

INAUGURATION AND REORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 1, 2022

Organization Meeting - Municipal Council
Council Chamber, Municipal Building
Irvington, N.J. - July 1, 2022
Friday 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, 2022 to July 1, 2026 at 12:00 o'clock noon, and 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: Jamillah Z. Beasley, Renee C. Burgess, Vernon Cox, Charnette Frederic, October Hudley, Orlander G. Vick

Absent: Sean C. Evans

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

MAYOR - ANTHONY "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 6:00 P.M. in the Transcend Worship Center, 971 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey.

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Transcend Worship Center
971 Clinton Avenue
Irvington, N.J. - July 1, 2022
Friday Evening - 6:00 P.M.

The resumed meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk, who read the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Invocation – Pastor Jerry Smith, Transcend Worship Center

Certification of Election Results

Mr. Wiener:

**CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MAY 10, 2022
IRVINGTON, N.J.**

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Municipal Election was held on May 10, 2022 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	Anthony “Tony” Vauss	3,683
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Renee C. Burgess	3,178
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	October Hudley	3,112
COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE	Charnette Frederic	3,055

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, 2022 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 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk

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Administration of Oaths of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election

Municipal Clerk Wiener administered to oaths of office to:

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

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

Remarks by Council Member Burgess

Remarks by Council Member Frederic

Remarks by Council Member Hudley

Municipal Clerk Wiener administered to oaths of office to:

Mayor Anthony “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 – Pastor Sean C. Evans, East Ward Council Member

A choir presentation was performed by the Transcend Worship Center Choir.

Roll Call for New Council

Present: Council Members Beasley, Burgess, Cox, Evans, Frederic, Hudley, Vick

Absent: None

Resolutions

NOTE: All items below were voted on by one motion, moved by Council Member Burgess, seconded by Council Member Hudley and unanimously adopted.

Evans – Beasley A. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council President - Council Member Renee C. Burgess

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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, 2022:

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

Adopted

Cox – Vick B. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council 1st Vice President - Council Member Hudley

WHEREAS, Section 7-17 (I) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington provides that the Municipal Council shall appoint from amongst their members a First Vice President of the Municipal Council for a two-year term at their reorganization meeting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member October Hudley is hereby appointed First Vice President of the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Adopted

Burgess - Hudley C. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Council 2nd Vice President - Council Member Charnette Frederic

WHEREAS, Section 7-17 (I) of the Revised Code of the Township of Irvington provides that the Municipal Council shall appoint from amongst their members a Second Vice President of the Municipal Council for a two-year term at their reorganization meeting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Charnette Frederic is hereby appointed Second Vice President of the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, New Jersey for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

Adopted

Hudley - Cox D. Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Representative to Joint Meeting - Council Member Renee C. Burgess

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY, that Council Member Renee C. Burgess be and is hereby appointed as Representative of the Township of Irvington to the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties for a term of two (2) years, commencing July 1, 2022.

Adopted

Frederic - Evans E. Resolution authorizing the appointment of A.B.C. Chair Person - Council Member Vernal C. Cox, Sr.

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, 2022.

Adopted

Beasley – Cox F. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Representative to Planning Board - Council Member Orlander G. Vick

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23 requires that a member of the Municipal Council be appointed to serve as a Member of the Planning Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that Council Member Orlander G. Vick is hereby appointed as a Member of the Irvington Planning Board for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2022.

Adopted

Burgess - Frederic 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:

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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, 2022.

Adopted

Burgess - Vick 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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has submitted the following nominations to be effective July 1, 2022, and to expire on June 30, 2026 for the advice and consent of the Municipal Council; and

Musa A. Malik, Director of Administration and Director of Revenue and Finance
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Tharien Arnold, Director of Housing Services
Jamel C. Holley, Director of Public Works
Sonia Whyte, 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, 2022 and to expire on June 30, 2026 be confirmed:

Musa A. Malik, Director of Administration and Director of Revenue and Finance
Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
Tharien Arnold, Director of Housing Services
Jamel C. Holley, Director of Public Works
Sonia Whyte, Director of Health
Donald Malloy, Director of Parks & Recreation

12. Communications

- A. Mayor Vauss – Appointment of Department Directors
- B. Musa A. Malik, Director of Administration and Director of Revenue and Finance
- C. Tracy Bowers, Director of Public Safety
- D. Tharien Arnold, Director of Housing Services
- E. Jamel C. Holley, Director of Public Works
- F. Sonia Whyte, Director of Health
- G. Donald Malloy, Director of Parks & Recreation

B. Mayor Vauss – Appointments

Althea Headley, Assistant Business Administrator and Qualified Purchasing Agent

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Ramon Rivera, Esq., Township Attorney
Faheem J. Ra'Oof, Chief Financial Officer
Kyana Woolridge, Esq., Director of Community Development
Deborah Simpkins, Director of the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation and
Acting Director of Economic Development & Grants Oversight
Theresa L. Yuelling, Municipal Court Director
John Brown, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator
Lindal Scott-Foster, Esq., Esq., Chief Municipal Court Judge
Willie Williams, Director of the Mayor's Office of Council Concerns (NPP)
John Sowell, Quality Control/Code Enforcement Inspector

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

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Renee C. Burgess, Council President

Harold E. Wiener, Municipal Clerk