

Resolution of the City of Paterson, N.J.

No. 18 Res. # 24:387 Date of Adoption JULY 1, 2024

Division

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TITLE: RESOLUTION SETTING THE CONTENTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, FOR JULY 9, 2024 THROUGH JULY 1, 2025, ALSO ADDRESSING VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND SCOPE OF MEETINGS

[Signature] Clerk *[Signature]* 6/28/24
Title Date

Approved As to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth

[Signature] 6/28/24
CORPORATION COUNSEL Date

COUNCILPERSON DR. LILISA MIMMS Introducing the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, a public body such as the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson must adopt an annual meeting schedule pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, including “the location of each meeting to the extent it is known, and the time and date of each meeting,” after which the schedule is to be posted and published, see N.J.S.A. 10:4-18; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act permit “virtual meetings” during specified circumstances, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, but because the Annual Meeting Notice should accurately reflect “the location of each meeting,” N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, and because “virtual meetings” do not take place at the same “location” as in-person meetings, accordingly the potential for “virtual meetings” must be addressed in either the Annual Meeting Notice or in an amendment thereto; and

WHEREAS, given that “virtual meetings” are to take place only where there is “a state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster emergency,” N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, it should be noted that the Governor's most recent formal action regarding states of emergency was Executive Order No. 292, dated March 4, 2022, which expressly terminated the “public health emergency” under N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., expressly continued the ordinary “state of emergency” under N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., see E.O. 292 (Mar. 2, 2022) at pg. 12, paras. 1-2, such that as of the date of this Resolution “virtual meetings” remain generally permissible, if and only if pursuant to N.J.S.A 10:4-9.3 specific electronic notice is duly provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY PATERSON that this Resolution shall constitute the “Annual Meeting Notice” contemplated by N.J.S.A. 10:4-18, to be duly posted and published by the Acting Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the Council Chambers remain under repair, meetings shall continue to be held in the Cablevision Studios at 77 Ellison Street in the City of Paterson, after which public notice shall be provided when meetings are to return to the Council Chambers, 155 Market Street, 3rd Floor, in the City of Paterson, with the topic of “Virtual Meetings” addressed below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that so long as State Executive Order 292 (Mar. 2, 2022) remains in effect, or any other State of Emergency within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3 is in effect, the meeting format may be changed from live to virtual pursuant to the notice procedures of the said N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, where for any virtual meeting the Acting Clerk shall utilize www.patersonnj.gov to inform the public of the virtual meeting time, how the meeting can be viewed, and how the public can participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Close-out Meeting, Budgetary Year Meeting, and Reorganization Meeting shall be chiefly devoted to formal action on the said subject matters, but the Council in its discretion may also take other formal actions at the said meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that although the Open Public Meetings Act imposes no duty whatsoever to give any specific form of notice in the event of cancellation of a meeting, nonetheless in such event the Acting Clerk shall cause a prominent notice of cancellation to appear on the City of Paterson’s website, shall email not only the Mayor and Council but also all newspapers that have submitted general requests to receive City notices, and shall cause a paper notice to be posted on the public bulletin board outside the Office of the Clerk, as well as the front and rear doors of City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following schedule shall hereby be adopted:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>
07/09/2024	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
07/16/2024	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
08/13/2024	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
08/20/2024	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
09/10/2024	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
09/17/2024	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
10/08/2024	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
10/15/2024	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
11/07/2024	6:30 P.M.	Thursday	Workshop Session Expenditures & Disbursements
11/14/2024	7:00 P.M.	Thursday	Regular Meeting
12/03/2024	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
12/10/2024	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
12/17/2024	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Close-Out Meeting
01/07/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Budgetary Year Meeting
01/14/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
01/21/2025	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
02/11/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
02/18/2025	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
03/11/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
03/18/2025	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
04/08/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
04/15/2025	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
05/13/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session Expenditures & Disbursements
05/20/2025	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting

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06/10/2025	6:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Workshop Session - Approval of Expenditures & Disbursements
06/17/2025	7:00 P.M.	Tuesday	Regular Meeting
07/01/2025	2:30 P.M.	Tuesday	Re-Organization Meeting

NOTE: THURSDAY MEETINGS ARE DUE TO ELECTION, CONVENTION OR HOLIDAYS.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE (1) WORKSHOP SESSION AND ONE (1) REGULAR MEETING PER MONTH.

**NOTE: GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024
PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 6, 2024

DUE TO THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION, THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18 - 22, 2024.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Resolution sets the time and place of meetings for July 9, 2024 through July 1, 2025.

**JACQUELINE MURRAY
ACTING CITY CLERK**

SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON . SHAHIN KHALIQUE/MARITZA DAVILA

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<i>RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
1. ABDELAZIZ, ALAA "AL"	X			
2. COTTON, RUBY N.	X			
3. DAVILA, MARITZA	X			
4. JACKSON, MICHAEL		X		
5. KHALIQUE, SHAHIN	X			
6. MENDEZ, ALEX	X			
7. MIMMS, LILISA	X			
8. UDDIN, MD FORID	X			
9. VELEZ, LUIS	X			

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson, N.J., July 1, 2024

ALEX MENDEZ
President of the Council

Acting City Clerk

This Resolution when adopted must remain in the custody of the City Clerk. Certified copies are available.