# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting Irvington, N.J. – Tuesday Evening February 14, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

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

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

Absent: None

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

4. Hearing of Citizens on Agenda Items Only (limited to three minutes per person and thirty minutes total)

Elouise McDaniel, 214 Nesbit Terrace

5. Hearing of Council Members

Council President Beasley responded to the concerns of the above referenced citizen.

- 6. Reports & Recommendations of Township Officers, Boards & Commissions
- A. Reports
- 1. Municipal Court Weekly Summary Report For The Week Of January 16, 2023 to January 20 2023
- 2. Municipal Court Electronic Collections Report December, 2022
- 3. Municipal Court Weekly Summary Report For The Week Of January 23, 2023 to January 27 2023
- 4. Municipal Court Weekly Summary Report For The Week Of January 31, 2023 to February 3 2023
- 7. Reports of Committees
- 1. Bid Results Portable Restroom with Trailer February 1, 2023
- 8. Ordinances, Bills & Claims
- A. Ordinances on First Reading
- 1. Amend and Supplement Section 462-3 of the Revised Code Regarding

Fees

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 462-3 OF THE REVISED CODE REGARDING FEES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS

### Adopted

Vick - Brown

2. Regulate Beekeeping

# AN ORDINANCE FOR BEEKEEPING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

Cox – Vick

3. Prohibit All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on Public Streets and Authorize Unregistered ATVs and Dirt Bikes Abandoned, Stored or Parked on a Public Street, Sidewalk or Alley to be Impounded or Destroyed

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 620. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE XXV POCKET BIKES TO PROHIBIT USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES, OR DIRT BIKES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON AND SUBJECTING (THE ILLEGAL USE) SAME TO SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE

### Adopted

Brown – Hudley

4. Regulate Retail Food Establishments, Temporary Retail Food Establishments, Temporary Mobile Retail Food Establishments and Provide for Penalties for Violations

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE I THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON (RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING)

### Adopted

C. Bills & Claims

Cox – Frederic

1. Bill Lists

RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON FOR A PERIOD FEBRUARY 14, 2023 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

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 \$4,713,573.83

TOTAL \$4,713,573.83

Adopted

Frederic - Cox

2. Payrolls

January 27, 2023

REGULAR OVERTIME OTHER TOTAL

\$1,716.53.53 \$256,703.05 \$78,904.36 \$2,051,660.94

Adopted

- 2. Payrolls
- 9. Resolutions and Motions

A. Resolutions

Cox - Vick

1. Qualify 6 Licensed General Contractors to Rehabilitate Residential Properties

# RESOLUTION QUALIFYING CERTIFIED AND LICENSED GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO REHABILITATE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Request for Qualifications for certified and licensed General Contractors to rehabilitate residential properties was publicly advertised in the New Jersey Star Ledger on November 11, 2022 with a deadline for qualifications to be submitted on December 08, 2022; and

WHEREAS, six qualifications were received and publicly opened by the Township Clerk and the Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, two vendors did not submit a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate with their bids; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 17:27-1.1, the vendors submitted the required document prior to the bid award; and

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

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Director has recommended that a list be created for this service for one year with the following firm(s):-

Enviro Science Solution LLC 28 North day Street, Orange, NJ 07050 Absolute Abatement and Constructions
Services
2293 Springfield Ave, Vauxhall, NJ 07088

BGI Resources Intl. Corp 80 Barclay Shopping Center, Suite2, Cherry Hill NJ 08034 Maharaj General Contracting LLC 11 Quail run, Warren, NJ 07059

A-Arcalenz LLC 571 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 07052

Tekcon Construction Inc 285 Davidson Ave, suite 202, Somerset, NJ 08873

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the above vendors are qualified for the services of certified and licensed general contractors to rehabilitate residential properties service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Economic Development Director will contact all six vendors on this list for quotes for all required work and prepare separate resolutions with the lowest responsible quote for all projects assigned to the above vendors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this qualification is for one year starting on February 14, 2023 until February 15, 2024; 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.

### Adopted

Hudley – Brown

2. Authorize Negotiated Contract For Animal Control Services - Aranwood Kennel, LLC - February 15, 2023 until February 14, 2024 - \$100,000.00

### AUTHORIZING A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington duly advertised for the request for bids for a contract entitled "Animal Control Services" which was advertised in the New Jersey Star ledger on October 24, 2022 and December 02, 2022, and no bids were received, and;

WHEREAS, the Administration would like to use the exception under 40A:11-5(3), and negotiate a contract for animal control service for nine months, and;

WHEREAS, the Health Director contacted vendors for service and only Aranwood Kennel LLC provided a price proposal for service, and;

WHEREAS, the Administration wishes to award a contract to Aranwood Kennel LLC of Stag Hill Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430 for one year starting on February 15, 2023 until February 14, 2024, and;

WHEREAS, the vendor will charge the Township a total sum of \$100,000.00 annually for said service, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of Township of Irvington hereby authorize a negotiated contract for animal control service to to Aranwood Kennel LLC of Stag Hill Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for one year and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the required certification of availability of funds C23-0024 in the amount of \$30,000.00 from account number 3-01-27-335-335-176 has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer and the remaining balance of \$70,000.00 will be certified upon the adoption of the 2023-2024 Municipal Budgets, 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 FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of this action shall be published in newspapers as required by law by the Municipal Clerk.

# Adopted

Cox - Hudley

3. Authorize Purchase of Body Worn Cameras, Ancillary Accessories and Equipment Storage from State Contract Vendor Axon Enterprise Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,086,697.00

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS, ANCILLARY ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE FROM STATE CONTRACT VENDOR AXON ENTERPRISE INC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,086,697.00 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-12a and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to purchase a body worn cameras, ancillary accessories and Equipment storage from Axon Enterprises, State of New Jersey Contract number 17-FLEET-00738/T0106 for five years starting on February 15, 2023 until February 14, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington intends to enter into contracts with Axon Enterprises through this resolution and properly executed purchase orders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON hereby authorizes a service contract with Axon Enterprises of 17800 North 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 for an amount not to exceed \$1,086,697.00 for five years starting on February 15, 2023 until February 14, 208 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 FUTHER RESOLVED that the required certification of availability of funds C23-0026 in the amount of \$54,334.85 from account numbers 3-01-25-240-240-256 and 3-01-25-240-240-262 has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer and the remaining balance of \$1,032,362.15 with be paid quarterly upon the adoptions of the 2023-2028 budgets.

# Adopted

Frederic - Beasley

4. Commemoration- National Haitian American Elected Officials Network Day

# RESOLUTION OF COMMEMORATION NATIONAL HAITIAN AMERICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS NETWORK DAY JANUARY 27, 2023

WHEREAS, The National Haitian American Elected Officials Network was established in 2009 in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The United States is one of the primary destinations for the settlement of the Haitian diaspora; and

WHEREAS, the United States has historically been home to millions of diasporas and diverse cultures across the country; and

WHEREAS, Haitian immigrants and descendants of the diaspora provide a broader cultural understanding of the country the more they are represented; and

WHEREAS, civic engagement directly impacts the lives of community members and provides deeper comprehension of the political process; and

WHEREAS, Haitian recognition in a country such as the United States will influence global relief efforts to aid in the development and prosperity of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, communities of African descent have been working towards improving opportunities for empowerment; and

WHEREAS, direct civic engagement allows for underprivileged communities to collaborate in deciding the policies that will affect them; and

WHEREAS, Haitians have been instrumental in encouraging Haitian Americans to serve in local, state and federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby recognizes January 27, 2023 as National Haitian American Elected Officials Network Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body in lasting tribute to National Haitian American Elected Officials Network Day.

### Adopted

Beasley – Evans

5. Resolution of Sorrow - Helen I. Croom

# RESOLUTION OF SORROW HELEN I. CROOM

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington wishes to express their deepest sorrow on the passing of Helen I. Croom; and

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has taken from amongst our ranks Helen I. Croom at the tender age of 90 years and 7 months old; and

WHEREAS, Helen I. Croom was born on May 10, 1932 in Trenton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, she resided in Irvington for nineteen and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Helen joined the Irvington Senior Citizen Center and enjoyed the many activities and socializing with the fellow seniors; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Julia Richmond High School in Manhattan and completed two years of college at Queens College while in New York; and

WHEREAS, Helen worked various jobs. She worked for Stess Advertising Agency, for the MTA as a subway clerk, worked as an elementary school teacher's aide and managed Multi-purpose Center #3 - a social services outreach center; and

WHEREAS, she raised 7 children and assisted with raising 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Helen was very talented, she was a published poet, fantastic baker, artist and crafter; and

WHEREAS, she became certified Master Gardener from Rutgers University and obtained her CPR license and certification as a member of the Irvington Community Emergency First Responder Team while attending Irvington's Senior Center in her late 80's; and

WHEREAS, Helen will be missed by all of those who had the good graces to be touched by her; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington hereby mourns the passing of Helen I. Croom and extends our most sincerest condolences to her family and friends during this period of bereavement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Helen I. Croom.

# Adopted

Cox - Frederic

6. Authorize Use of Public Buildings as Polling Places for the 2023 Election
Cycle

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY that the following public buildings are hereby authorized for election purposes for the Local School Board, Primary and General Elections during the year 2023:

WARD	DISTRICT	LOCATION		
North	1 & 2	Shelter House, Orange Park		
East	2 & 3	Shelter House, Parkway Playground		
East	4	Grove Street Firehouse		
West	3 & 4	Wagner Place Fire House		
West	8	Shelter House, 40th Street Playground		
		Adopted		
Vick – Hudley		7. Authorize Procurement of 911 Vesta Support Service Contract With State Contract Vendor Johnston Communication For An Amount Not To Exceed \$41,204.54		

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 911 VESTA SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT WITH STATE CONTRACT VENDOR JOHNSTON COMMUNICATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,204.54

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-12a and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to purchase 911 Vesta Support service contract from Johnston Communications, State of New Jersey Contract number 83925; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington intends to enter into contracts with Johnston Communication through this resolution and properly executed purchase orders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON hereby authorizes a service contract with Johnston Communications of 322 Belleville Turnpike, N. Arlington, NJ 07031 for an amount not to exceed \$41,204.54 for the new 911 Vesta support service, 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 certification of availability of funds C23-0016 in the amount of \$41,204.54 from account number 3-01-25-240-240-118 has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer.

### Adopted

Vick – Cox

8. Authorize Local Support for Organic Fusion LLC for Cannabis License Amended Application to the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON AUTHORIZING LOCAL SUPPORT FOR ORGANIC FUSION LLC FOR CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATION(S) TO THE NEW JERSEY CANNABIS

# FOR CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATION(S) TO THE NEW JERSEY CANN REGULATORY COMMISSION (AMENDED)

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, Organic Fusion LLC, whose proposed site of operation is Valley Mall (480 Chancellor Ave, Irvington), 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

Hudley - Brown

9. Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funding for Housing and Related Services For People Living With HIV/AIDS in the Amount of \$355,000.00 - January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

WHEREAS, The City of Newark, acting through its Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Services Office of Partnerships and Grants Management proposes to enter into a sub grant agreement with Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation to provide Housing and related services to people living with HIV/AIDS for the contract price of \$335,000.00 during the 2023 program year of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 and

WHEREAS, said grant agreement is part of a federal grant award made possible by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township of Irvington be and hereby is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the City of Newark as sub-recipient of H.O.P.W.A Funds in the amount of \$335,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNUCIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington does hereby accept the award of \$335,000.00 for such activities.

# Adopted

Brown - Hudley

10. Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) of Essex County to Service the Low-Income Poverty Constituents of Essex County in the Amount of \$90,000.00 – January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

WHEREAS, The County of Essex, acting through its Department of Citizens Services, Division of Community Action through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) proposes to enter into a sub grant agreement with Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation to service the low-income poverty constituents of Essex County for the contract price of \$90,000.00 during the 2023 program year of January 1, 2023– December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said grant agreement has been negotiated and approved by the County Executive of Essex County and to the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington be and hereby authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the Essex County Division of Community Action as sub-recipient of Community Services Block Grant funds in the amount of \$90,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Irvington does hereby accept the award of \$90,000.00 for such activities.

Brown – Hudley

11. Authorize Acceptance of Grant Funding for Rental Assistance, Security Deposit, Utility Assistance, Hotel/Motel and Case Management Under the Social Services for the Homeless (SSH/TANF) Program in the Amount of \$145,190 for the period of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The County of Essex, acting through its Department of Citizens Services, Division of Community Action proposes to enter into a sub grant agreement with Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation to provide Rental Assistance, Security Deposit, Utility Assistance, Hotel/Motel and Case Management under the Social Services for the Homeless (SSH/TANF) Program at a contract price of \$145,190 for the period of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said grant agreement has been negotiated by the County Executive of Essex County and presented to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for Its approval: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Township of Irvington be and hereby is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the Essex County Division of Community Action as sub-recipient of Social Services for the Homeless funds in the amount of \$145,190.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNUCIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington does hereby accept the award of \$145,190.00 for such activities.

# Adopted

Hudley – Brown

12. Rescind Resolution No. TA 22-1227-42 – Assignment of Outside Counsel - Post Polak – Matter of Trystone Capital Assets, LLC

# RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER TA 22-1227-42 AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2022, the Municipal Council awarded a contract for Post Polak under Resolution No. TA 1227-42; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has determined that the Resolution No. TA 1227-43 should be rescinded;

NOW THEREFORE BEIT RESOLVED by the Council of Township of Irvington, in the County of Essex, that Resolution No. TA 1227-42 approved on December 27, 2022 is hereby rescinded.

# Adopted

Hudley – Brown

13. Rescind Resolution No. TA 22-1227-43 - Assignment of Outside Counsel Post Polak - Matter of Jerry Wiley

# RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER TA 22-1227-43 AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2022, the Municipal Council awarded a contract for Post Polak under Resolution No. TA 1227-43; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has determined that the Resolution No. TA 1227-43 should be rescinded;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Township of Irvington, in the County of Essex, that Resolution No. TA 1227-43 approved on December 27, 2022 is hereby rescinded.

# Adopted

Vick - Cox

14. Authorize Cancelation of Contract for Payroll Services Effective April 30, 2023

# RESOLUTION TO CANCEL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PAYROLL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington and Balance Point entered into a professional service contract on August 9, 2021 for payroll services by resolution number DA-21-0809-32; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2022, the Township Attorney notified Balance Point that the Township would be terminating their services effective January 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the contract was cancelled by resolution number DRF 22-1114-55 on November 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, payroll services would need to be extended until April 30, 2023, so that the Township of Irvington can secure a new vendor to provide payroll services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the contract for payroll services is hereby canceled effective April 30, 2023.

# Adopted

Frederic – Hudley

15. Ratifying Professional Services Contract for Public Relations Service To Mercury to Oversee an Opioid Remediation Public Relations Program Not to Exceed \$88,000.00 Per Year

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICE TO MERCURY

WHEREAS, resolution number DA 22-0711-24 qualified three firms to provide Marketing and Public Relations services for the Township of Irvington on July 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all matters assigned for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township has recently received significant funding through a settlement agreement with regard to opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS the Township intends to use this opioid settlement to pay for the cost for Mercury to develop, implement and oversee an opioid remediation public relations program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a one year contract for Public Relations Consultant Services be awarded to Mercury, 1 Elm Street, Suite 2, Westfield, NJ 07090. The contract amount for this service is not to exceed \$88,000.00, expiring July 10, 2023; and

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

BE IT FUTHER RESLOVED that the required certification of availability of funds C23-0024 in the amount of \$44,000.00 from account number 3-01-20-155-155-256 has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer and the remaining balance of \$44,000.00 will be certified upon the adoption of the 2023-2024 Municipal Budgets.

# Adopted

Cox - Vick

16. Authorize the Cancellation a Tax Sale Certificate of an Active Military Service Person – 68 Chester Avenue, Block 224 Lot 9 Tsc#22-00832 and Refund The Lienholder, Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank, the Charges Paid For The Purchase of Lien in the Amount Of \$1,782.76 as Well as Refund the Paid Premium in the Amount of \$5,900.00

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE OF AN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PERSON BLOCK 224 LOT 9 TSC#22-00832

**WHEREAS,** Certificate of Sale #22-00832 was issued to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank for delinquent taxes on Block 224 Lot 9 commonly known as 68 Chester Ave., at a Tax Sale held on December 15, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** In accordance with PL 2015, c. 277 and PL 2016, c. 63, deferment from property taxes that will be due while a NJ resident serviceperson is deployed for active service in time of war is permitted. The deferment allows for tax payments to accrue while the deferment is in effect but they will not be due until after the serviceperson's deployment has ended; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Cathy-Ann M. Alexander, assessed owner of Block 224 Lot 9 commonly known as 68 Chester Ave., has been on active military deployment from the time period of October 28, 2020 through October 28, 2023 and has applied for the Active Military Service Property Tax Deferment Program on February 3, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the serviceperson, Ms. Cathy-Ann M. Alexander, acknowledges that any taxes deferred will be due in full, without interest, within a 90-day grace period after the last date of her deployment. Ms. Cathy-Ann M. Alexander further acknowledges that if the deferred tax payments are not paid in full by the end of the 90-day grace period interest will be assessed back to the date the tax payments were originally due.

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Collector requests permission to cancel Certificate of Sale #22-00832 due to the sale of taxes on an active military service person that meets the eligibility requirements for deferment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector request to refund the lienholder, Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank, the charges paid on lien in the amount of \$1,782.76 as well as refund the paid premium in the amount of \$5,900.00.

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 Certificate of Sale #22-00832 and refund the lienholder, Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank, the charges paid for the purchase of lien in the amount of \$1,782.76 as well as refund the paid premium in the amount of \$5,900.00.

# Adopted

Vick - Cox

17. Authorize And Direct Planning Board to Investigate 66-68 Newton Place, Block 17, Lot 97, C0001-C0018 to Determine Whether Such Property Constitutes a Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE IRVINGTON PLANNING BOARD TO INVESTIGATE THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED IN THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS AS BLOCK 17, LOT 97, C0001-C0018 AND IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY TAX RECORDS AS 66-68 NEWTON PLACE TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH PROPERTY CONSTITUTES A CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SEQ.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the "**Redevelopment Law**"), authorizes a municipality to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, to make such a determination under the Redevelopment Law, the Municipal Council (the "**Township Council**") of the Township of Irvington (the "**Township**") must first authorize the Irvington Planning Board (the "**Planning Board**") to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the Township Council; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the Township Council believes it is in the best interest of the Township that an investigation occur with respect to the property identified on Township tax maps as Block 17, Lot 97, C0001-C0018, and identified in the Township tax records as 66-68 Newton Place along with all streets and rights of way appurtenant thereto (the "**Study Area**") and to

determine whether all or a portion of the Study Area meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law to be designated as an area in need of redevelopment; and

- **WHEREAS**, the Township therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the Study Area and to make recommendations to the Township Council, all in accordance with the Redevelopment Law; and
- **WHEREAS**, if the Study Area is designated as an area in need of redevelopment, the Township Council authorizes the Township to use all of those powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, <u>including</u> the power of eminent domain pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8(c) (as designated, a "**Condemnation Redevelopment Area**"),
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey as follows:
  - 1. **Generally**. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
  - 2. **Investigation of Study Area Authorized.** The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 to determine whether the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, including N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, to be designated as a "Condemnation Redevelopment Area".
  - 3. **Map to be Prepared**. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundary of the Study Area.
  - 4. **Public Hearing Required**. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing, after giving due notice of the proposed boundary of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is a Condemnation Redevelopment Area.
  - 5. **Planning Board to Make Recommendations**. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the proposed redevelopment area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received considered, and made part of the public record, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Township Council as to whether the Township should designate the Study Area as a Condemnation Redevelopment Area.
  - 6. **Redevelopment Plan.** In the event the Planning Board determines to recommend that the governing body designate the Study Area as a Condemnation Redevelopment Area, the Planning Board shall commence with the preparation of a redevelopment plan without need of further action by the Township Council.
  - 7. **Severability**. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
  - 8. **Availability of the Resolution.** A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

9. **Effective Date**. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Adopted

Frederic – Beasley

18 Assign Murphy Orlando LLC in the matter of Ahmed Screven, et als. v. Barnabas Health Newark Beth Israel, et als., - Not to exceed \$3,000.00

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that Murphy Orlando LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter of Ahmed Screven, et als. v. Barnabas Health Newark Beth Israel, et als., Docket no: L-4495-22; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, II th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302 for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

# Adopted

Beasley - Cox

19. Authorize the Execution of a Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice, the Soil RAP Application, and All Related Documents Required Now and in the Future for 68-74 Coit Street

**Resolution Concerning Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice** 

**Resolution Concerning Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice** 

Resolution Approving the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice for a sidewalk area adjacent to 68 Coit Street, Irvington, Essex County, New Jersey; Acknowledging the Use Restrictions on the Property and the Obligations Imposed on the Township of Irvington Detailed Therein; and Authorizing Execution of the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice, the Soil Remedial Action Permit Application, and Related Documents for the Property

Resolved by the Township of Irvington

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Irvington is the Owner of certain real property designated as the sidewalk adjacent to 68 Coit Street, Irvington, Essex County ("Property") (as shown in Attachment A); and

**WHEREAS,** hazardous substances discharged at the real property located at 68 Coit Street, Irvington, Essex County ("Site"), which DEP has designated as Site Remediation Program Interest No. PI Number #032104, have been identified at the Property; and

WHEREAS, SMD Investments, LLC is the Person Responsible for Conducting the Remediation ("PRCR") of the Site and the PRCR's Licensed Site Remediation Professional, David Pry, License #573686 has approved a remedial action for the Site that will result in soil contamination remaining on the Property in concentrations that do not allow for the unrestricted use of the Property and which requires the use of engineering and/or institutional controls defined by the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites, N.J.A.C. 7:26C1.3, and the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E-1.8; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26C-7.2(b)(2), the PRCR has prepared the attached Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice which documents the required engineering and institutional controls; and

**WHEREAS,** a Soil Remedial Action Permit ("RAP") issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is required to memorialize the operation, maintenance, and monitoring required by the PRCR/Owner for the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and engineering control; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Township of Irvington to agree to the use restriction(s) and maintenance and monitoring requirements on the Property and to execute the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and related documents.

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township of Irvington in the State of New Jersey, that:

- 1. The proper officials of the Township of Irvington are hereby authorized to execute a Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice, the Soil RAP Application, and all related documents required now and in the future for the Property and by attaching a copy of this Resolution to the document; and
- 2. The use restrictions on the Property detailed in the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and Soil RAP will be honored; and
- 3. Any operation, maintenance, and monitoring tasks assigned to the Owner in the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and/or Soil RAP will be performed in accordance with the Soil RAP and applicable statutes and requirements.

#### Adopted

Hudley – Cox

20 Assign Murphy Orlando LLC in the Matter of Jerry Wiley Holdings, LLC v. Township of Irvington - \$3,300.00

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 0I, 2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that Murphy Orlando LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter of Jerry Wiley Holdings, LLC v. Township of Irvington, Docket No. ESX-SC-000899-22; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302 for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,300.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,300.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

# Adopted

Hudley - Cox

21. Assign Lamb Kretzer, LLC in the Matter of Masters Makit Home Realty, LLC v. Eugene Grandberry, et als. - Not to Exceed \$3,500.00

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that Lamb Kretzer, LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter of Masters Makit Home Realty, LLC v. Eugene Grandberry, et als. Docket No. F-01544-19; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Lamb Kretzer, LLC, II OB Meadowlands Parkway, Suite 201, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Lamb Kretzer, LLC, 110B Meadowlands Parkway, Suite 20I, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094 for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

### Adopted

Hudley – Beasley

22. Assign Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC in the Matter of Mortgage Assets Management v. Claude Davis, et al. - Not to Exceed \$3,000.00

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter of Mortgage Assets Management v. Claude Davis, et al. Docket No: F-013123-22; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, 34 Mountain Blvd., Bldg. A, P.O. Box 4922, Warren, NJ, 07059; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, 34 Mountain Blvd., Bldg. A, P.O. Box 4922, Warren, NJ, 07059 for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

### Adopted

Hudley – Beasley

23. Assign Murphy Orlando LLC Regarding Three Lawsuits Filed by Sherly Loseil - Not to Exceed \$9,700.00

RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that Murphy Orlando LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the three lawsuits filed by Sherly Loseil under Docket Numbers, DC-015747-22, DC-016405-22 and L-000-1423; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07302; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302 for a contract amount not to exceed \$9,700.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$9,700.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

# Adopted

Hudley – Beasley

24 Assign Murphy Orlando LLC in the Matter of Trystone Capital Assets, LLC v. Jose Reyes, LLC, et al. - Not to Exceed \$2,000.00

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01,2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has dete1mined that Murphy Orlando LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter of Trystone Capital Assets, LLC v. Jose Reyes, LLC, et al, Docket No. F-010543-22; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30 Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 30

Montgomery Street, 11th Floor, Jersey City, NJ, 07302 for a contract amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

# Adopted

Hudley – Cox

25. Authorize Legal Settlement - US Bank, Custodian For PC7, LLC Firstrust Bank v. Township Of Irvington, et al.

# RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF US BANK, CUSTODIAN FOR PC7, LLC FIRSTRUST BANK v. TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

### Docket No. F-8079-20

WHEREAS, the matter of US Bank, Custodian For PC7, LLC Firstrust Bank v. Township Of Irvington, et al. was filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Docket No. F-8079-20; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington Administration and the Municipal Council deem it in the best interest to bring this matter to a resolution, thus saving the Township further expense in the defense thereof and curtailing any excessive liability that could result from this litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Township Attorney has reviewed, monitored and consulted with counsel and all relevant municipal officials and pursuant thereto recommend that this matter be concluded as detailed in the Settlement Agreement and Release:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby agrees to settle the above captioned matter in accordance with the terms agreed to by both parties in the executed Release and Settlement Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the executed Settlement and Release Agreement and executed Consent Order of Dismissal with prejudice this matter is hereby concluded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the settlement funds will be processed through D&H Alternative Risk Solutions, the Township's third party liability administrator.

# Adopted

Cox – Hudley

26. Assign Lamb Kretzer, LLC in the Matter of Larry Belton v. Taneisha Scarlett, et als. - Not to Exceed \$2,500.00

# RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 22-1024-32 qualified six firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2022 until October 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires that all cases assigned to counsel for this purpose must be approved by the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has determined that Lamb Kretzer, LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter of Larry Belton v. Taneisha Scarlett, et als. Docket no: L-7539-22; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Lamb Kretzer, LLC, 110B Meadowlands Parkway, Suite 201, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a contract for Litigation/Defense counsel services be awarded to Lamb Kretzer, LLC, 110B Meadowlands Parkway, Suite 201, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094 for a contract amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this service will paid from the Insurance fund for a contract amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

Adopted

Vick – Cox

27. Termination Special Tax Sale Reverting Tax Certificates From the Spring, 2017 Special Tax Sale

RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY TO TERMINATE SPECIAL TAX SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 12, 2017 AS TO CERTAIN REDEVELOPERS IN DEFAULT

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2016, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington (the "**Township**") adopted Resolution No. DRF16-00927-65, which made available for public resale certain municipal tax sale certificates held by the Township against several abandoned, neglected and blighted properties within the township, in accordance with the New Jersey Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act, specifically N.J.S.A. 55:19-101; and

**WHEREAS**, each tax sale certificate sold pursuant to said Resolution was subject to an Abandoned Property Special Tax Sale and Redevelopment Agreement (the "**Agreement**") dated April 12, 2017, which designated each purchaser the Redeveloper of the subject properties under each tax sale certificate, and

which set forth, among other provisions, the Redeveloper's responsibilities regarding the foreclosure and redevelopment of the subject properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redevelopers of several of the subject properties have defaulted under the agreement by failing to initiate and complete foreclosure proceedings to take ownership of the property, with such default giving rise to the automatic reverter provision under Section 2.03 of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties whose Redevelopers have defaulted are identified on the official tax maps of the Township and identified in the Township tax records as:

Block	Lot	Location	<u>Buyer</u>	Buyer Company/Address
79	96	10 Bell Street	Jason & Erica Feld	16 Miller Street, Montclair, NJ 07042
216	21	1093 Grove St	Jason & Erica Feld	16 Miller Street, Montclair, NJ 07042
218	10	9 Herpers Street	Jason & Erica Feld	16 Miller Street, Montclair, NJ 07042
110	1.02	100-112 Eastern Pkwy	Shadid Chaudhry	Takeover Realty Group LLC, 215 Ege Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07304
118	10	25 Smalley Terr	Shadid Chaudhry	Takeover Realty Group LLC, 215 Ege Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07304
127	26	603 Grove St	Shadid Chaudhry	Takeover Realty Group LLC, 215 Ege Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07304
150	15	261 22nd St	Shadid Chaudhry	Takeover Realty Group LLC, 215 Ege Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07304
142	8	132-134 22nd St	Mo Wasseem	Smart Tree LLC 5589 Callcott Way #1410, Alexandria, VA 22312
142	22	309 21st St	Mo Wasseem	Smart Tree LLC 5589 Callcott Way #1410, Alexandria, VA 22312
151	1	224 22nd St	Dilip Patel	37 Miller Dr, Hillsborough, NJ 08844
154	8	188 22nd St	Sharrieff Odom	Imperial Investors LLC PO Box 135, Cranford, NJ 07016
213	42	487 Nye Ave	Aude Dorcelian	Unbeatable Property LLC 56 Van Ness Terr, Maplewood, NJ 07040
338	2	48 Park Pl	Aude Dorcelian	Unbeatable Property LLC 56 Van Ness Terr, Maplewood, NJ 07040

(collectively, the "Properties"); and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Tax Sale Certificates, and each tax lien represented thereby, automatically reverted back to the Township on the date of default by operation of Section 2.03 of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to assert its reverter rights, extinguish any possible title or other possible claims by any of the defaulting Redevelopers, and reinitialize redevelopment efforts as to any of the subject Properties that may remain abandoned, neglected and blighted; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington as follows:

1. Generally. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

- 2. The Township of Irvington Abandoned Property Special Tax Sale and Redevelopment Agreement is hereby terminated as to the properties listed within this Resolution, and as against the Redevelopers designated to each listed property.
- 3. The Tax Collector of the Township is hereby authorized to take any action within his powers to effectuate the Township's reversionary interests with respect to each of the tax sale certificates in default.
- 4. The Township is hereby authorized to take any and all legal and/or equitable actions it deems necessary to assert its reversionary interests with respect to each of the tax sale certificates in default.
- **5.** Availability of the Resolution. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township.
- **6.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

# Adopted

- 10. Communication and Petitions
- A. Communications
- 1. Mayor Vauss Re-Appointment Planning Board Patricia Wilson
- 2. Mayor Vauss Re-Appointment Planning Board Jadeh Williams
- 11. Pending Business

None

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#### NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 8. Ordinances, Bills & Claims
- B. Ordinances on Second Reading
- 1. President Beasley: An ordinance amending and supplementing Section 620-11 of the Revised Code regarding parking prohibited at all times will be heard at this time. The Clerk will read the notice of hearing.

The Clerk read the notice of hearing.

The Clerk will read the ordinance by title.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 620-11 OF THE REVISED CODE

### ENTITLED PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Section 620-11 of the Revised Code is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

- A. No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule I (§ 620-94), attached to and made a part of this chapter.
- B. No person shall park or cause to be parked any eighteen-wheeler vehicle and/or eighteen-wheeler cab in the Township of Irvington.
- C. No person shall park or cause to be parked any type of Bus vehicles in the Township of Irvington.
- (1) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

#### BUS VEHICLE(S)

Any bus or nonconforming van vehicle with a passenger capacity of more than 10 persons.

### NONCONFORMING VAN(S)

Any vehicle which does not conform to the applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for transport bus vehicle(s) used to transport passengers.

- (2) In accordance with § 620-94 (Schedule I: No Parking), no person shall park or cause to be parked any bus vehicle in the Township of Irvington.
- D. No person shall park or cause to be parked any type of motor vehicle:
- \* In/on lawns
- \* Rear yards
- \* Front yards
- \* Side yards
- \* Across sidewalks
- \* Across driveways
- \* Across garages
- \* Across carports
- \* In/on vacant lots
- \* Nor shall any person jump the curb (driving over a curb without an apron) to park in areas that are not delineated as parking spaces.
- E. No person shall park or cause to be parked any type of motor vehicle:
- \* Within a designated Public Bus Stop
- \* Within 50 feet of a Stop Sign,
- \* Within 10 feet of a Fire Hydrant
- \* Within 25 feet of the nearest Crosswalk
- \* Within 50 feet of the nearest railroad crossing
- \* Within an intersection
- \* In front of a public/private driveway that prevents a vehicle from entering/exiting
- \* On a Crosswalk
- \* In any appropriately marked "No Parking" space

\* Double Parked on the roadway in such a way that impedes, block, obstructs or hinders the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic on that roadway.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

The public hearing on this Ordinance is now open

There were no requests to be heard.

Vick - Brown Motion to close public hearing

Adopted

Vick – Brown Motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading after public hearing

### Adopted

2. President Beasley: An ordinance supplementing Section 535-10B (1) of the Revised Code regarding containerizing garbage will be heard at this time. For the record, this notice is identical to the prior notice read. The Clerk will read the ordinance by title.

# AN ORDNANCE AMENDING SECTION 535-10 OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON ENTITLED "COLLECTION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED"

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON as follows:

# SECTION 1. Section 535-10 of the Revised Code is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

535-10. Collection program established.

- A. There is hereby established a program for the separate collection of newspapers, glass containers, aluminum cans, bimetal cans, PET plastic containers, HDPE plastic containers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, computers and electronics, leaves, brush, white goods, used motor oil and batteries from the residences of the Township of Irvington for recycling purposes. Such collections shall be made weekly according to a schedule of residences and dates to be publicly advertised by the Township of Irvington. Such collection shall be made under the direction of the Director of DPW and the supervision of the certified recycling professional.
- B. Responsibility of occupants, property owner and residents. The owner of any property shall be responsible for compliance with this chapter. For multifamily units, the management or owner is responsible for setting up and maintaining the recycling system, including collection of recyclable materials, in accordance with guidelines or regulations established by DPW. Violations and penalty

notices will be directed to the owner or management in those instances where the violator is not easily identifiable. The management shall issue notification and collection rules to new tenants when they arrive and every six months during their occupancy.

- (1) The property owner of each property in the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex shall provide suitable plastic or metal receptacles (garbage bags are prohibited) as herein prescribed, in which the occupant shall place and keep solid waste separate from the recycling materials. Commingling of solid waste and recyclables is strictly prohibited
- (2) The property owner/occupant of property shall place in each plastic or metal receptacle (garbage bags are prohibited) for solid waste and recycling no more material than it can properly hold without spilling. Property owners are expressly prohibited from allowing so much garbage in a single receptacle that prevents the attached garbage lid from fully closing, without gap or space.
- (3) All plastic or metal receptacles (garbage bags are prohibited) for solid waste and recycling shall be so prepared, covered, handled and set by the occupant or other person that the contents shall be secure and shall not spill or leak on the sidewalk or elsewhere.
- (4) All plastic or metal receptacles (garbage bags are prohibited) for both solid waste and recycling shall not be placed at the curb earlier than 6:00 p.m. 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 a.m. (may start as early as 6:00 a.m.).
- (5) Solid waste and recycling shall not be stored at the front or side of residential, business, commercial or institutional property. Storage of solid waste and recycling plastic or metal receptacles (garbage bags are prohibited) shall be placed in the rear yard of property with an attached lid and in the proper receptacle.
- (6) When placed at the curb for collection corrugated/cardboard boxes and cartons shall be flattened and securely bundled/tied. Unbundled/untied corrugated/cardboard boxes and cartons placed at the curb is prohibited.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

The public hearing on this Ordinance is now open

There were no requests to be heard.

Vick – Hudley Motion to close public hearing

Adopted

Vick - Hudley Motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading after public hearing

Adopted

3. President Beasley: A \$9,350,000 Bond Ordinance for Irvington's share of the Flood mitigation facilities project of the Joint Meeting will be heard at this time. The Clerk will read the notice of hearing.

The Clerk read the notice of hearing.

The Clerk will read the ordinance by title.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASES II(b), III(b), IV, V AND VI OF THE LOCAL UNIT'S ALLOCABLE SHARE OF THE FLOOD MITIGATION FACILITIES PROJECT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT"); APPROPRIATING \$9,350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,350,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties (the "Joint Meeting") on behalf of the Township of Irvington, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Local Unit"), as general improvements. For the said improvements stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$9,350,000. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"), no down payment is required as this bond ordinance authorizes obligations for environmental infrastructure projects that are to be funded by loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and the State of New Jersey, acting by or through the Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the \$9,350,000 appropriation, negotiable bonds of the Local Unit are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$9,350,000 pursuant to, and within all limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond

Law and the Municipal Qualified Bond Act, N.J.S.A 40A-3-1 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Local Unit in a principal amount not exceeding \$9,350,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said debt obligations are to be issued are for the Local Unit's allocable share of capital improvement projects being undertaken by the Joint Meeting for (a) the unfunded portion of Phase II of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Co-Generation Upgrade), consisting of (i) upgrades to the existing Co-Generation Facility to power an Effluent Pumping Station, two stormwater pumping stations and the Sludge Dewatering Facility, (ii) the acquisition and installation of two engine generator sets and associated equipment including all required electrical and instrumentational connections to integrate the new engines into the existing systems, (iii) the acquisition and installation of digester gas and natural gas piping to the new engines, (iv) construction of a new substation at the Sludge Dewatering Facility, and (v) the installation of medium voltage connections to the Co-Generation grid ("Phase II(b)"); (b) the unfunded portion of Phase III of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Main Treatment Plant Walls), consisting of, but not limited to, the construction of reinforced concrete flood protection walls around the Main Treatment Plant site, including, but not limited to, the installation of four flood protection swing gates, the demolition of the existing guard house and the construction of a new guard house, the construction of five storm sewer isolation chambers with sluice gates and electric actuators, the realignment and repaving of various treatment plant roadways, the construction of a new emergency access roadway, the relocation and protection of existing utilities and associated grading and site restoration ("Phase III(b)"); (c) Phase IV of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Stormwater Pumping Station), consisting of the rehabilitation of the existing Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Stormwater Pumping Station including the removal of existing equipment, modifications to the existing pumping station structure, installation of three new storm water

pumps and discharge piping, replacement of two existing sluice gates, installation of two new sluice gates, modifications to the existing storm water piping influent to the pumping station, replacement of storm water inlet gratings, installation of a new seal water service to the pumping station, installation of new electrical power to the pumping station and site restoration ("Phase IV"); (d) Phase V of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Biosolids Site Wall), consisting of the construction of reinforced concrete flood walls on piles with steel sheeting subsurface cut-off walls around the four sides of the Biosolids Facilities Site including installation of flood gates for vehicular access, modifications to the existing entrance roadways, construction of stormwater facilities to redirect on-site stormwater to the proposed Biosolids Stormwater Pumping Station and coordination with and/or relocation of various utilities within the project area ("Phase V"); and (e) Phase VI of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (Biosolids Stormwater Pumping Station), consisting of a below ground reinforced concrete stormwater pumping station for the Biosolids Facilities Site including modifications to the site stormwater collection system to redirect the flow of on-site stormwater into the pumping station, installation of submersible stormwater pumps and associated piping, valves, electrical and instrumentation equipment and site restoration ("Phase VI"; and together with Phase II(b), Phase III(b), Phase IV and Phase V, the "Project").

- a. All improvements shall include, as applicable, all work, materials, equipment, engineering services and design, architectural services and design, surveying, environmental consulting work, environmental testing and remediation, preparation of plans and specifications, governmental permits, bid documents, conducting and preparation of reports, plans, analysis and studies, equipment rental, labor and appurtenances necessary therefore or incidental thereto.
- b. The aggregate estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued by the Local Unit for said improvements or purposes is \$9,350,000.
- c. The aggregate estimated cost of said improvements or purposes to be paid by the Local Unit is \$9,350,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America (including the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA")), the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Essex make a loan, contribution or grant-in-aid to the Local Unit for the improvements authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Local Unit prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America (including FEMA), the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Essex. In the event, however, that any amount so loaned, contributed or granted by the United States of America (including FEMA), the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Essex shall be received by the Local Unit after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant-in-aid received by the Local Unit as a result of using such funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant-in-aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit, provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Act, N.J.S.A. 58:11B-1 et seq. (the "NJIT Act"). The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit shall determine all matters in connection with the bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.1 of the Local Bond Law and, as applicable, the provisions of the NJIT Act. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or

all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale at not less than par and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Local Unit hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Local Unit is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- a. The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements that the Local Unit may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- b. The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 30 years.
- c. The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Local Unit and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the

Local Unit determined as provided in said Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Local Unit, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$9,350,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

- d. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,507,302 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements hereinbefore described.
- e. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:63-134, bonds authorized and issued by the Local Unit to finance improvements or works for the Joint Meeting shall not be taken to be included within or governed by any limitation fixed by law to the amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the Local Unit.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Local Unit are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the debt obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The debt obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Local Unit, and the Local Unit shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property located within the Local Unit for the payment of the principal of and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Local Unit reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Local Unit's official intent to reimburse any expenditure toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 150-2.

SECTION 10. The Local Unit covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance on a tax-exempt basis.

SECTION 11. Upon adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Local Unit shall forward certified copies of this bond ordinance to Everett M. Johnson, Esq., Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., bond counsel to the Joint Meeting, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication hereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

The public hearing on this Ordinance is now open

There were no requests to be heard.

Vick - Frederic Motion to close public hearing

Adopted

Vick - Frederic Motion to adjourn adoption of this ordinance on second reading until

February 27, 2023

Adopted

12. Miscellaneous

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

Elouise McDaniel, 214 Nesbit Terrace Robert Shaw, 57 Coit Street

President Beasley addressed the concerns raised by the above referenced citizens.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Jamillah Z. Beasley, Council President	Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk