

TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON



INAUGURATION AND REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026
12:00 NOON**

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBER
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
IRVINGTON, N.J.**

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 Mayor and Council Members At-Large run from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2030 at 12:00 noon. Therefore, it is necessary for the newly elected Mayor and Council Members At-Large 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

TONY VAUSS, MAYOR

DARLENE BROWN, COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

DR. CHARNETTE FREDERIC, COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

ANTHONY A. VAUSS JR., COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

3. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

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

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

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 12:11 P.M.

Shawna M. Supel
Municipal Clerk

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MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026
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. INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTOR DONALD MALLOY

At this point, Municipal Clerk Supel calls upon the Master of Ceremonies the Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Donald Malloy.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

At this point, Director Malloy calls on Reverend Dr. Sean C. Evans, Sr. of Second Baptist Church in Paterson, 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 12, 2026
Irvington, New Jersey**

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I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Municipal Election was held on May 12, 2026 in and for the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for the purpose of electing the Mayor and three (3) Council Members At-Large.

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
MAYOR	“Tony” Vauss	2,859
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Darlene Brown	2,668
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Anthony A. Vauss, Jr.	2,572
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Charnette Frederic	2,536

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above named Mayor and Council Members At-Large are eligible to be installed into their respective offices on July 1, 2026 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 20th DAY OF MAY, 2026.**

Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk

6. INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

At this point, the Director Malloy introduces the Newly Elected Council Members At-Large.

7. INTRODUCTION OF THE TOWNSHIP VIDEO

At this point, the Director Malloy introduces the township video.

8. INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

At this point, the Director Malloy introduces the Newly Elected Mayor.

9. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE OF THE NEWLY ELECTED AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Honorable Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council Member At-Large
Honorable Anthony A. Vauss, Jr., Council Member At-Large
Honorable Darlene Brown, Council Member At-Large

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

At this point, Assistant Municipal Clerk Shonta’ D. Watson distributed the Certificate of Election to the Council Members At-Large.

Remarks by:

Honorable Dr. Charnette Frederic, Council Member At-Large
Honorable Anthony A. Vauss, Jr., Council Member At-Large
Honorable Darlene Brown, Council Member At-Large

10. ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE OF THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

At this point the Honorable Chandra R. Cole, Chief Judge, Irvington Municipal Court administered the oath of office to:

Honorable Tony Vauss, Mayor

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

At this point, Assistant Municipal Clerk Shonta’ D. Watson distributed the Certificate of Election to the Mayor.

Remarks by:

Honorable Tony Vauss, Mayor

11. PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

At this point, Director Malloy calls on Pastor Jerry Smith of Transcend Worship Center in Irvington, New Jersey to offer a Prayer for Guidance for Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members At-Large.

12. PRAISE TEAM

At this point, Director Malloy calls on Transcend Worship Center’s Praise Team to deliver a performance.

13. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL	EARLY DEPARTURE
Antilus	X			

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Beasley	X			
Brown	X			
Dr. Frederic	X			
Dr. Hudley	X			
Vauss Jr.	X			
Vick		X		

14. RESOLUTIONS

Brown – Vauss, Jr. A. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Council President – **Jamillah Z. Beasley**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SOUTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER JAMILLAH Z. BEASLEY**

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, 2026:

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
Absent: Vick**

Beasley - Frederic B. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Council 1st Vice President – **Dr. October Hudley**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
COUNCIL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
EAST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER DR. OCTOBER HUDLEY**

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, 2028.

Adopted

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Absent: Vick

Vauss, Jr. - Hudley C. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Council 2nd Vice President – **Dr. Charnette Frederic**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
COUNCIL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE DR. CHARNETTE FREDERIC**

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, 2028.

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

Hudley - Antilus D. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Representative to Joint Meeting – **Dr. Charnette Frederic**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
REPRESENTATIVE TO JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES
COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE DR. CHARNETTE FREDERIC**

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, 2026.

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

Vauss, Jr. - Brown E. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the A.B.C. Chairperson – **Jamillah Z. Beasley**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
BOARD CHAIRPERSON
SOUTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER JAMILLAH Z. BEASLEY**

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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, Section 7-17 (I) provides that the Municipal Council shall appoint from amongst their members a Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to conduct its meetings and preside over its deliberations 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 Jamillah Z. Beasley hereby designated as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington for a term of two (2) years commencing on July 1, 2026.

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

Beasley - Brown F. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Representative to Planning Board – **Orlander G. Vick**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING BOARD
NORTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER ORLANDER GLEN VICK**

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, 2026.

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

Beasley - Hudley G. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of the Legislative Research Officer – **Rashidah N. Hasan, Esq.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OFFICER
RASHIDAH N. HASAN, ESQ.**

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, 2026.

Adopted

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Absent: Vick

Beasley - Vauss, Jr. H. Resolution Authorizing the Reappointment of the Municipal Clerk – **Shawna M. Supel**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
SHAWNA M. SUPEL, R.M.C., C.M.C. AS MUNICIPAL CLERK**

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington adopted Resolution MC 23-0710-26 appointing Shawna M. Supel, R.M.C., C.M.C., to the position of Municipal Clerk for a three (3) year term in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Shawna M. Supel is and has been certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk since April 11, 2008 and has satisfied the continuing education requirements for said certification; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council is desirous of reappointing Shawna M. Supel as Municipal Clerk for the Township of Irvington effective July 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this reappointment of Shawna M. Supel as Municipal Clerk grants her tenure of office as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Shawna M. Supel be reappointed as Municipal Clerk, effective July 10, 2026 and that the Municipal Council hereby, at the same time, acknowledges that her reappointment entitles her to tenure by operation of law.

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

Frederic - Antilus I. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment to Camptown Business Improvement District – **East Ward Council Member Dr. October Hudley**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENT TO THE
CAMPTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
EAST WARD COUNCIL MEMBER DR. OCTOBER HUDLEY**

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:

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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
Absent: Vick

Beasley - Hudley J. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment to the Springfield Avenue Center Business District Management Corporation - **Council Member At-Large Dr. Charnette Frederic**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENT TO THE
SPRINGFIELD AVENUE CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE DR. CHARNETTE FREDERIC**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No MC 3084 created the Springfield Avenue Center Business Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides for the appointment of one Council Member to be appointed to the Springfield Avenue Center Business District Management Corporation:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FO THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Dr. Charnette Frederic is hereby appointed as a member of the Springfield Avenue Center Business District Management Corporation.

Adopted
Absent: Vick

Vauss Jr. - Brown K. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor’s Appointment to the Springfield Avenue Center Business District Management Corporation – **South Ward Council Member Jamillah Z. Beasley**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT TO THE SPRINGFIELD
AVENUE CENTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SOUTH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER JAMILLAH Z. BEASLEY**

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 Avenue Center Business Improvement District Board of Directors.

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

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

Vauss, Jr. - Antilus L. Resolution Authorizing the Confirmation of the
Mayor's Nomination of Department Directors

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONFIRMATION OF THE
MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-36 (b) requires that the exercise of advice and consent to actions by the Mayor be by resolution of the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has submitted the following nominations to be effective July 1, 2026, and to expire on June 30, 2030 for the advice and consent of the Municipal Council; and

Musa A. Malik, Business Administrator
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Joseph Ouseley, Director of Housing Services
Cassandra Chatman, Director of Public Works
Baffour Asare, Director of Health
Donald Malloy, Director of Parks & Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the following nominations by the Mayor to be effective July 1, 2026 and to expire on June 30, 2030 be confirmed:

Musa A. Malik, Business Administrator
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Joseph Ouseley, Director of Housing Services
Cassandra Chatman, Director of Public Works
Baffour Asare, Director of Health
Donald Malloy, Director of Parks & Recreation

**Adopted
Absent: Vick**

15. Communication

- A. Honorable Mayor Vauss - Appointment of Department Directors
Musa A. Malik, Business Administrator
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Joseph Ouseley, Director of Housing Services
Cassandra Chatman, Director of Public Works

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Baffour Asare, Director of Health
Donald Malloy, Director of Parks & Recreation

- B. Honorable Mayor Vauss - Appointments of Directors, Assistant Directors and Managers
Althea Headley, Assistant Business Administrator/Purchasing Agent
Ramon Rivera, Township Attorney
John Brown, Deputy Director of Public Safety – Fire
Ardwin Way, Deputy Director of Public Safety – Police
Kyana Woolridge, Director Economic Development and Grants Oversight & Community Development Director
Willie Williams, Director of Neighborhood Preservation
Josie Monel, Director of Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation
Shante Barr, Manager, Irvington Senior Center
Jadette Williams, UEZ Coordinator
Kimberly Pierre, Assistant Health Director
Tanya Way, Assistant Director of Economic Development and Grants Oversight
Deshanaye Alexander-Sanders, Municipal Court Director

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

General Hearing of Citizens Limited to Three Minutes Per Person (Must Sign Up in Advance of the Meeting Pursuant to MC 3713)

There were no requests to be heard.

17. BENEDICTION

At this point Council President Beasley calls on Rev. Kahlil Cunningham, Interim Pastor of Christian Love Baptist Church, Irvington, New Jersey to offer the Benediction.

18. ADJOURNMENT (*Roll Call)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Jamillah Z. Beasley, Council President

Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk