

INAUGURATION AND REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 1, 2018

Organization Meeting - Municipal Council
Council Chamber, Municipal Building
Irvington, N.J. - July 1, 2018
Sunday Afternoon - 12 O'clock Noon

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, 2018 to July 1, 2022 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.

Mr. Wiener read the statement of proper notice pursuant to the sunshine law.

Present: Renee C. Burgess, Vernon Cox, 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 Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting until 3:00 P.M. in the Christian Pentecostal Church, 971 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey.

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Christian Pentecostal Church
971 Clinton Avenue
Irvington, N.J. - July 1, 2018
Thursday Evening - 3:00 P.M.

The resumed meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk, who read the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Pastor Jerry Smith, Christian Pentecostal Church

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Presentation by the Christian Pentecostal Church Choir

Certification of Election Results

Mr. Wiener:

CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MAY 8, 2018
IRVINGTON, N.J.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Municipal Election was held on May 8, 2018 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	3439
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Renee C. Burgess	2,651
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	October Hudley	2,551
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Charnette Frederic	1,953

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, 2018 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 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2018.

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk

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:

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

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

At this point New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver administered to oaths of office to:

Mayor Tony Vauss

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

Remarks by: Mayor Vauss

6. Prayer For Guidance for Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members At-Large – Reverend Reginald Pitts, Solid Rock Baptist Church

Presentation by the Christian Love Baptist Church Choir

Roll Call for New Council

Present: Council Members Burgess, Cox, Hudley, Inman, Jones, Lyons

Absent: Council Member Frederic

Resolutions

Burgess – Jones A. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council President - North Ward Council Member David Lyons

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, 2018:

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

Adopted
Absent: Frederic

Lyons – Jones B. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council 1st Vice President - Council Member At-Large Renee C. Burgess

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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 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, 2020.

Adopted
Absent: Frederic

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

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 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, 2020.

Adopted
Absent: Frederic

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

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, 2018.

Adopted
Absent: Frederic

Lyons – Burgess E. Resolution authorizing the appointment of A.B.C. Chair Person - West Ward Council Member Vernal C. Cox, Sr.

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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, 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, 2018.

Adopted
Absent: Frederic

Cox – Burgess F. 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, 2018.

Adopted
Absent: Frederic

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

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: Frederic

Lyons – Jones H. 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

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WHEREAS, the Mayor has submitted the following nominations to be effective July 1, 2018, and to expire on June 30, 2022 for the advice and consent of the Municipal Council; and

Musa A. Malik, Business Administrator
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Tharien Arnold, Director of Housing Services
Jamel C. Holley, Director of Public Works
Dr. Monique Griffith, 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, 2018 and to expire on June 30, 2022 be confirmed:

Musa A. Malik, Business Administrator
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Tharien Arnold, Director of Housing Services
Jamel C. Holley, Director of Public Works
Dr. Monique Griffith, Director of Health
Donald Malloy, Director of Parks & Recreation

12. Communications

A. Mayor Vauss – Appointment of Department Directors

Business Administrator - Musa A. Malik
Director of Public Safety - Tracy Bowers
Director of Housing Services - Tharien Arnold
Director of Public Works - Jamel C. Holley
Director of Health - Dr. Monique Griffith
Director of Parks & Recreation - Donald Malloy

B. Mayor Vauss – Appointments

Musa A. Malik, Acting Director of Revenue & Finance
Althea Headley, Assistant Business Administrator and Qualified Purchasing Agent
Ramon Rivera, Esq., Township Attorney
Kyana Woolridge, Esq., Director of Community Development
Genia Philip, Director of Economic Development & Grants Oversight
Deborah Simpkins, Director of the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation
Theresa L. Yuelling, Municipal Court Director
John Brown, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator
Chandra L. Rainey Cole, Esq., Chief Municipal Court Judge
Ahmed Screven, Esq., Acting Chief Municipal Public Defender

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C. Mayor Vauss – Reassignment

Anthony Atwell, Reassigned as Municipal Court Judge

Benediction – Pastor Delores Watson, First Congressional Christian Church of Christ

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

David Lyons, Council President

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk