

TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 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, Jr.	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

A. Presentation - Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Shante Barr, Manager of the Senior Services Division, Department of Health & Senior Services, Township of Irvington

B. Presentation - Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council 2nd Vice President, Council Member At-Large, Township of Irvington

C. Presentation - Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Josie H. Monel, Acting Director, Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, Township of Irvington

D. Presentation - Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Marie F. Beauzil, Educator, Irvington High School, Township of Irvington

E. Presentation - Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Kimberly Pierre, Deputy Director, Department of Health & Senior Services, Township of Irvington

F. Presentation - Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Kyana Woolridge, Esq., Director, Department of Community Development & Economic Development, Township of Irvington

REMARKS: *Honorable Luis Antilus, West Ward Council Member*
 Honorable Darlene Brown, Council Member-At-Large
 Honorable Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council 2nd Vice President
 Honorable Dr. October Hudley, Council 1st Vice President
 Honorable Anthony A. Vauss, Jr., Council Member-At-Large
 Honorable Orlander G. Vick, North Ward Council Member
 Honorable Jamillah Z. Beasley, Council President

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

A. Reports

1. A/Municipal Court Director/Court Administrator Deshanaye Alexander-Sanders - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of March 3, 2025, to March 7, 2025
2. Licensing Clerk Marcius Hopkins – Report of the March 5, 2025 Licensing Committee Meeting
3. Business Administrator Musa A. Malik, Esq. – Report of the March 6, 2025 Cannabis Committee Meeting
4. Public Works Keyboarding Clerk II Jenilee Jean-Pierre - Report of the March 7, 2025 Sanitation/Quality of Life Committee Meeting

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5. Recreation Director Donald J. Malloy – Report of the March 13, 2025 Recreation Committee Meeting
6. A/Health Director Baffour Asare – Report of the March 10, 2025 Ad Hoc Health Committee Meeting
7. A/Municipal Court Director/Court Administrator Deshanaye Alexander-Sanders - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of March 10, 2025, to March 14, 2025
8. A/Municipal Court Director/Court Administrator Deshanaye Alexander-Sanders – Mayor’s Monthly Report, January 2025

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

- Vick – Brown 1. Amend and Supplement Section 460-9 Entitled Premises Kept Free of Hazards and Insanitary Conditions By Adding Regulations for Multi-Family Buildings of 4 Units or More

Proposed Ordinances for Multi-Family Buildings of 4 Units or More 460-9D

- (1) Property owners must provide an adequate number of receptacles to containerize solid waste (garbage) and recycling (bottles and cans). All garbage and recycling (bottles and cans) must be in receptacles (containerized).
- (2) Properties of 6 or units or more must provide 3 cubic feet dumpsters for solid waste (garbage) and recycling (bottles and cans).
- (3) Commingling or mixing solid waste (garbage) and recyclables (bottles, cans and cardboard) is prohibited.
- (4) Overflowing receptacles preventing lids from closing, solid waste (garbage) spilling from receptacles onto the ground, or more solid waste (garbage) or recycling (bottles and cans) in a receptacle than it can hold is prohibited.
- (5) All receptacles must have lids, and lids must completely close on receptacles.
- (6) Receptacles must be placed at the curb after 6:00 PM the evening prior to collection and shall not be put out the morning of the collection with consideration that collection times vary and are not mandated to start after 9:00 AM (may start as early as 5:00 AM).
- (7) Receptacles, solid waste (garbage), and recycling (bottles and cans) shall be stored in the rear of the property and not at the front or side of property.
- (8) When placed at the curb for collection, corrugated/cardboard boxes and cartons shall be flattened and securely bundled/tied.

460-9E Violations and Penalties

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1. Violations of any provision of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be punishable as provided in the general penalty provisions set forth in Chapter [1](#), General Provisions, Article [III](#) of a minimum fine of \$750.00 to maximum fine of \$1,250.00 and up to 90 days in jail.
2. Plea negotiations shall not be set below the \$750.00 minimum.
3. An additional separate \$1000.00 fine shall be imposed for violating an ordinance within one year of the date of a previous violation of the same ordinance and fined for the previous violation, shall be sentenced by a court to an additional fine as a repeat offender. The additional fine imposed by the court for a repeat offense shall not be less than the minimum or exceed the maximum fine fixed for a violation of the ordinance but shall be calculated separately from the imposed for the violation of the ordinance.
4. Any person convicted of the violation of any ordinance or in default of the payment of any fine imposed, may be imprisoned in the county jail or place of detention provided by the municipality, for any term not exceeding 90 days, or be required to perform community service for a period not exceeding 90 days.

Adopted

B. Ordinances on Second Reading

None

C. Bills & Claims

Frederic – Brown 1. Bill Lists

RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON FOR A PERIOD **MARCH 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	\$13,107,988.18
TOTAL	\$13,107,988.18

Adopted

Frederic – Hudley 2. Payrolls

Payroll Date: March 7, 2025

TOTAL	\$2,409,187.22
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Adopted

9. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

A. Resolutions

Frederic – Vick 1. Award an Extension to the Professional Services Contract for Site Remediation for the Center Playground Reconstruction Project – Pennoni Associates - \$43,000.00

RESOLUTION TO AWARD AN EXTENSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SITE REMEDIATION FOR THE CENTER PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has received a grant in the amount of \$ 776,000.00 for the Reconstruction of Center Playground as part of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 's (NJDEP) Urban Parks Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, as part that process, NJDEP rules require the prepare of a Preliminary Assessment Report (PAR), which must be prepared by a Licensed Site remediation professional (LSRP) prior to the submission of plans and specifications and, based on a Request for Quotes (RFQ) from the forms on the Township's annual list of LSRPs, a contract for this work was awarded to Pennoni Associates as Resolution DPR 23-1113-7 and the PAR was forwarded to NJDEP for their review;

WHEREAS, based on the NJDEP review of that report, additional investigative work was required and that was awarded to Pennoni Associates as Resolution DPR 24-0610-2 and that report was reviewed by NJDEP staff, requiring additional work and another RFQ was obtained from Pennoni Associates to preform that additional investigation work, resulting in another proposal, dated January 16, 2025 in the amount of \$ 43,000.00 to complete all of the work required by NJDEP, prior to starting the design of the park; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed this proposal as the most efficient way to resolve the work required by NJDEP and that the costs for this investigation can be drawn from the grant for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that an extension to the professional service contract for site remediation of the Center Playground reconstruction project is awarded to Pennoni Associates at their quoted price of \$ 43, 000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to N.A.C. 5:23-5.2, the required Certificate of Availability of Funds, No. C25- 041 for the above work has been obtained for the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Irvington and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is in the amount of \$ 43,000.00 is Account G-02-xx-869-238-299.

Adopted

Hudley – Frederic 2. Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan for Irvington Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 – DEDR \$19,100.00, Cash Match \$4,775.00, In Kind \$14,325.00

**Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD)
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Irvington Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington of County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and, therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Essex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Irvington Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Irvington Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of:

GCSUD Grant	\$19,100.00
Cash Match	\$4,775.00
In-Kind	\$14,325.00
2. The Township of Irvington Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

 Outlook

Re: Municipal Alliance

From: Shawna Supel <ssupel@irvingtonnj.gov>
Date: Fri 4/11/2025 10:59 AM
To: Josie Monel <jmonel@irvingtonnj.gov>
Cc: Shonta Watson <swatson@irvingtonnj.gov>; Anisa Williams <AWilliams@irvingtonnj.gov>

Good morning Josie,

That does not seem like a substantial change so please send MS Word version of the amended resolution and we will add your below email to the permanent copy of the resolution.

Regards,

Shawna M. Supel
Municipal Clerk
Township of Irvington
Municipal Building, Room 104
Irvington, NJ 07111
Phone: 973-399-6664
Website: www.irvingtonnj.gov

From: Josie Monel
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 2:53 PM
To: Shawna Supel
Cc: Shonta Watson
Subject: Municipal Alliance

Good afternoon,

Hope all is well. The Municipal Alliance grantor wants us to edit the Resolution(see attached) and change the word DEDR to GCSUD. Please advise if I need to do an amendment.

Thank you,

Josie Monel
Acting Director
Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (INIC)
346 16th Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
Phone: 973-416-0916
Fax: (973)372-6647
Email: jmonel@irvingtonnj.org

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Irvington Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington of County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and, therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Essex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

3. The Township of Irvington Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Irvington Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$19,100.00
Cash Match	\$4,775.00
In-Kind	\$14,325.00

4. The Township of Irvington Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Adopted

Hudley – Brown 3. Accept a Donation of Office Furniture from New Jersey Institute of Technology for the Information Technology Department

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF OFFICE FURNITURE FROM NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, New Jersey Institute of Technology has graciously offered to donate office furniture to the Township for the Information Technology Department; and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department is in need of Office Furniture which includes 4 Desk, 4 cubicles, and 3 file cabinets; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Township's best interest to accept the donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township accepts the donation for the purposes set forth above and thanks New Jersey Institute of Technology for its generosity and service to the Township.

Adopted

~~4. Authorize Refund of Annual Sewer Charges on Block 8 Lot 1, 1466 Clinton Avenue in the Amount of \$900.00 [REMOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE 3-20-25]~~

Resolution Authorizing Refund of Annual Sewer Charges on Block 8 Lot 1, 1466 Clinton Ave.

WHEREAS, The Annual Sewer Charge was billed in the amount of \$360.00 per year from 2020 to 2024 on Block 8 Lot 1, commonly known as 1466 Clinton Ave.; and

WHEREAS, the property, by way of evidence of the tax assessor's records, is a 1-family dwelling;
and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer, Tai-Anne Linton, has paid the sewer billings from 2020 to 2024 and said taxpayer has requested a refund of same; and

WHEREAS, the property, by way of evidence of the Township of Irvington Tax Collector's records, was being erroneously billed an annual sewer charge in the amount of \$360.00 for 2 units; and

WHEREAS, the payment made for the annual sewer charge from 2020 – 2024 was in the amount of \$1,800.00 for 2 units; and

WHEREAS, an overpayment of the annual sewer charge from 2020 – 2024 exists in the amount of \$900.00 for the 1 unit erroneously billed; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector requests permission to cancel the 2nd unit being currently being billed to reflect 1 unit for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector requests to refund erroneous sewer payments in the amount of \$900.00 to Tai-Anne Linton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Township of Irvington Tax Collector is authorized to:

1. Cancel and refund sewer overpayments in the amount of \$900.00 to Tai-Anne Linton
2. Change sewer record to reflect 1 unit and remove the additional unit from billing.

Frederic – Vick 5. Cancel and Refund Tax Overpayments for 100% Disabled Veteran on 62 Maple Avenue, Block 210 Lot 10 in the Amount of \$4,028.05

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL AND REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS
ON 62 MAPLE AVE, BLOCK 210 LOT 10**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector seeks authorization to cancel 50% of the 2024 municipal charges on 62 Maple Ave, Block 210 Lot 10 for 100% disabled veteran exemption and;

WHEREAS, Bobby Coleman, owner of a 2-family dwelling on 62 Maple Ave, Block 210 Lot 10, has filed an application for 100% tax exemption and the tax assessor Silvia Forbes has approved the property tax exemption and forwarded said application to the Tax Collector and;

WHEREAS, the 2024 taxes on 62 Maple Ave, a 2-family dwelling, were billed and paid in the amount of \$8,056.10 and;

WHEREAS, the owner Bobby Coleman is entitled to a 50% exemption in the amount of \$4,028.05, from the date of application approved by the tax assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Tax Collector's office is authorized and directed to cancel the exempt portion of taxes and refund the 2024 taxes in the amount of **\$4,028.05** to Bobby Coleman.

Adopted

Vick – Vauss, Jr. 6. Refund Tax Overpayment on Block 37 Lot 4, 378-404 Stuyvesant Avenue in the Amount of \$159,361.05 Plus 18% Interest in the Amount of \$9,402.30

**Resolution to Refund Tax Overpayment
on Block 37 Lot 4, 378-404 Stuyvesant Ave.**

WHEREAS, Oak Capital Group, LLC, lien holder of TSC# 22-00150, remitted a payment for subsequent taxes in the amount of \$159,361.05 for the 2024 Q4 taxes on Block 37 Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic Commercial remitted a tax payment via wire, in the amount of \$159,361.05 on November 7, 2024 for Block 37 Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, said payments were applied to Block 37 Lot 4 2024 Q4 taxes on November 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Oak Capital Group, LLC has requested to be refunded the tax overpayment in the amount of \$159,361.05 plus 18% interest in the amount of \$9,402.30 for 378-404 Stuyvesant Ave., Block 37 Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector desires to refund the 2024 Q4 subsequent tax payments in the amount of \$159,361.05 plus 18% interest in the amount of \$9,402.30 to Oak Capital Group, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Township of Irvington Tax Collector is authorized to issue a refund of the 2024 Q4 tax sub payment in the amount of \$159,361.05 plus 18% interest in the amount of \$9,402.30 to Oak Capital Group, LLC.

Adopted

Frederic – Vick 7. Refund Tax Overpayment on Block 345 Lot 21, 69 Durand Place in the Amount of \$3,608.20

**Resolution to Refund Tax Overpayment
on Block 345 Lot 21, 69 Durand Pl**

WHEREAS, Land Track Title LLC, remitted payments in the amount of \$7,216.42 for the 2025 Q1 and Q2 taxes on Block 345 Lot 21; and

WHEREAS, due to online duplicate posting 2025 Q2 taxes were erroneously paid in the amount of \$3,608.20; and

WHEREAS, Land Track Title LLC, has requested to be refunded the tax payment in the amount of \$3,608.20 for 69 Durand Pl., Block 345 Lot 21; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector desires to refund the tax overpayment in the amount of \$3,608.20 to Land Track Title LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Township of Irvington Tax Collector is authorized and directed to refund the overpaid taxes to Land Track Title, in the amount of \$3,608.20.

Adopted

Vick – Frederic 8. Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayments on Various Properties Paid by Lienholder in the Amount of \$134,343.97

**Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments
On Various Properties Paid by Lienholder**

WHEREAS, FIG 20, LLC, lienholder of various lien certificates, remitted subsequent tax payments on March 5, 2025 for 2025 Q1 and Q2 taxes; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Q2 taxes are not delinquent until after the May 1st grace period ends; and

WHEREAS, FIG 20, LLC is requesting a refund of the 2025 Q2 sub taxes paid on March 5, 2025 in the amount of \$134,343.97; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector requests to refund the 2025 Q2 subsequent tax payments in the amount of \$134,343.97 to FIG 20, LLC and re-open same tax amounts on the attached list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Township of Irvington Tax Collector is authorized to re-open the 2025 Q2 tax payments and issue a refund in the amount of \$134,343.97 to FIG 20, LLC.

Adopted

Antilus – Brown 9. Appoint Six Police Officers from the Special Law Enforcement Officer II Title – Toneya Hemming-Walters, Demonte Blount, Elson Gloss, Taron Gallishaw, Shazuel Perez, and Raheem Holmes

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY

**TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON
COUNTY OF ESSEX
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SIX POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER
TITLE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington, Essex County, State of Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") is a jurisdiction governed by Title 1 Ia and the Civil Service regulations and rules established under Title 4A of the Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, C.7 permits municipalities to hire police officers who may not have taken an open competitive examination for the title of Police Officer, but are otherwise duly qualified, have completed training, and hold a valid NJ Police Training Commission Certificate as Police Officer (Basic Course for Police Officer); and

WHEREAS, recently adopted State legislation, Bill S-3220, approved as P.L.2021, C. 7, would permit a municipality to exempt any person for an entry-level law enforcement person from taking the Civil Service law enforcement exam, as long as they have completed the full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission; and

WHEREAS, the appointees Toneya Hemming-Walters, Demonte Blount, Elson Gloss, Taron Gallishaw, Shazuel Perez, and Raheem Holmes completed full Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training commission on December 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the appointees Toneya Hemming-Walters, Demonte Blount, Elson Gloss, Taron Gallishaw, Shazuel Perez, and Raheem Holmes shall be appointed from the title of Special Police Officer II to the title of Police Officer with the Township of Irvington on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township has duly established written policies governing nepotism and conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Township is affirmatively “opt in” by adopting a Resolution authorizing such a hiring policy; and

WHEREAS, Director of Public Safety Tracy Bowers has recommended that the Township effectuate this policy and “opt in” to this program in the interests of efficiency, expediency, and the promotion of public safety within the Township; and

WHEREAS, this “opt in” provision shall remain valid until changed by a rescinding resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Irvington for the reasons set forth above that the Township hereby authorizes such hiring policies related to the examination exemption as set in Bill S-3220, P.L.2021, c.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Irvington at a regularly scheduled meeting on at the Irvington Township Municipal Building.

Adopted

Antilus – Vauss, Jr. 10. Purchase Proprietary Software Technology for the Public Safety Department - Power DMS Inc. - Total Sum of \$20,223.39

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Department is required to use a document management program to distribute administration polices, general orders, memos and other vital documents to all members; and

WHEREAS, the technology and maintenance are proprietary software for Power DMS Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of this software will exceed the quote threshold; and

WHEREAS, under New Jersey Local Public Contract (NJSA 40A:11-5dd), the Township may award a contract for proprietary software in lieu of bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Township would like to take advantage of provisions of NJSA 40:11-5 (dd) and award a service contract to Power DMS, INC for the total sum of \$20,223.39

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON hereby authorizes a service contract to for Power DMS Incorporated, 101 South Garland Ave, Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32801 under provisions of NJSA 40:11-5dd to purchase proprietary software for the total sum of \$20,223.39; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Attorney is directed to prepare the appropriate contract for such goods and services and the Mayor and Municipal Clerk is authorized to sign the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the required availability of funds C25-0060 in the amount of \$10,229.58 charged to budget account number 5-01-25-240-240-118 and C25-0057 charged to account number 5-01-25-265-265-133 in the amount of \$9,993.81 has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer,

Adopted

Vick – Beasley 11. Professional Service Contract for Financial Advisor Services - Acacia Financial Group Inc. - Not to Exceed \$50,000.00

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposals for Financial Advisor Services was publicly advertised in the New Jersey Star Ledger on January 23, 2025 with a deadline for qualifications to be submitted on February 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, two qualifications were received and publicly opened; and

WHEREAS, said qualifications were referred to the Community Development Director; and

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WHEREAS, two qualifications satisfied the RFP requirement and;

WHEREAS, the Community Development Director has recommended award should be made to the following firm:

Acacia Financial Group INC
6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Financial Advisor be awarded to Acacia Financial Group INC of 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 on the basis of their response for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for one year starting on March 25, 2025 until March 26, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary contract and the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the same; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the required Certification of Availability of Funds C25-0061 in the amount \$2500.00 for the first month of service has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer charge to account number 5-01-21-180-185-299 and the remaining balance of \$47,500.00 will be certified upon the adoption of the 2024 budget.

Adopted

Brown – Vick 12. Terminate Professional Service Contract for Special Counsel with Genova Burns

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 24-1112-37 authorized a Non Fair and Open professional service contract for Special counsel service; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2025, the Township of Irvington was notified by Township Employee Antoine Richardson that he would like to be represented by another attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm of Genova Burns agrees to terminate the contract in accordance with our signed contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township agree to terminate this contract with Genova Burns and issue new RFP for service; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the following contract be terminated effective on the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to terminate this contract and the Mayor and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute said terminated contract with the above listed company

Adopted

Vick – Beasley 13. Approve Additional Funds in the Matter of Lisa Caldwell v. Irvington Police Department - Murphy Orlando LLC - Increased by \$15,000.00 to an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000.00

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR
LISA CALDWELL V. IRVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
DOCKET NO. L-7140-23**

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024 the law firm of Murphy Orlando LLC was awarded a contract for Litigation Counsel Services for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 by resolution number TA 24– 0610-17; and

WHEREAS the law firm of Murphy Orlando LLC has submitted an estimated budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 to litigate this matter;

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to pay the law firm of Murphy Orlando LLC for services provided within the scope of the contract, during the contract period that will be in excess of the original contract amount;

WHEREAS, the total contract amount for this matter is hereby increased by \$15,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the contract amount is hereby ratified and confirmed for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

BE IT FUTHER RESLOVED, that total contract amount for this matter is hereby increased to an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

BE IT FUTHER RESLOVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and execute an amended contract for Litigation Counsel Service; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that funds for this service will be paid from the Insurance Fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Adopted

Beasley – Frederic 14. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree - Shante Barr, Manager of the Senior Services Division, Department of Health & Senior Services, Township of Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
SHANTE BARR
MANAGER OF THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON**

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WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Ms. Shante Barr, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shante Barr, a dedicated advocate and community leader, hails from Irvington, New Jersey. A proud graduate of Jersey Preparatory High School in 2003, Ms. Barr furthered her education at Essex County College, where she majored in Psychology. Her academic background laid the foundation for a life devoted to helping others, particularly those facing challenges in their lives; and

WHEREAS, with over 15 years of experience as a Direct Support Professional for the Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ms. Barr has made a profound impact on the lives of individuals with mental disabilities. Her unique ability to inspire and motivate individuals in need has garnered her a reputation as a captivating and enthusiastic figure in the community. Her caring and loving nature shines brightly as she counseled children and seniors navigating life's crises, providing emotional support and essential crisis intervention services; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barr's commitment to service extends to her significant role in the nonprofit organization "People Helping People in Need," where she facilitated intake assessments, job placements, and coaching across several counties in New Jersey. Her tireless efforts ensure that those in need receive the support and resources necessary to thrive; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Ms. Barr joined the administration of the Honorable Mayor Tony Vauss in the Township of Irvington, where she quickly distinguished herself by becoming the Manager of the Senior Services Division at the Lebbby Jones Senior Citizens Theater. In this role, Ms. Barr has become beloved by the senior citizens she serves, offering a wide array of programs and recreational activities designed to enrich their lives. From computer and exercise classes to plays and dance classes, she creates an inclusive environment where seniors can socialize, learn, and engage in meaningful activities; and

WHEREAS, beyond recreational offerings, Ms. Barr has been instrumental in establishing vital programs such as the Senior Police Academy, which educates seniors on personal safety and crime prevention, and the Fire Academy, which teaches essential safety tips in the event of a fire. These initiatives empower seniors with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves, fostering a sense of security and confidence within the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her extensive work with seniors, Ms. Barr is also an elected member of the Irvington Board of Education, proudly serving in her second year. This dual commitment to both senior citizens and children underscores her unparalleled passion for uplifting all members of her community. Her dedication to education and advocacy ensures that the voices of the youth are heard, and their needs are met alongside those of the seniors; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Mayor Tony Vauss commends Ms. Barr's exemplary work, stating, "Ms. Shante Barr has transformed our senior services program into a beacon of hope and support for our seniors. Her passion and dedication are evident in every program she develops, making a lasting impact on the lives of those she serves"; and

WHEREAS, with her unwavering commitment to advocacy and community service, Ms. Shante Barr exemplifies the essence of compassion and professionalism. Her tireless efforts continue to uplift the senior population of Irvington while ensuring that the youth also receive the attention and support they deserve. Through her work, she fosters a thriving community where all generations can flourish and succeed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Ms. Shante Barr for her many civic, and community minded contributions to the residents and scholars of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Ms. Shante Barr and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Antilus – Beasley 15. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree - Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council 2nd Vice President, Council Member At-Large, Township of Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
DR. CHARNETTE FREDERIC
COUNCIL 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE
TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON**

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Dr. Charnette Frederic, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charnette Frederic was born in Cazale, Haiti, where she completed her primary education at Saint Trinité and later graduated from College Saint Pierre, a secondary school. In 1996, she reunited with her father in Irvington, NJ, alongside her twin brothers and mother; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederic's academic journey is a testament to her resilience and determination. It began with an associate degree in Biology from Essex County College in 1999. She continued to pursue her passion, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Rutgers University in 2001. She obtained a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration (MHA) from Seton Hall University in 2005. Dr. Frederic's commitment to learning is further exemplified by her achievement of a doctorate in Chemistry from Seton Hall University in 2024; and

WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2018, Dr. Frederic served as a Senior Scientist at Roche Molecular Systems, a division of Hoffmann-La Roche, Diagnostic Company. From 2018 to 2022, she assumed the role of QC Manager at Novartis. She is currently a Senior Supervisor at the Quality Control Lab at Johnson and Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in public service, Dr. Frederic's journey began with her election as the West Ward Council Member for the Township of Irvington on May 8th, 2012. She was subsequently elected as the Council Member-At-Large on May 13th, 2014, and assumed the role of Council President from July 1st, 2014, to July 1st, 2016. She was re-elected for another term from 2018 to 2022 and secured another term from 2022 to 2026; and

WHEREAS, beyond her political endeavors, Dr. Frederic is committed to community engagement and has received numerous awards for her contributions to Irvington. She established the Charnette Frederic Civic

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Association, a non-profit organization aimed at promoting community involvement and celebrating unity. Additionally, she spearheaded sustainability efforts in Irvington through the Irvington Green Team. Currently, she is serving on the board of trustees of Sustainable Jersey and Irvington Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederic's commitment reaches beyond local communities. She served as the Chairwoman of the National Haitian American Elected Officials Network (NHAEON) from 2022 to 2024 and currently serves as its Secretary. NHAEON, the largest network of Haitian American elected and appointed officials in the U.S., is dedicated to empowering communities through advocacy and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederic is happily married to Joseph Betissan Frederic and is a proud mother to their son Ben. Known for her ability to mobilize communities and advocate for meaningful causes, Dr. Frederic remains deeply passionate about serving the Irvington community and beyond:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Dr. Charnette Frederic for her many civic, and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Dr. Charnette Frederic and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Brown – Antilus 16. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Josie H. Monel, Acting Director, Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, Township of Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
JOSIE H. MONEL
ACTING DIRECTOR
IRVINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON**

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Josie H. Monel, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Josie H. Monel has served as the Acting Director of the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (INIC) since July 2024. In this role, she is responsible for the overall administrative oversight and coordination of services for INIC. Mrs. Monel manages and supervises the activities of the case managers, while overseeing fiscal and grants management functions. She is also accountable for the development, monitoring, ongoing management of the organization's budget, subcontracts, and fiscal reports for the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (INIC); and

WHEREAS, before being appointed as Acting Director, Mrs. Monel held the position of Fiscal Coordinator at INIC for nine years, where she led fiscal and grants management activities, developed and monitored budgets, and liaised with the Township Finance Department.

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WHEREAS, prior to her tenure at INIC, Mrs. Monel worked as the Fiscal Manager at Kalahari Inc., overseeing staff and the full financial management of the company. She also gained valuable experience as Customer Service Manager and Account Supervisor at Kings Supermarket, where she was responsible for training new employees, supervising staff, managing, scheduling, payroll, overseeing financial reporting and store operations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Monel is an experienced and self-motivated professional with expertise in areas of accounting and financial analysis. Her skill set includes long-term planning, capital budgeting, management information reporting, and auditing; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration and various professional certifications. Mrs. Monel resides in West Orange, NJ, with her husband and two children:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Josie H. Monel for her many civic, and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Josie H. Monel and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Frederic – Brown 17. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree - Marie F. Beauzil, Educator, Irvington High School, Township of Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
MARIE F. BEAUZIL
EDUCATOR
IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON**

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Ms. Marie F. Beauzil, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie F. Beauzil has held a plethora of honors and distinctions in her life; and

WHEREAS, among these accomplishments, she has been an educator at Irvington High School for the past 11 years. During this impressive tenure, she has been educating the high school youth about the French language with love and support; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beauzil, who has over 20 years of teaching experience, graduated from Montclair State University with a Bachelor in Arts, Magna Cum Laude, and led the French Honor Society. She also holds an ESL teaching certificate, which she utilized to bridge the gap between French/Creole and English for many students. Her love and passion for the teaching profession has instilled confidence and encouragement for many of the kids who have been under her tutelage; and

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WHEREAS, a deep commitment to education, fostering confidence and enthusiasm in her students through genuine care and support. In addition to her accolades in teaching, Ms. Beauzil is a youth leader in a non-profit organization and has involved her time further with the youth. She actively participates in several other groups collaborating closely with members across teams. The shared passion for uplifting each other, with the goal of positively transforming the lives of these children, creating a stronger and more promising future for them and their families.

WHEREAS, seeing her students blossom and gain confidence over time is one of the most rewarding aspects of her teaching experience. In addition, she thinks that community involvement can significantly strengthen bonds with children, fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility while creating opportunities for positive interactions and learning.

WHEREAS, Ms. Beauzil truly embodies what it means to use one's gifts to improve and shape the world around her"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Ms. Marie F. Beauzil for her many civic, and community minded contributions to the residents and scholars of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Ms. Marie F. Beauzil and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Hudley – Antilus 18. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Kimberly Pierre, Deputy Director, Department of Health & Senior Services, Township of Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
KIMBERLY PIERRE, MPH CHES
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON**

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Ms. Kimberly Pierre, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimberly Pierre is a dedicated public health professional with over 10 years of experience in community health, outreach, and program development; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education from Montclair State University and a Master of Public Health in Urban Public Health from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pierre serves as the Deputy Director of Health & Senior Services for the Township of Irvington, where she leads township-wide public health initiatives, wellness programs, and outreach efforts. In this role, she focuses on expanding partnerships, connecting residents, including at-risk individuals and seniors with vital health services, and advocating for initiatives that enhance community well-being. Prior to this, she held various positions within the Township, including Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator,

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Local Health Outreach Coordinator, and overseeing health and wellness outreach and special projects in the Office of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in municipal government, Ms. Pierre is also an adjunct faculty member at Montclair State University, where she teaches program planning and evaluation in public health; preparing the next generation of public health professionals. She also serves as the Associate Director of Health Communications for the Substance and Sexual Health Lab at Yale University, where she works on research-driven strategies to advance health equity through effective communication and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pierre is deeply committed to mental health advocacy and is a certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor. She is passionate about equipping individuals and communities with the knowledge and skills to support mental well-being and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, passionate about continuous learning and professional growth, Ms. Pierre plans to pursue her Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) certification to further enhance her expertise and expand the tools she uses in her day-to-day work to best serve the community; and

WHEREAS, beyond her professional commitments, Ms. Pierre has a deep personal interest in health and wellness, incorporating mindfulness, fitness, and holistic well-being practices into her daily life. Her passion for wellness fuels her work in public health, as she believes that access to education, preventive care, and culturally competent health services are key to creating healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership, vision, and commitment to service, she continues to make a lasting impact in advancing public health, promoting health equity, and empowering communities, principally the Township of Irvington:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Ms. Kimberly Pierre for her many civic, and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Ms. Kimberly Pierre and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Vick – Beasley 19. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree – Kyana Woolridge, Esq., Director, Department of Community Development & Economic Development, Township of Irvington

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
KYANA WOOLRIDGE, ESQ.
DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Ms. Kyana Woolridge, Esq., who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kyana Woolridge, Esq. is a Newark native and a Howard University Law School Graduate. Ms. Woolridge is a highly regarded attorney with extensive experience in municipal law, education law, and real estate development. Recognized for her strategic expertise and dedication, Kyana has established herself as a trusted advisor to public and private clients throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolridge has an impressive track record in representing municipal clients in all facets of government law, ensuring compliance and providing sound counsel on the complex legal matters that impact local governance. Her expertise extends to representing public school districts across the state, offering tailored legal solutions that address the unique challenges faced by educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, as a renowned authority in real estate, redevelopment, and land use law, Ms. Woolridge has successfully guided clients through transformative projects. Her portfolio includes serving as legal counsel on multimillion-dollar redevelopment plans, making her a sought-after resource for municipalities and developers aiming to achieve impactful growth and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Director of Community Development and Economic Development for the Township of Irvington, Ms. Woolridge spearheads initiatives that drive local economic growth and community improvement. She also provides sophisticated legal services in real estate and redevelopment to both public and private sector clients, ensuring their goals are achieved with precision and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolridge’s dynamic approach, legal acumen, and proven results make her an invaluable partner for clients seeking expert counsel in municipal governance, education law, and real estate development:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Ms. Kyana Woolridge, Esq. for her many civic, and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Ms. Kyana Woolridge, Esq. and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Vick – Brown 20. Lift the Temporary Suspension of the Processing of Cannabis Applications for Support to Apply to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON LIFTING THE TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION OF THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT TO APPLY TO THE
NEW JERSEY CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, in 2020, New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into Law P.L 2021, c. 16, Known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator License, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer License, to produce recreational use cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington was in the process of making major amendments to Ordinance No. MC3832 Regulating Cannabis in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Committee has completed the amendments and is hereby lifting the suspension of the processing of any applications for cannabis businesses that are seeking support resolutions effective March 24, 2025. This applies to all applications that are pending as well; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the township Council for the Township of Irvington that the Township of Irvington is hereby suspending the process of applications for cannabis licenses to operate within the Township of Irvington's jurisdiction, pending amendment to Ordinance No MC 3832.

Adopted

Brown – Vick 21. Local Support for The Dispensary Spot LLC Cannabis License Application to Operate Within the Township of Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON AUTHORIZING LOCAL SUPPORT FOR
THE DISPENSARY SPOT LLC
FOR CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATION(S) TO THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, in 2020, New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called "cannabis" for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act" (the "Act"), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator License, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis and Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer License, to produce recreational use cannabis products; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the regulations established by the Act, N.J.A.C. 17:30-5.1, an applicant for an annual cannabis business license shall include proof of local support in their applications, which shall be submitted as a resolution adopted by the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council for the Township of Irvington that the Township of Irvington hereby supports the applicant, Rachel Zorger of The Dispensary Spot LLC whose proposed site of operation is 536-544 Chancellor Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey, for the type of cannabis business licenses being sought to operate within the Township of Irvington's jurisdiction in accordance with the Township Code of the Township of Irvington.

Adopted

~~22. Authorize the Purchase of Copiers From Kyocera Mita America, USA~~
[REMOVED BY ADMINISTRATION 3-24-25 NO RESOLUTION RECEIVED]

Brown – Vick 23. Amend the Award of a Professional Services Contract for a Land Survey for the
Irvington Outdoor Education Center in Readington - Harbor Consultants - \$9,485.00

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR A
LAND SURVEY FOR THE IRVINGTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER, READINGTON, NEW
JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington in conjunction with the Township of Irvington Board of Education plans has a desire to renovate and rehabilitate a parcel of land consisting of 123 acres in the Township of Readington, specifically Lots 6 and 20 in Block 63 and Lot 10 in Block 61, that has commonly been referred to as the Irvington Outdoor Education Center, which provided an outdoor educational experience to Irvington students; and

WHEREAS, the property has not been used in many years and both the Township, and the Board of Education would like to resume this practice, which will require a new land survey; and

WHEREAS the Township Engineer prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) to acquire these services, and this RFP was publicly advertised with only one firm, Harbor Consultants, Cranford, New Jersey submitting a proposal in the amount of \$ 87, 632.00 and this contract was awarded as Resolution DA 23-0925-22; and

WHEREAS, in moving forward with this project, Redevelopment Counsel discovered additional easements that might affect the project and asked that Harbor Consultants review these new documents and display them on the survey; and

WHEREAS, Harbor Consultants has reviewed these documents and provided a proposal in the amount of \$ 9,485.00 to review and display these easements on the survey; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed this proposal and recommends that an amended professional services contract be awarded to Harbor Consultants at their proposed price of \$ 9,485.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a professional services contract be awarded to Harbor Consultants, Cranford, New Jersey to provide an amended land survey for the Irvington Outdoor Education Center located in Readington, New Jersey at their proposal price of \$ 9, 485.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required Certificate of Availability of Funds No. C25-0149 for the above work has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is in the amount of \$9,485.00 is Account G-02-xx-869-22A-299.

Adopted

Vauss, Jr. – Beasley 24. Resolution of Commendation – 2025 Women's History Month Honoree –Ms.

Qadriyyah Sakhu, President and CEO, People Helping People In Need, Inc.

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
2025 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE
MS. QADRIYYAH SAKHU
PRESIDENT AND CEO
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED, INC.**

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington honors one of their own, Ms. Qadriyyah Sakhu, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Qadriyyah Sakhu is a dedicated educator, compassionate advocate, and a firm believer in the mantra, “*strive until you thrive*”; and

WHEREAS, her journey in service began 25 years ago when she discovered a passion for the less fortunate navigating their path in life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sakhu earned a degree in Communication Practice in Theory with a minor in Sociology from Montclair State University, setting the foundation for her work in community outreach. This passion eventually led to the establishment of her thriving nonprofit organization, *People Helping People in Need*; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Sakhu has served in various impactful roles, including an Educator for the East Orange Board of Education/Brain Injury Division of New Jersey and Youth Advocate for the State of New Jersey. She has also founded initiatives such as *Sisters in Harmony*, an inner-city program for at risk girls, and *Muslims Against Hunger*, which focuses on aiding the homeless; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, she founded Sophisticated Steppers, a drill team for young girls aged 5 to 21, leading them to numerous competition victories across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, currently, as the President and CEO of *People Helping People in Need, Inc.*, Ms. Sakhu provides essential services in substance abuse treatment, Mental Health support, and employment assistance for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, committed to being part of the solution, Ms. Sakhu’s unwavering dedication continues to uplift and empower those she serves; and

WHEREAS, outside of work, Ms. Sakhu enjoys, volunteering to feed the hungry, reading a good book, traveling and spending time relaxing when possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Ms. Qadriyyah Sakhu for her many civic and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Ms. Qadriyyah Sakhu and Women's History Month.

Adopted

10. COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

A. Communications

1. Honorable Mayor Tony Vauss – Appointment of Saphira Richardson to the Irvington Library Board of Trustees, Replacing Maslie Lamy-Lockhart’s Unexpired Term Expiring on December 31, 2025

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

9. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS (Continued)

A. Resolutions

Hudley – Brown 25. Confirm Mayor's Nomination of Saphira Richardson as a Member of Library Board of Trustees, Replacing Maslie Lamy-Lockhart’s Unexpired Term Expiring on December 31, 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:54-9 requires that nominations by the Mayor to the Library Board of Trustees be confirmed by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exist in the Irvington Library Board of Trustees due to the resignation of Maslie Lamy-Lockhart on March 13, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the following nomination by the Mayor to the Irvington Library Board of Trustees is hereby confirmed:

NAME AND ADDRESS	TERM TO EXPIRE
Saphira Richardson	12-31-2025

Adopted
Abstain: Vauss, Jr.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
MARCH 24, 2025

1. ABC Chair Beasley calls the Meeting to Order

Roll Call

2. New Business

Frederic – Brown A. Authorize Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License – Prit, Inc., Trading as Sam’s Gourmet Liquors & Grocery (Pocket License) to Shivoham Sagar, Inc. (Pocket License)

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License Number 0709-44-031-009, heretofore issued to Prit, Inc., Trading as Sam’s Gourmet Liquors & Grocery (**Pocket License**); and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council, acting as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective **March 24, 2025**, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License to Shivoham Sagar, Inc., and does hereby direct the Township Clerk/ABC Secretary to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Shivoham Sagar, Inc., effective **March 24, 2025**”.

Shivoham Sagar, Inc. (**Pocket License**)
T/A Liquor Cellar
580 Chancellor Avenue

Adopted

3. Adjournment

12. MISCELLANEOUS

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

13. ADJOURNMENT (*Roll Call)

Samuel Cherilus, 90 40th Street

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Council Member Antilus thanked Mr. Cherilus for his acknowledgments for his participation in the fund raising event and he recited a quote from the late Judge Ruth Ginsburg in honor of Women's History Month. Council Member Brown thanked the residents for their participation and her Council colleagues. Council Member Dr. Frederic advised she was humbled for the recognition, there should be a month to honor men and that she is here to serve the community. Council Member Dr. Hudley congratulated the Women's History Month honorees. Council Member Vauss Jr. congratulated the honorees and he is proud to have honored them. Council Member Vick offered his congratulations. Council President Beasley indicated the Council honored amazing women who do great work. She invited the attendees to participate in the Community Iftar Dinner on March 26, 2025 and various events in the month of April sponsored by the Health Department.

13. ADJOURNMENT (*Roll Call)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Jamillah Z. Beasley, Council President

Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk