ 08822 was called and services were rendered and;

WHEREAS, this situation constitutes a threat to public health, safety, welfare, and the Public Works Director declared an Emergency to dispose of the recycling waste immediately. Integrity Recycling and Waste had the necessary machinery to dispose of the recycling waste and was available immediately to perform the work on an emergency basis, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor concurred with the Public Works Director and approved said emergency, and;

WHEREAS, the total cost to provide emergency service to the Township was \$140,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it ratifies the decision of the Administration to authorize an emergency contract to Integrity Recycling and Waste Solutions Inc of 111 Route 31, suite 223, Flemington, NJ 08822, for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00.

BE IT FUTHER RESLOVED, that the required certification of availability of funds C25-0018 in the amount of \$140,000.00 from account numbers 4-01-32-465-465-118 and 5-01-32-465-465-118 has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer.

Adopted

~~6. Authorize the Purchase of Copiers From Kyocera Mita America, USA~~

[ITEM WAS NOT REDUCED TO WRITING]

[REMOVED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT ON 2-24-25 AT THE CAUCUS MEETING]

Vick – Frederic 7. Ratify 2022 Corrective Action Plan

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

Corrective Action Plan

Audit Report Year: December 31, 2022

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act and the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services, all municipalities are required to prepare and file a Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, this plan must be filed with the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with regulations established by the Division; and

WHEREAS, such a plan was prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and reviewed by the members of the governingbody of the Township of Irvington;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CY 2022 Corrective Action Plan, attached hereto, be approved by the governing body of the Township of Irvington and filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Adopted

Brown – Antilus 8. Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government

Websites

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES
ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025, imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and,

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media’s announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government’s official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Irvington does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government’s official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly Craig Coughlin, Senator Renee C. Burgess, Assemblymembers Cleopatra G. Tucker and Garnet R. Hall and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Adopted

10. COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

A. Communications

None

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

8. ORDINANCES, BILLS & CLAIMS (Continued)

B. Ordinances on Second Reading

1. **Council President Beasley:** An ordinance providing residential parking permits on Edmund Place between Wilson Place and Durand Place, seven days a week, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. will be heard that this time. The Clerk will read the notice of hearing.

The Clerk will read the ordinance by title.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ON EDMUND PLACE BETWEEN WILSON PLACE AND DURAND PLACE, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 5:00 PM TO 8:00 AM

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has received concerns from its residents concerning the availability of resident parking on Edmund Place between Wilson Place and Durand Place, seven days a week, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the difficulty of the residents in these area to locate parking at or near their homes has caused undue hardship on the residents of this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that parking shall be restricted and a parking permit required for residents of Edmund Place between Wilson Place and Durand Place, seven days a week, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

Resident's vehicles must receive and display a valid parking permit provided by the Township of Irvington; and

Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance will be subject to towing and the vehicle owners shall be subject to a fine as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article III; and

All ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed; and

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

The Public Hearing on this ordinance is now open.

Hudley – Vick Motion to close Public Hearing.

Adopted

Hudley – Vick Motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading after Public Hearing.

Adopted

12. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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Elouise McDaniel, 214 Nesbit Terrace
Robert Shaw, Sr., 57 Coit Street

Council Member Brown thanked the residents for their participation and clarified a statement she made regarding veterans at the previous Municipal Council Meeting. Council Member Dr. Frederic thanked the residents for attending the meeting and advised the Municipal Council is always available to listen. Council Member Vick encouraged his Council colleagues to keep up the good work. Council President Beasley explained the ordinance that was forwarded to Mr. Shaw, Sr. and Ms. McDaniel regarding speaking time limits at the Municipal Council Meetings. She recommended that Ms. McDaniel attend a Board of Education meeting to report her concerns regarding the high school. She advised that Ms. McDaniel concerns regarding a facility for in-person meetings have been previously addressed. She invited the attendees to participate in the Community Iftar Dinner which will take place on March 26, 2025 at the Chris Gatling Center. Council President Beasley advised the attendees they can reach the Municipal Council by telephone, e-mail and through the Municipal Clerk's Office.

13. ADJOURNMENT (*Roll Call)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Jamillah Z. Beasley, Council President

Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk