

# TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON



## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2023 7:30 PM

Virtual - Zoom Meetings  
Administration

### Appointments

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#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 3. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL	EARLY DEPARTURE
Brown	X			
Cox	X			
Evans	X			
Frederic	X			
Dr. Hudley	X			
Vick		X		
Beasley, President		X		

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

#### 4. HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Limited to (3) three minutes per person and (30) thirty minutes total (MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE OF MEETING)

Elousie McDaniel, 214 Nesbit Terrace

#### 5. HEARING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

#### 6. REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

##### A. Reports

1. Municipal Court – Mayor’s Monthly Report for the Month of August 2023
2. Municipal Court - Collections Project for September, 2023
3. Municipal Court - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of October 16, 2023 to October 20, 2023

4. Municipal Court - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of October 23, 2023 to October 27, 2023
5. Sanitation Committee – Summary of October 20, 2023 Meeting
6. Recreation Committee – Summary of October 26, 2023 Meeting
7. Municipal Court - Weekly Summary Report for the Week of October 30, 2023 to November 3, 2023
8. Aranwood Animal Control – First Quarter Report, 2023
9. Aranwood Animal Control – Second Quarter Report, 2023

## 7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. Request for Proposals - Financial Advisor for CDBG - October 18, 2023
- B. Bid Results - Re-Bid of Inspections and Maintenance of Trees - October 18, 2023

**ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND HAVE BEEN LISTED FOR ONE ROLL CALL VOTE FOR ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS**

## 8. ORDINANCES, BILLS & CLAIMS

### A. Ordinances on First Reading

- Hudley – Frederic
1. Authorize the Execution of a Financial Agreement With 530 Chancellor Urban Renewal LLC, and Granting a Tax Exemption With Respect to Certain Property Identified on the Township's Tax Map as Block 187, Lots 2.01 and 2.02 and Identified in the Tax Records as 508-534 Chancellor Avenue

**MC 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 530 CHANCELLOR URBAN RENEWAL LLC, AND GRANTING A TAX EXEMPTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON THE TOWNSHIP'S TAX MAP AS BLOCK 187, LOTS 2.01 AND 2.02 AND IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY TAX RECORDS AS 508-534 CHANCELLOR AVENUE, IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of rehabilitation or redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council (the “**Township Council**”) of the Township of Irvington (the “**Township**”), by Resolution 94-0809-5 dated August 9, 1994, created the Township Urban Enterprise Zone (the “**UEZ**”) pursuant to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act, *N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et seq.* (the “**UEZ Act**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(g)*, a municipality may grant a long-term tax exemption to property located within an Urban Enterprise Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council duly adopted a redevelopment plan by Ordinance MC No. 3351 dated September 11, 2007, to govern the redevelopment of certain properties within and contiguous to the UEZ (as amended, the “**Redevelopment Plan**”) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

**WHEREAS**, 530 Chancellor Urban Renewal LLC (the “**Entity**”) is the owner of certain property located within the UEZ, which property is identified on the official tax map of the Township as Block 187, Lot 2.01 and 2.02 and identified in the Township tax records as 508-534 Chancellor Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey 07111 (the “**Property**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Entity propose to undertake the design, development, financing, and construction a four (4) story U-shaped self-storage facility on the property, featuring 1,032 storage units, which will range from 25 square feet to 325 square feet, plus space for parking and loading (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the financial feasibility of the Project, the Entity made application to the Township requesting a long-term tax exemption and financial agreement pursuant to the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 *et seq.*, which application is on file with the Township Clerk (the “**Application**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Entity has represented to the Township that the Project would not be feasible in its intended scope but for the provision of financial assistance by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Application, the Mayor recommended that the Application be approved; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Application, the Township Council now desires to approve the Application and to authorize the execution of the proposed form of financial agreement (the “**Financial Agreement**”) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and by this reference incorporated herein as may be modified in consultation with counsel as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township hereby determines that the assistance provided to the Project pursuant to the Financial Agreement will be a significant inducement for the Entity to proceed with the Project and that based on information set forth in the Application, the Project would not be feasible without such assistance,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Irvington, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, as follows:

**I. GENERAL**

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

**II. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION APPROVED**

The Application, which is on file with the Township Clerk and which has been recommended for approval to the Township Council by the Mayor, is hereby accepted and approved.

**III. EXECUTION OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED**

- (a) The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Financial Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to modification or revision deemed necessary or appropriate by the Township in consultation with counsel, and to take all other necessary or appropriate action to effectuate such Financial Agreement.
- (b) The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution of the Financial Agreement in accordance with the terms of Section III(a) hereof, to attest to the signature of the Mayor upon such document and is hereby further authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal of the Township upon such document.
- (c) In accordance with P.L. 2015, c. 247, within ten (10) calendar days following the later of the effective date of this Ordinance or the execution of the Financial Agreement by the Entity, the Township Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance and the Financial Agreement to the chief financial officer of Essex County and to the Essex County Counsel for informational purposes, as well as to the Tax Assessor of the Township.

#### **IV. SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

#### **V. AVAILABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE**

A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township.

#### **VI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Form of Financial Agreement**

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Brown – Hudley      2. Authorize the Execution of a Financial Agreement With Coit Development Urban Renewal LLC, and Granting a Tax Exemption With Respect to Certain Property Identified on the Township's Tax Map as Block 187, Lot 3 and Block 189, Lot 1 and Identified in the Tax Records as 428-470 Coit Street

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**WHEREAS**, the Entity propose to undertake the design, development, financing, rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing four-story masonry building into a 75,272 square foot industrial warehouse with associated off-street parking, loading docks and trailer storage (the “**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the financial feasibility of the Project, the Entity made application to the Township requesting a long-term tax exemption and financial agreement pursuant to the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.*, which application is on file with the Township Clerk (the “**Application**”); and

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Stop Intersections

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 620-103 SCHEDULE IX-THROUGH STREETS AND 620-104 SCHEDULE X - STOP INTERSECTIONS OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON

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

SECTION 1. Sections 620-103 and 620-104 are hereby amended to include the following:

Section 620-103 Schedule IX - Through Streets

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Fern Avenue	Claremont Avenue to Chester Avenue
Mt. Vernon Avenue	Claremont Avenue to Chester Avenue

Section 620-104 Schedule X - Stop Intersections

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Stop Sign On</u>
Medbourne Avenue and Fern Avenue	Medbourne Avenue
Medbourne Avenue and Mt. Vernon Avenue	Medbourne Avenue

SECTION 2. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Frederic      4. Providing for Residential Parking Permits on Oakland Street Between Orange Avenue and Lenox Avenue

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS ON OAKLAND STREET BETWEEN ORANGE AVENUE AND LENOX AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has received concerns from its residents concerning the availability of resident parking on Oakland Street between Orange Avenue and Lenox Avenue, from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the difficulty of the residents in these area to locate parking at or near their homes has caused undue hardship on the residents of this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that parking shall be restricted and a parking permit required for residents of Oakland Street between Orange Avenue and Lenox Avenue, from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

Resident's vehicles must receive and display a valid parking permit provided by the Township of Irvington;  
and

Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance will be subject to towing and the vehicle owners shall be  
subject to a fine as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article III; and

All ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed; and

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

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

### **B. Ordinances on Second Reading**

None

### **C. Bills & Claims**

Frederic – Brown      1. Bill Lists

RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON FOR A PERIOD NOVEMBER 13, 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	\$4,907,214.55
TOTAL	\$4,907,214.55

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Brown – Frederic      2. Payrolls

Payroll Date: October 6, 2023

TOTAL	\$2,239,027.37
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Payroll Date: October 20, 2023



TOTAL

\$2,229,783.06

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

## 9. RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

### A. Resolutions

Frederic – Hudley      1. Resolution of Commendation – Irvington Chamber of Commerce – 2023 Civic Award Recipient – Diana Ron Pelaez, Owner, Antojitos Bar & Restaurant

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2023 CIVIC AWARD RECIPIENT**

**DIANA RON PELAEZ  
OWNER, ANTOJITOS BAR & RESTAURANT**

WHEREAS, the Irvington Chamber of Commerce has annually recognized and honored those members of the community that have performed admirable civic and community minded activities during the past year. This year the Irvington Chamber of Commerce is holding it's Annual Police and Fire, Civic and Community Awards Dinner in recognition of the Township of Irvington's dedicated members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council would like to honor the Irvington Chamber of Commerce 2023 Civic Award Recipient Diana Ron Pelaez, Owner, Antojitos Bar & Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Diana Ron Pelaez was born on July 26, 1982, in a small town in Ecuador known as Cuenca. As she grew up, she always knew that the rural lifestyle she was raised in was not for her. Her initial dream was to go to a university in Canada, however, the student visa that she filed to be able to accomplish this dream was denied and her plans were halted. At that time it was devastating, but looking back she believes it was definitely a blessing in disguise as it directed her towards the path she is currently on; and

WHEREAS, in Diana's early twenties she decided that moving to the United States was the best option. She moved to Manhattan, New York where she worked as a waitress on a local cruise. Soon after, she got married and they decided to move to New Jersey for a calmer scene to raise a family.

WHEREAS, in 2001, they opened Mundi Global, a multiservice office, in Irvington. Two years later they welcomed their daughter Mikaella who is now currently pursuing a doctorate in pharmacy in Rutgers, New Brunswick. The marriage unfortunately came to an end, but Diana remained in New Jersey in the hopes of pursuing another one of her dreams.

WHEREAS, Diana's parents, back in Ecuador, were the owners of a successful restaurant. The entrepreneurship qualities that have always characterized her made her want to do the same. Her goal was to create a business in which Hispanic culture, customs and food would be celebrated and shared for many to enjoy. With this in mind, she inaugurated Antojitos Bar and Restaurant in 2008 in the Township of Irvington. The start was challenging as Irvington was not as developed as we see it now. She remembered there were

only a few businesses open and the Hispanic community within the city was not very prevalent. She was also the first Hispanic woman to open a bar restaurant in the town and being a woman in the industry was something that came with a lot of challenges. With the passing of time and the addition of experience she was able to push through and create a standing within the industry; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 she had her second child, Matthew Ron, who is currently a second grader that carries all of her executive characteristics; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years Antojitos has had many changes and continuous growth which has fortunately allowed it to be successful. Overall, Diana is proud of the business she created and the career she built, but she always strive for more and have many plans for the future; and

WHEREAS, Diana would like to thank Irvington and its Leadership, a welcoming township, that has given her a space to plant her roots and flourish throughout the years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Municipal Council hereby commends Diana Ron Pelaez for her community involvement and service to the community and wishes her many more distinguished and productive years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Municipal Council as a lasting tribute to her many contributions to the Township of Irvington.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic– Brown      2. Resolution of Commendation – Irvington Chamber of Commerce – 2023  
Community Service Award Recipient – Beverly A Canady, Director, The Bridge, Inc.  
– Imani Center/Irvington

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT**

**BEVERLY A CANADY, LPC, ACS, NJDRCC  
DIRECTOR, THE BRIDGE, INC. – IMANI CENTER/IRVINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Irvington Chamber of Commerce has annually recognized and honored those members of the community that have performed admirable civic and community minded activities during the past year. This year the Irvington Chamber of Commerce is holding it's Annual Police and Fire, Civic and Community Awards Dinner in recognition of the Township of Irvington's dedicated members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council would like to honor the Irvington Chamber of Commerce 2023 Community Service Award Recipient Beverly A. Canady; and

WHEREAS, Beverly A. Canady began her employment with The Bridge, Inc. – Imani Center, an Irvington School Based Youth Service Program in May 1988. She not only serves as its Director; she is a licensed Site Therapist; and

WHEREAS, her employment history includes The Leaguers Head Start Program, Newark from July 2012 to present as a Mental Health Consultant; Chindeu Associates, LLC, Newark from July 2013 to present as a Consultant and Therapist; and Echoes Grief Center-Cotton Funeral Home, Orange from April 2017 to June 2023 as a Grief Therapist; and

WHEREAS, Beverly has over 30 years in Human Services, 20 years of which have been supervisory and Crisis Counseling for 10 years. She assisted individuals experiencing mental and physical trauma for 15 years. Designing and facilitating prevention and intervention sessions on healthy and unhealthy relationships. Supervision to master level students in Counseling. 5 years of Infant Mental Health training. A multitude of cultural training for diverse populations which encompasses lecturing on various topics at workshops within the Tri-State area; and

WHEREAS, her Psychotherapy Skills includes Individual and Family Counseling, Crisis Intervention, Anger Management, coping with Shame, Grief and Loss, learning to Move Forward; and Art Therapy; and

WHEREAS, Beverly received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Africana Studies from Rutgers University – Douglass College in May 1981; Master of Arts in Counseling and Student Personnel Services from Wichita State University in December 1986 and attended Caldwell University in May 2003 for a Post-Master Licensure Program with the Specialization in Art Therapy; and

WHEREAS, Beverly is licensed as a NJ Licensed Professional Counselor, Approved Clinical Supervisor and NJ Disaster Response Crisis Counselor. Her certifications include: Domestic Violence Response Training (DVRT) Response Worker, City of Newark; Reflective Supervision (2022); Daring Way (2021); End of Life Doula Training (2020) and Grief Recovery Specialist (2017); and

WHEREAS, Beverly A. Canady continues to develop and maintain collaborative relationships within the community, including private and public sectors. She definitely is the “bridge” to our youth and their families. A very humble servant who enjoys helping others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Municipal Council hereby commends Beverly A. Canady for her community involvement and service to the community and wishes her many more distinguished and productive years.

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Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Brown      3. Resolution of Commendation – Irvington Chamber of Commerce – 2023 Police Valor Awards Recipients - Irvington Police Incident Report – May 27, 2022 - Officer Zanyah Mansfield, Detective Sheraldine Frazier and Officer Shawn Stewart, Jr.

### **RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

#### **IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023 POLICE VALOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

**2023 ICC AWARDS DINNER  
IRVINGTON POLICE INCIDENT REPORT – MAY 27, 2022**

**OFFICER ZANEYAH MANSFIELD, DETECTIVE SHERALDINE FRAZIER AND OFFICER  
SHAWN STEWART, JR.  
IRVINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
POLICE DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Irvington Chamber of Commerce has annually recognized and honored those members of the community that have performed admirable civic and community minded activities during the past year. This year the Irvington Chamber of Commerce is holding it's Annual Police and Fire, Civic and Community Awards Dinner in recognition of the Township of Irvington's dedicated members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington wishes to acknowledge the Police Valor Award Recipients for their professional achievements and honor the men and women in public safety who have given the most to protect and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Irvington Public Safety Department-Police Division's, Officer Zaneyah Mansfield, Detective Sheraldine Frazier and Officer Shawn Stewart, Jr. are to be admired for their courageousness and diligence in risking their lives in a honorable way; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2022, at approximately 11:38 am, **Officer Zaneyah Mansfield** was dispatched to Investors Bank, 1065 Stuyvesant Avenue for a report of a bank robbery. Upon her arrival she was able to speak to the reporting person, the banker who stated that a Black male suspect approached her at station #1 between 1129 hours and 1135 hours. The suspect filled out a withdrawal slip with a note under it demanding money. The suspect also had a black bag and held it as if he had a weapon inside. The reporting person was able to contact the security officer witness and the emergency services about the incident that occurred, however, the suspect fled the scene; and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal slip was for \$100,000.00. The note the suspect had handed to the cashier, stated, the following: NO ALARMS!! NO POLICE!! STAY CALM!! ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE TAPPED! IF YOU NOTIFY THE POLICE WE'LL KNOW. COOPERATE AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE. GIVE ME ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE IN AN ENVELOPE LIKE A NORMAL WITHDRAWAL. IF I AM NOT OUTSIDE IN UNDER 5 MINUTES, EVERYONE WILL BE IN DANGER. COOPERATE AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE. I'M CARRYING A GUN!! (*this was underlined 3x*); and

WHEREAS, officers at the time were canvassing the surrounding area for the suspect wearing a black hat, gray shorts and a black t-shirt with blonde/black dreads. **Detective Sheraldine Frazier** and **Officer Shawn Stewart, Jr.** stopped a suspect at 305 Nesbit Terrace that fit the description sent over the radio. **Officer Mansfield** was able to transport the reporting person to identify the suspect which she confirmed it was the person that committed the crime. The reporting person was later transported to police headquarters to make a statement. The suspect was transported by **Detective Frazier** for further processing; and

WHEREAS, the Detective Bureau was contacted and responded to the scene to collect evidence and view video footage at Investors Bank. The Detective Bureau was able to view the footage and observed the suspect enter and leave the area. Upon further investigation the supposed weapon the suspect possessed was a Play Station remote controller. The note, withdrawal slip and the remote controller were taken into evidence by Detective Jonas; and

WHEREAS, the suspect was processed and charges with robbery and false public alarms was assigned a warrant number:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that each one of these heroic officers are being honored for the good they have done and for their heroic actions, in the name of everyone they have saved, of their families and friends, for putting their lives at risk for someone else and for placing others before themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Irvington Municipal Council as a lasting tribute to the outstanding achievements of these officers in public safety for their Actions, Bravery, Valor and Dedication in the highest tradition of the Irvington Public Safety Department - Police Division.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Brown      4. Resolution of Commendation – Irvington Chamber of Commerce – 2023 Police Valor Awards Recipients - Irvington Police Incident Report – July 5, 2023 - Sergeant Malik Sims, Officer Emmanuel Quinones, Officer Olufemi Adedeji And Detective Sgt. Stanton Holder

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2023 POLICE VALOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

**2023 ICC AWARDS DINNER  
IRVINGTON POLICE INCIDENT REPORT – JULY 5, 2023**

**SERGEANT MALIK SIMS, OFFICER EMMANUEL QUINONES, OFFICER OLUFEMI ADEDEJI  
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WHEREAS, on July 5, 2023, at approximately 8:00 am, Officer Alex Dorleant responded to 114 Elmwood Avenue on report of a carjacking and kidnapping. Upon his arrival he met with the wife of the owner of the vehicle, who stated that an unknown suspect stole her husband's vehicle with her 7-year old son inside it; and

WHEREAS, she was the only person on the scene upon arrival. She stated her husband got in her vehicle, a 2011 gray Mercedes Benz GLK and went in search of his recently stolen 2012 black Mercedes Benz GL500 containing their son. She stated that at approximately 0750 hours, she and her husband were preparing to drop off their son to summer school. As she was gathering her belongings inside her home, her husband was outside of the home starting the vehicle and securing their son inside; and

WHEREAS, the home had surveillance cameras and Officer Dorleant was able to review footage. Once their son was secured in the vehicle, her husband went to get the recycling bin from the curb and place it in the backyard. Moments later, an unknown blue Hyundai sedan pulled up across the street. An unknown male suspect exited the passenger side of the vehicle. The suspect ran in the driveway, entered the vehicle, and fled the scene traveling east on Elmwood Avenue. Her husband momentarily chased the vehicle on foot before returning back and getting her vehicle; and

WHEREAS, **Sergeant Malik Sims, Officer Emmanuel Quinones, and Officer Olufemi Adedeji** were on the scene. Units began searching the area for the child and the vehicle. Moments later **Officer Quinones** located the vehicle in the area of Laurel Avenue and Grant Place. No suspects were on the scene. However, their son was still in the vehicle and in good condition. He is an autistic child and a mute. RWJ EMS was notified; however, the mother declined medical attention for her child. The vehicle was towed by **Officer Quinones** and placed in inside storage. A consent to search was given by the husband and signed; and

WHEREAS, **Detective Sgt. Stanton Holder** responded on the scene. Surveillance footages were reviewed and downloaded from the neighboring Elmwood Terrace and Avenue homes. A BOLO announcement over the air proved the suspected vehicle to be a 2015 blue Hyundai Sonata bearing NJ Registration was stolen outside of the Township of Irvington. While completing this report, the suspects in the vehicle were conducting numerous criminal offenses in other jurisdictions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that each one of these heroic officers are being honored for the good they have done and for their heroic actions, in the name of everyone they have saved, of their families and friends, for putting their lives at risk for someone else and for placing others before themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Irvington Municipal Council as a lasting tribute to the outstanding achievements of these officers in public safety for their Actions, Bravery, Valor and Dedication in the highest tradition of the Irvington Public Safety Department - Police Division.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Fredric – Brown      5. Resolution of Commendation – Irvington Chamber of Commerce – 2023 Fire  
Valor Awards Recipients – Irvington Fire Incident Report February 12, 2022 - Lt.  
Victor Velez and Firefighter Stephen Ventura

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

**IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2023 FIRE VALOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

**2022 ICC AWARDS DINNER  
IRVINGTON FIRE INCIDENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

**LT. VICTOR VELEZ AND FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN VENTURA  
IRVINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
FIRE DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Irvington Chamber of Commerce has annually recognized and honored those members of the community that have performed admirable civic and community minded activities during the past year. This year the Irvington Chamber of Commerce is holding it's Annual Police and Fire, Civic and Community Awards Dinner in recognition of the Township of Irvington's dedicated members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington wishes to acknowledge the Fire Valor Award Recipients for their professional achievements and honor the men and women in public safety who have given the most to protect and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the Irvington Public Safety Department-Fire Division, **Lt. Victor Velez** and **Firefighter Stephen Ventura** are to be admired for their bravery and perseverance in risking their own lives in a noble way to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, on **February 12, 2022**, at 22:13 hours, the members of the Irvington Fire Department responded to 11 Ellis Avenue with an alarm reporting a structure fire; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival Deputy 42 observed an occupied, 3 story, wood frame with fire showing on the second floor. We also received reports of trapped occupants on floors 2 and 3; Deputy 42 established command and a signal 11/100 was called. Which means a working structure fire; and

WHEREAS, Crew of Ladder #42, where **Lt. Victor Velez** and **Firefighter Stephen Ventura** were assigned, performed a primary search of the third floor in a heat-filled environment with fire pushing from many directions where they rescued and removed 2 disoriented trapped occupants. The occupants were then assisted out of the structure and turned over to EMS for transport to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center for observation and treatment; and

WHEREAS, after completing the ladder rescue, Ladder 42 crew members **Lt. Velez** and **FF Ventura** entered the structure to assist with primary search of the second floor. While all responding members on the scene operated with teamwork, capability and dedication, resulting in the successful rescue of two (2) disoriented trapped occupants and the prompt extinguishment of the fire, the actions of the noted members stand above the rest; and

WHEREAS, these members' abilities to act immediately are a testament of their collective courage, and commitment to their duties:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that each one of these heroic firefighters are being honored for the good they have done and for

their brave actions, in the name of everyone they have saved, of their families and friends, for putting their lives at risk for someone else and for placing others before themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Irvington Municipal Council as a lasting tribute to the outstanding achievements of these brave firefighters in public safety for their Actions, Bravery, Valor and Dedication in the highest esteem of the Irvington Public Safety Department.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Cox          6. Resolution of Commemoration - Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chi Sigma Chapter

**CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, CHI SIGMA CHAPTER**

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is a distinguished organization known for its commitment to brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded on January 9, 1914, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., by visionary leaders A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown; and

WHEREAS, Chi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was chartered in 1923, and since has played a pivotal role in fostering leadership, promoting academic excellence, and serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Chi Sigma Chapter has consistently demonstrated its dedication to mentoring young men, providing scholarship opportunities, and engaging in meaningful community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chi Sigma Chapter, has made significant contributions to education, civil rights, and social progress, leaving an indelible mark on our community and beyond; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Irvington that we proudly recognize and celebrate the centennial anniversary of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chi Sigma Chapter, and commend their enduring legacy and positive impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chi Sigma Chapter, for their unwavering commitment to the values of brotherhood, scholarship, and service, and for their role in shaping responsible and engaged citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chi Sigma Chapter, on reaching this remarkable milestone, and express our best wishes for their continued success in inspiring future generations of leaders; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Chi Sigma Chapter, as a testament to their exceptional contributions and in celebration of their centennial anniversary.

Adopted



Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Brown        7. Relax Holiday Parking Restrictions for the 2023 Holiday Season - November 14, 2023 through January 2, 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 39:4-8 c (1) provides that a municipality may, by resolution prohibit general parking; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council is desirous of relaxing metered parking restrictions and in municipal lots during the holiday season in an effort to promote the economic well being of the community and the help offset any down turn that may occur in the nation's economic climate:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that metered parking restrictions shall be relaxed during the holiday season from November 14, 2023 through January 2, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Public Safety Director and that the Public Safety Director is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this resolution with the full force and effect of law.

Adopted

Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Hudley        8. Award a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Services Contract for the Preparation of a Preliminary Assessment Report for Center Playground - Pennoni Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. - \$ 5,000.00

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CENTER  
PLAYGROUND**

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, under its Urban Parks grant program, has awarded a grant in the amount of \$ 776, 000.00 for the redevelopment of Center Playground; and

Whereas, the first step in executing this grant is the preparation of a Preliminary Assessment Report, prepared by a Licensed Site Remediation professional (LSRP) and following the NJDEP guidelines for the preparation of such a document; and

Where, the township does not employ a LSRP on their staff, the Township Engineer prepared a Request for Quotes for the various firms who are a part of the Township's annual contract for these professional services and two proposals were received in response to the Request for Quotes, with the lowest priced quote being that of Pennoni at their quoted priced of \$ 5,000.00; and

Whereas, the Township Engineer has reviewed this proposal and finds that it meets the requirement of the grant and recommends that a professional services contract be awarded to Pennoni Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. at their quoted priced of \$ 5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a professional services contract to prepare a Preliminary Assessment Report for Center Playground is awarded to Pennoni at their quoted priced of \$ 5,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required Certificate of Availability of Funds No. C23-0162 for the above work has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 is Account G-02-xx-869-23C-299.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Brown – Hudley      9. Request Refund of \$2,325.00 to Herbby Beliard, 187 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Applicant No Longer Needs a Variance Pursuant to Section 650-10

RESOLUTION REFUNDING \$2,325.00 ON ESCROW T-18-56-860-100-044 FOR HERBBY BELIARD, 187 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

WHEREAS, Herbby Beliard applied to the Township of Irvington’s Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance for the construction of a one-family house at property known and designated as 187 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Block 131 Lot 20.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board Division of the Office of Community Development is seeking a refund of \$2,325.00 on behalf of Herbby Beliard. Herbby Beliard no longer needs a variance pursuant to Section 650-10 of the Township Zoning Ordinance and seeks reimbursement from the Township of Irvington.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a reimbursement of \$2,325.00 to be refunded to HERBBY BELIARD for payment.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Hudley      10. Ratify the CY 2023 Best Practices Checklist

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2023-17 requires that the governing body of each municipality receiving ETR or CMPTRA state aid discuss the CY 2023 Best Practice Inventory as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has submitted the CY 2023 Best Practices Inventory to the Municipal Council for the review and discussion; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has reviewed and discussed the CY 2023 Best Practice Inventory at their November 13, 2023 public meeting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute the CY 2023 Best Practice Public Meeting Certification Plan and forward same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services along with a certified copy of this resolution as evidence that the governing body has complied with the provisions of Local Finance Notice 2023-17.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Brown      11. Professional Services Contract for Digitizing the Township’s Storm Sewer System - Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.- Quoted Price of \$ 24,750.00

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT  
FOR DIGITIZING THE TOWNSHIP STORM SEWER SYSTEM**

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has adopted regulations that require all Tier A municipalities to prepare digitized mapping of their storm sewer system and has provided a grant in the amount of \$ 25,000.00 to accomplish this task, which was accepted by the Irvington Municipal Council as resolution DPW 23-0710-21; and

Whereas, as this task is beyond the capabilities of current Township staff, the Township Engineer prepared a Request for Quotes for the various engineering firms who are a part of the Township’s annual contract for these professional services and two proposals were received in response to the Request for Quotes, with the lowest priced proposal being that of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. at their quoted priced of \$ 24,750.00; and

Whereas, the Township Engineer has reviewed this proposal and finds that it meets the requirement of the grant and recommends that a professional services contract be awarded to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. at their quoted priced of \$ 24,750.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a professional services contract to digitize the township’s storm sewer mapping is awarded to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. at their quoted priced of \$ 24,750.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required Certificate of Availability of Funds No. C23-0160 for the above work has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is in the amount of \$ 24,750.00 is Account G-02-xx-772-023-299. .

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Brown      12. Ratify Memorandum of Agreement – Service Employees International Union Local 617 “Crossing Guards” – July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026

**Ratify Service Employees International Union Local 617  
Memorandum of Agreement**

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington and the Service Employees International Union Local 617 have engaged in labor negotiations for the purpose of establishing salaries and other conditions of employment for members of said association; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington and the Service Employees International Union

Local 617 have mutually agreed to the salaries and other conditions of employment for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE E IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that they hereby ratify and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are authorized and empowered to execute the said Agreement

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Frederic      13. Ratify Memorandum of Agreement – Essex County Division of Community Action Code Blue Program - December 1, 2023– March 31, 2024 - Not to Exceed \$45,000.00

WHEREAS, The County of Essex, acting through the Division of Community Action through the Code Blue Program proposes to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Township of Irvington/Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation to provide emergency sheltering for persons experiencing homelessness in Essex County during official designated Code Blue Declaration alerts at the cost of \$400.00 per night/day not to exceed \$45,000.00 for a term of three months beginning December 1, 2023– March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) 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 the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Essex County Division of Community Action as sub-recipient of the Code Blue Program which shall not exceed \$45,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Irvington does hereby accept the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) of \$45,000.00 for such program.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Brown      14. Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan for Irvington Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 – DEDR \$17,953.27, Cash Match \$4,488.32, In Kind \$31,464.95

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, Irvington Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington of, County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Irvington Municipal Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Irvington Municipal Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Essex;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Irvington Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Irvington Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$17,953.27
Cash Match	\$4,488.32
In-Kind	\$13,464.95

2. The Township of Irvington Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Adopted

Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Brown      15. Amend EDGO 23-0612-19 Accepting Funding from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds for New Hope Village 4 Veterans – Incorrect Account Number on Previously Adopted Resolution

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION EDGO #23-0612-19 ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 2023  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT (CDBG) FOR NEW HOPE VILLAGE 4 VETERANS**

WHEREAS, Economic Development and Grants Oversight seeks to amend Resolution number EDGO 23-0612-19 due to the account number recorded is incorrect on the set Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington is a recipient of **2022-2023** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington wishes to award CDBG grant funds in the amount **\$15,000.00** to **New Hope village 4 Veterans** a private Non-Profit corporation of the State of New Jersey with principal offices at **287 Columbia Ave, Irvington, NJ 07111** for the provision of public services, which constitute an eligible CDBG activity; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has allocated sufficient CDBG funds to fund a proposed grant agreement in the amount of **\$15,000.00** with the **New Hope Village 4 Veterans**, a private Non-Profit Corporation of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued federal regulations which revise 24 CFR 570 Sub-Part J, requiring all CDBG recipients to enter into formal legal agreements with private non-profit organizations, called "CDBG sub-recipients", in order for these organizations to receive CDBG funding from the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington is also subject to the provisions of federal OMB Circular A-102 Attachment 0, "Procurement Standards" which apply the Township's procurement of services, supplies and property with CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, OMB Circular A-102 also requires the Township to conform to all applicable state and local laws relating to formal legal agreements by municipal government procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Irvington is required under state law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) to authorize the execution of formal grant agreements and procurement contracts (in excess of \$8,500.00) with private contractors:

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

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with **New Hope Village 4 Veterans**, which **provides apartments and critical social services for homeless veterans and their families including the residents in the Irvington Community. Which includes, but not limited to hotel stays, groceries, transportation and other continuum of care services.**

2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required certificate of Availability of Funds No. C23-0085 in the amount of **\$15,000.00** for the above has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington. The appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Account No. **T-21-41-850-23C-802.**

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Hudley      16. Authorize Award of \$25,000.00 in 2022-2023 Community Development Grant to the Irvington Public Library

### **Irvington Public Library**

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington is a recipient of 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington wishes to award CDBG grant funds in the amount **\$25,000.00** to **Irvington Public Library**, is a public agency that provides service the needs of the Township of Irvington located at **5 Civic Square Irvington, New Jersey 07111** for the provision of public services, which constitute an eligible CDBG activity; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has allocated sufficient CDBG funds to fund a proposed grant agreement in the amount of **\$25,000.00** with the a private Non-Profit Corporation of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued federal regulations which revise 24 CFR 570 Sub-Part J, requiring all CDBG recipients to enter into formal legal agreements with private non-profit organizations, called "CDBG sub-recipients", in order for these organizations to receive CDBG funding from the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington is also subject to the provisions of federal OMB Circular A-102 Attachment 0, "Procurement Standards" which apply the Township's procurement of services, supplies and property with CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, OMB Circular A-102 also requires the Township to conform to all applicable state and local laws relating to formal legal agreements by municipal government procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Irvington is required under state law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) to authorize the execution of formal grant agreements and procurement contracts (in excess of \$8,500.00) with private contractors:

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

1. The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with **Irvington Public Library to maintain the appearance of wellness literacy groups and long term viability of the library.**
2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required certificate of Availability of Funds No. C22-0151 in the amount of **\$25,000.00** for the above has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington. The appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Account No. T-21-41-850-22E-802 .

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Frederic      17. Authorize Submission of 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan to HUD – Total Home and CDBG \$1,583,407.00

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, provides for a program of Community Development Block Grants; and

WHEREAS, TITLE II OF THE Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended provides that HOME Investment Partnership Program funds be made available to certain participating jurisdictions on a formula basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington is an entitlement and formula city as defined under said Acts, and is entitled to financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) will make available to the Township of Irvington the minimum sum of \$ 1,068,832.00 in CDBG funds, \$514,575.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington desires to receive said funds to conduct housing rehabilitation, economic development, physical improvements, slum clearance, and public service activities in the Township of Irvington; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 require that the Township prepare and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2024 and a One-Year Annual Action Plan 2023-2024 as a prerequisite to receipt of entitlement Community Development Block Grant funds and formulas HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington, pursuant to the requirements of federal regulation 24 CFR Part 91, has given citizens an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the Township of Irvington and has held public meetings and a hearing which were open to the public; and

WHEREAS, said public meetings and hearing were for the purpose of considering and obtaining the views, ideas, and recommendations of the citizens of the Township of Irvington on community development and housing needs, and for the purpose of providing the citizens with an opportunity to participated in the development the Third-Year Annual Action Plan 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, said Third-Year Annual Action Plan 2023-2024 for federal assistance requires certain certifications to be submitted along with and as part of said plans:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:**

**SECTION 1**

One-Year Annual Action Plan 2023-2024 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as required by federal regulation 24 CFR Part 91, including all understandings and certifications contained therein, to act as the authorized representative of the Township of Irvington, and to provide such additional information as may be required.

**SECTION 2**

That the Township of Irvington Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan shall request funding to the fullest extent of funding allowed and determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, as amended and Title H of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended.

**SECTION 3**

That the Mayor and other authorized, appropriate and responsible officials be and they are hereby authorized and directed to duly consider the comments and recommendations received as part of the citizen participation process to incorporate those comments and recommendations in the plan to the extent feasible and to provide a full and written response to all comments and recommendations as part of the final Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan submission.

**SECTION 4**



That the Mayor and other authorized, appropriate, and responsible officials be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute on the behalf of the Township of Irvington such certifications and other documentation as may be required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Frederic      18. Ratify and Approve the Home Rehabilitation Program Funds in the Amount  
Not To Exceed \$31,950.00 for 31 Rich Street – Maharaj General Contracting LLC

**RESOLUTION FOR HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Irvington has been awarded HOME Partnership Funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and it has obligated funds for the purpose of financing its HOMEOWNER Housing Rehabilitation Program administered by the Department of Economic Development and Grants Oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Irvington, Department of Economic Development and Grants Oversight has identified that the applicant, who is the owner of 31 Rich Street, Irvington, New Jersey, 07111 is eligible to receive assistance through the HOME Rehabilitation Program per the Township's policies and procedures; and

**WHEREAS** the Contractor selected through a competitive BID to perform the Remediation work is Maharaj General Contracting LLC and said funds shall be disbursed to the Contractor for the benefit of the applicant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Economic Development and Grants Oversight has contacted all the contractors on resolution number EDGO 23-02149. Three contractors (3) EnviroScience Solutions LLC, Absolute Abatement and Constructions Services and Maharaj General Contracting LLC provided quotes for the required work; two contractors (2) Tekcon Construction Inc and A-Arcalenz LLC declined to participate in the bidding and one contractor (1) did not provide any submission or correspondence before the deadline; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON** that the Township of Irvington does ratify and approve the provision of HOME Rehabilitation Program funds to the applicant(s) in the amount not to exceed \$31,950.00 for a period of affordability of ten (10) years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the aforesaid funds of \$31,950.00 will be disbursed in three (3) installments in the amount of \$10,650.00 each installment after review of work performed and proof of funds expended to facilitate the remediation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the aforesaid funds are to be used for the remediation of the subject property and related soft cost associated with the remediation of the subject property as set forth in Exhibit A (Scope of Work), attached hereto for the premises known as, 31 Rich Street, Irvington, New Jersey 07111, two family unit(s) and owned by homeowner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any such funds not expended in the remediation and related soft cost associated with the remediation of the subject property in accordance with adopted policy and procedures shall be recaptured by the TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON for use in assisting other HUD Program applicant(s); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required Certificate of Fund Req. No. C23-0174 in the amount of \$31,950.00 for the above has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington. The appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Account No. T-21-41-850-18A-801 in the amount of \$2,964.25; Account No. T-21-41-850-19A-801 in the amount of \$24,350.00 and Account No. T-21-41-850-21A-801 in the amount of \$4635.75.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Brown      19. Ratify Professional Services Contract for Litigation/Defense Counsel Services -  
Murphy Orlando LLC in the Matter of Georges Ashley v. Irvington Police Department  
- Not to Exceed \$1,500.00

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

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 23-1010-40 qualified eight firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2023 until October 31, 2024; 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 Georges Ashley v. Irvington Police Department, Docket No. L-0033227-23; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Murphy Orlando LLC, 494 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, NJ, 07102; 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, 494 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, NJ, 07102 for a contract amount not to exceed \$1, 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 \$1,500.00. The billing rate for this contract is \$150.00 per hour.

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Frederic      20. Ratify Professional Services Contract for Litigation/Defense Counsel Services - Simmons Law LLC in the Matter of Estate of Ella Mandelbaum v. Township of Irvington - Not to Exceed \$3,000.00

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

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 23-1010-40 qualified eight firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2023 until October 31, 2024; 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 Simmons Law LLC has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter Estate of Ella Mandelbaum v. Township of Irvington, Docket no: ESX-C-172-23; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Simmons Law LLC, 1349 Lake Street, Plainfield, NJ, 07060; 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 Simmons Law LLC, 1349 Lake Street, Plainfield, NJ, 07060 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 be 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  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Hudley – Frederic      21. Ratify Professional Services Contract for Litigation/Defense Counsel Services - Antoine Law Firm in the Matter of Becker Terrace, LLC. v. Jameel Kearney, et al. - Not to Exceed \$1,500.00

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

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 23-1010-40 qualified eight firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2023 until October 31, 2024; 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 Antoine Law Firm has the most experience to defend the Township of Irvington in the matter Becker Terrace, LLC. v. Jameel Kearney, et al. Docket no: ESX-L-006723-23; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has recommended that a contract be awarded to Antoine Law Firm, 52 Underwood Street, #1, Newark, NJ, 07106; 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 Antoine Law Firm, 52 Underwood Street, #1, Newark, NJ, 07106 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 be 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  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Frederic – Hudley      22. Ratify Professional Services Contract for Litigation/Defense Counsel Services - LLC in the Matter of Debra Conyers-Ezeigbo v. Chana Friedman, et als, et al, - Not to Exceed \$2,500.00

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

WHEREAS, resolution number TA 23-1010-40 qualified eight firms to provide litigation/defense counsel services for the Township of Irvington from November 01, 2023 until October 31, 2024; 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 Debra Conyers-Ezeigbo v. Chana Friedman, et als, et al, Docket No. L-655-23; 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  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

Evans – Frederic      23. Authorizing a Lien Against 7 McGotty Place, 8-10 McGotty Place, 21 Fern Avenue, 28 Howard Street, 41 Elmwood Avenue, 216 Isabella Avenue 448 Stuyvesant Avenue, 597 Grove Street, 1309-1315 Clinton Avenue for the Cost of Removal and/or Abatement From the Properties Such as But Not Limited to Brush, Weeds, Broken Glass, Stumps, Roots, Obnoxious Growths, Filth, Garbage, Trash, Litter, Refuse and Debris in Accordance With N.J.S.A. 48-2.14 and Irvington Code Section 460-9A

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN FOR THE COST OF REMOVAL AND/OR ABATEMENT FROM THE PROPERTIES SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO BRUSH, WEEDS, BROKEN GLASS, STUMPS, ROOTS, OBNOXIOUS GROWTHS, FILTH, GARBAGE, TRASH, LITTER, REFUSE AND DEBRIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 48-2.14 AND IRVINGTON CODE SECTION 460-9A**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:48 -2.14 and the Township of Irvington Code 460-9A authorizes the township by ordinance and under the direction of an officer or code enforcement officer of the municipality to require the owners of properties located within Irvington Township to remove from their premises and/or destroy brush, weeds, broken glass, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash, litter, refuse, debris, etc. within an allotted amount of days after being notified of removal by certified mail; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:48 -2.14 and the Township of Irvington Code 460-9A states if owners fail to remove from their properties and/or destroy brush, weeds, broken glass, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash, litter, refuse, debris, etc. within an allotted amount of days after being notified by certified mail, the township will remedy the condition and bill the owner for services rendered. If the bill and/or charges are not paid within the allotted amount of days, the governing body may place a lien against the said property; and

**WHEREAS**, this lien may be enforced in the same manner as taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners listed herein after receiving the billing invoice failed to remove from their properties and/or destroy brush, weeds, broken glass, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash, litter, refuse, debris, etc. within the allotted time given; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, The Department of Public Works (DPW) has removed the brush, weeds, broken glass, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash, litter, refuse, debris, etc. and sent the owners a bill/invoice for services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, DPW has certified the cost of removal and request the said sum be added to and became part of the taxes assessed against said lands and premises.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Irvington; hereby direct the Tax Collector to charge and collect the cost against said premises as shown herein as a lien in the nature of taxes:

Address	Block	Lot	Date	Amount
7 Mc Gotty Place	292	11	02/21/2023	\$14,280.50
597 Grove Street	127	23	06/06/2023	\$4,725.75
1309-1315 Clinton Ave	17	76	01/23/2023	\$4,476.70
8-10 Mc Gotty Place	293	8	01/23/2023	\$2,582.10
21 Fern Avenue	224	21	10/27/2022	\$3,362.50
448 Stuyvesant Avenue	35	20	10/24/2022	\$840.35
216 Isabella Avenue	65	21	06/02/2023	\$5,322.00
41 Elmwood Avenue	30	5	01/23/2023	\$5,048.60
41 Elmwood Avenue	30	5	02/21/2023	\$2,898.40
28 Howard Street	213	5	01/23/2023	\$2,804.43

Adopted  
Absent: Beasley and Vick

## 10. COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

### A. Communications

1. NJ League of Municipalities - Legislative Bulletin 2022-2023 No. 2

## 11. PENDING BUSINESS

None

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS

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

Doris Sherrill, 35 August Street

Elouise McDaniel, 214 Nesbit Terrace

Robert Shaw, 57 Coit Street

Gloria Thompson, (did not provide address) Irvington Resident

Lauren Shears, Office of the Essex County Executive

Acting Council President Dr. Hudley advised the residents that their concerns will be forwarded to the Administration to be addressed.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Dr. October Hudley, Acting Council President

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Shawna M. Supel, Municipal Clerk