

INAUGURATION AND REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 1, 2014

Organization Meeting - Municipal Council
Council Chamber, Municipal Building
Irvington, N.J. - July 1, 2014
Thursday Afternoon - 12 O'clock Noon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Harold E. Wiener, who explained that the terms of office of the Mayor and Council Members run from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2018 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Therefore, it is necessary for the newly elected Mayor and Council Members to be sworn in at this time.

There was no quorum in attendance.

Present: Renee C. Burgess, Charnette Frederic, October Hudley

Absent: Paul Inman, Sandra R. Jones, David Lyons

The Oath of Office was administered by the Municipal Clerk to the following:

MAYOR - TONY VAUSS

COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE - RENEE C. BURGESS
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE - CHARNETTE FREDERIC
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE - OCTOBER HUDLEY

The meeting was recessed to be resumed at 6:00 P.M. in the Christian Pentecostal Church, 971 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey.

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Christian Pentecostal Church
197 Clinton Avenue
Irvington, N.J. - July 1, 2014
Thursday Evening - 6:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk, who read the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation - Reverend William Christian, Christian Love Baptist Church

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4. Certification of Election Results

Mr. Wiener:

CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MAY 13, 2014
IRVINGTON, N.J.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Municipal Election was held on May 13, 2014 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, Provisional Ballots and Emergency 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	2560
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Renee C. Burgess	2,103
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	October Hudley	1,801
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Charnette Frederic	2,126

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, 2014 at Irvington, N.J. 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, 2014.

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk

5. Administration of Oaths of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election

At this point Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin administered to oaths of office to:

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Council Member At-Large Renee C. Burgess
Council Member At-Large Charnette Frederic
Council Member At-Large October Hudley

At this point Assistant Municipal Clerk Shawna M. Supel presented the Certificates of Election to Council Members At-Large Renee C. Burgess, Charnette Frederic and October Hudley.

Remarks by:

Council Member At-Large Renee C. Burgess
Council Member At-Large Charnette Frederic
Council Member At-Large October Hudley

At this point Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin administered to oaths of office to:

Mayor Tony Vauss

At this point Assistant Municipal Clerk Shawna M. Supel presented the Certificate of Election to Mayor Vauss.

Remarks by: Mayor Vauss

At this point a special presentation was made to Mayor Vauss by the Inauguration Committee represented by Tanya Walker and Deborah Simpkins.

6. Prayer For Guidance for Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members At-Large - Pastor Jerry Smith, Christian Pentecostal Church

At this point a dance selection by the Dance Theatre & Education Center of the Township of Irvington, led by Mozel Advisory Anderson and Chorographer Kamille King took place.

At this point Council Member Charnette Frederic presented plaques to Outgoing Council President D. Bilal Beasley and Outgoing Council Member At-Large Leby C. Jones.

Remarks by Outgoing Council President Beasley
Remarks by Outgoing Council Member At-Large Leby C. Jones

Note: Outgoing Mayor Wayne Smith and Outgoing Council Member At-Large Andrea C. McElroy were not in attendance at the meeting to receive their plaques.

At this point Council Members Frederic, Lyons and Jones made a special presentation to Outgoing Council President D. Bilal Beasley and Outgoing Council Member At-Large Leby C. Jones

Note: Council Member Inman was absent from the meeting and could not be a part of the presentation

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9. Roll Call for New Council

Present: Council Members Burgess, Frederic, Hudley, Jones, Lyons

Absent: Council Member Inman

10. Resolutions

Jones – Hudley A. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Interim West Ward Council Member - Vernal C. Cox Sr.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Municipal Council for the West Ward Council Member by virtue of the fact that former West Ward Council Member Charnette Frederic was elected as Council Member-At-Large on May 13, 2014 for a term to commence on July 1, 2014; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Vernal C. Cox, Sr., 52 Glorieux Street, is hereby appointed as West Ward Council Member for a term to commence on July 1, 2014 and to expire upon the election of a qualified successor to said office at the November 4, 2014 General Election, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-4(b).

Adopted
No: Lyons
Absent: Inman

At this point Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin administered to oaths of office to Interim West Ward Council Member Cox.

Remarks by Council Member Cox

Cox – Jones B. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council President - Council Member At-Large Charnette Frederic

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5-15 (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, 2014:

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

Adopted
Abstain Lyons
Absent: Inman

Frederic – Hudley C. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council 1st Vice President - Council Member At-Large Renee C. Burgess

WHEREAS, Section 5-15 (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 Renee C. Burgess 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, 2016.

Adopted
Abstain Lyons
Absent: Inman

Burgess – Cox D. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council 2nd Vice President - South Ward Council Member Sandra R. Jones

WHEREAS, Section 5-15 (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 Sandra R. Jones 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, 2016.

Adopted
Abstain Lyons
Absent: Inman

Frederic – Cox E. Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Representative to Joint Meeting - Council Member At-Large Renee C. Burgess

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY, that Council Member Renee C. Burgess 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, 2014.

Adopted
Abstain Lyons
Absent: Inman

Hudley – Jones F. Resolution authorizing the appointment of A.B.C. Chair Person - Interim West Ward Council Member Vernal C. Cox, Sr.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 59-29 of the Irvington Township Revised Code provides that the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington shall constitute the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Vernal C. Cox Sr. hereby designated as Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Township of Irvington for a term of two (2) years commencing on July 1, 2014.

Adopted
Abstain: Lyons
Absent: Inman

Burgess – Cox G. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Representative to Planning Board - South Ward Council Member Sandra R. Jones

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 Sandra R. Jones is hereby appointed as a Member of the Irvington Planning Board for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2014.

Adopted
Absent: Inman

Jones – Hudley H. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Legislative Research Officer - Rashidah N. Hasan Esq.

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WHEREAS, Section 5-1 (I) 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, 2014.

Adopted
Absent: Inman

Frederic – Cox I. Resolution authorizing the Confirmation of the Mayor's Nomination of Department Directors, Presiding Municipal Court Judge, Municipal Court Judge and Police and Fire Chaplains

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, 2014, and to expire on June 30, 2018 for the advice and consent of the Municipal Council; and

Musa Abdul Malik, Esq., Business Administrator
Faheem Ra'Oof, Director of Revenue & Finance/CFO
Tracy Bowers, Police Director
Ted R. Green, Housing Services Director
Jamel C. Holley, Public Works Director
Stephanie R., Bush-Baskette, Health Director and Public Communications
Anthony R. Atwell, Chief Municipal Court Judge
Patricia Weston Rivera, Municipal Court Judge
Pastor Jerry Smith, Police and Fire Chaplain
Pastor Leroy Hodges, Police and Fire Chaplain
Pastor Sean C. Evans, Police and Fire Chaplain

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, 2014 and to expire on June 30, 2018 be confirmed:

Musa Abdul Malik, Esq., Business Administrator
Faheem Ra'Oof, Director of Revenue & Finance/CFO
Tracy Bowers, Police Director
Ted R. Green, Housing Services Director
Jamel C. Holley, Public Works Director
Stephanie R., Bush-Baskette, Health Director and Public Communications
Anthony R. Atwell, Chief Municipal Court Judge
Patricia Weston Rivera, Municipal Court Judge
Pastor Jerry Smith, Police and Fire Chaplain

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Pastor Leroy Hodges, Police and Fire Chaplain
Pastor Sean C. Evans, Police and Fire Chaplain

Adopted
Absent: Inman

11. Motions

Jones – Frederic A. Motion to adopt an ordinance to abolish the Department of Neighborhood Services, re-establish the Departments of Health, Housing Services and Public Works, re-establish the title of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor and establishing salaries of Department Directors

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES MC 3392, MC 3393, MC 3394, MC 3395 AND MC 3407 TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND RE-ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, REPEALING ORDINANCE MC 3100 TO RE-ESTABLISH THE TITLE OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council is desirous of abolishing the Department of Neighborhood Services and re-establishing the Department of Health, the Department of Housing Services and the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council is desirous of re-establishing the title of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council is desirous of establishing salaries of certain department directors, effective July 1, 2014:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinances MC 3392, MC 3393, MC 3394, MC 3395 and MC 3407 regarding the establishment of the Department of Neighborhood Services and the abolishment of the Department of Health, the Department of Housing Services and the Department of Public Works are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 2. Ordinance MC 3100 repealing the title of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. The following salaries are hereby established for certain Department Directors, effective July 1, 2014:

	Minimum	Maximum
Department of Administration	\$115,000.00	\$130,000.00
Department of Revenue and Finance	\$110,000.00	\$125,000.00

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Department of Parks and Recreation	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Department of Health	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Department of Housing Services	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Department of Public Works	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
Department of Fire	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Department of Police	\$110,000.00	\$145,000.00

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of the within ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistencies or conflicts therewith.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective upon final passage and publication according to law.

Adopted
No: Lyons
Absent: Inman

Resolutions (Continued)

Jones – Frederic J. Resolution waiving the 20 day waiting period for the adoption of an ordinance to abolish the Department of Neighborhood Services, re-establish the Departments of Health, Housing Services and Public Works, re-establish the title of Confidential Assistant to the Mayor and establishing salaries of Department Directors

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES MC 3392, MC 3393, MC 3394, MC 3395 AND MC 3407 TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND RE-ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, REPEALING ORDINANCE MC 3100 TO RE-ESTABLISH THE TITLE OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS" was duly passed on first reading by the Municipal Council on June 10, 2014, and duly adopted by the Municipal Council on second reading after public hearing on July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 (a) and Section 5-30 (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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 (b) and Section 5-30 (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 5-30 (d) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington, it does hereby declare that an emergency exists that an ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES MC 3392, MC 3393, MC

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3394, MC 3395 AND MC 3407 TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND RE-ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, REPEALING ORDINANCE MC 3100 TO RE-ESTABLISH THE TITLE OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS” shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

Adopted
No: Lyons
Absent: Inman

12. Communications

A. Mayor Vauss - Appointment of Department Directors, Judges, Police and Fire Chaplains

- a. Director of Administration - Musa Abdul Malik, Esq.
- b. Director of Revenue and Finance - Faheem Ra'Oof
- c. Director of Housing - Ted R. Green
- d. Director of Health - Stephanie R. Bush-Baskette, Esq., PH.D.
- e. Director of Police - Tracy Bowers
- f. Director of Public Works - Jamel C. Holley
- g. Chief Municipal Court Judge - Anthony R. Atwell, Esq.
- h. Municipal Court Judge - Patricia Weston Rivera, Esq.
- i. Police and Fire Chaplain - Pastor Jerry Smith
- j. Police and Fire Chaplain - Pastor Leroy Hodges, PH.D.
- k. Police and Fire Chaplain - Pastor Sean C. Evans

B. Mayor Vauss - Appointment of Acting Directors and Office Heads

Ramon E. Rivera, Esq., Township Attorney
Wayne Bradley, Community Development Director & Planner
Gary Shumlich, Acting Fire Director & Chief
Gary Shumlich; Office of Emergency Management Coordinator
Deborah Simpkins, Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation (INIC) Executive Director
Terri Yuelling, Municipal Court Director
Donald Malloy, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

13. Benediction - Imam W. Deen Shareef, Waris Cultural Research and Development

14. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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Charnettte Frederic, Council President Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk