

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting
Irvington, N.J. – Monday Morning
August 15, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call

Present: Jamillah Z. Beasley, Vernal Cox Sean C. Evans, Charnette Frederic, October Hudley, Orlander G. Vick

Absent: Renee C. Burgess

Acting President Hudley read the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

3. Resolutions and Motions

Vick – Hudley 1. Authorize CY 2022 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget as advertised shall be read in full at the public hearing, or that it may be read by its title only if:

1. At least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget,

(a) shall be made available for public inspection.

(b) copies are made available to each person requesting same, during said week and during the public hearing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it is hereby declares that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 1 (a) and 1 (b), have been met and therefore the Calendar Year 2022 municipal budget shall be read by title only.

Adopted
Absent: Burgess

A. Acting President Hudley: The Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget was introduced on July 18, 2021, published in summary form in the Irvington Herald on July 18 2022, and public hearing set for this date, time and place. The Clerk will read the notice of hearing.

The Clerk read the notice of hearing

The Clerk will read the 2022 Calendar Year Municipal Budget by title

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following Statement of Revenues and Appropriations shall constitute the Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget

Total General Revenues \$124,058,224.24

Total General Appropriations \$124,058,224.24

The public hearing on the Calendar Year 2021 Municipal Budget is now open.

There were no requests to be heard.

Vick - Hudley Motion to closing public hearing.

Adopted
Absent: Burgess

Vick - Hudley Motion to adjourn further deliberations on the Calendar Year 2022 Municipal Budget

Adopted
Absent: Burgess

Hudley – Evans 2. Authorize a Tax Amnesty Program

Tax Amnesty Resolution 2022

WHEREAS, the Municipal Township Council of the Township of Irvington recognizes that the past and current economic climate has had a tremendous adverse impact upon Irvington residents and particularly those struggling daily to pay their real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the inability of the taxpayers to pay his or her taxes ultimately has a direct impact on the viability of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, both branches of Municipal Government recognize and concur that some specific program must be put into place to lessen the burden taxpayers are carrying and assist them to any extent possible with their current tax dilemma; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-99 is a specific State statutory provision, that subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-100, permits the abatement alteration, adjustment and settlement of any past taxes due, and other Municipal charges, both of principal and of any and all interest and penalties thereon, as it shall be equitable and just and be for the best interest of the Municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY transfer as follows:

SECTION 1. The Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, hereby, declares that a tax amnesty period shall go into effect between the dates of August 1, 2022 and October 31, 2022 pursuant to the following guidelines:

1. Applies to all real property, except those properties where the Council has passed a Resolution designating the property to a Redeveloper as part of a Redevelopment Plan and/or where a foreclosure complaint has been filed by or on behalf of the Township;
2. It also does not apply to any property which has already received a full or partial reduction of the total interest and penalties due on the taxes and/or on any property currently subject to a payment plan;

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3. While there will be no waiver of any principal due, all accrued penalty and interest as of October 31, 2022 will be waived;
4. All applications for waiver must be made in-person, by the property owner and/or registered agent, in the case of a corporation;
5. At the time of application, all updated owner/registered agent information must be provided, including a copy of property owner's driver's license or state identification, or, in the case of a corporation, other documentation, including formation documents, current BRC, contact information for the registered agent is required and a physical address must be submitted as part of this update;
6. Applications for forgiveness can be picked up from the Department of Revenue and Finance, Tax Division, Room 101 until 4:00pm Friday, October 28, 2022 and will include the total taxes due on the real property applied for;
7. There will be an application fee of \$250.00 (in certified funds) due at the time of pickup to process each application for waiver of penalty and interest to cover the additional time this program will require for investigating taxes due, reviewing applications and processing payments; and
8. Applications for forgiveness must be returned in person to the Department of Revenue and Finance, Tax Division, between 9:00am on August 1st through 12:00pm on October 31st and must be accompanied by the full principal amount due in certified funds (i.e. cashier's check, money order, etc.).

Adopted

Absent: Burgess

Prior to adjournment a brief discussion ensued on the budget process moving forward with the Council Members, Chief Financial Officer RaOof and Budget Consultant Gibson-Fuller participating.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

Dr. October Hudley, Acting Council President

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk