

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

**CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SFY 2008 BUDGET UNTIL
SUCH TIME AS A FORMAL BUDGET IS ADOPTED.**

**RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed, pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 to make the following additional temporary emergency appropriations:**

ACCOUNT (Within Cap)	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Personnel S & W	8-01-20-105-010	\$ 13,500.00
Mayor's Office S & W	8-01-20-110-010	\$ 15,000.00
City Council S & W	8-01-20-111-010	\$ 16,500.00
Business Admin. S & W	8-01-20-112-010	\$ 26,000.00
A.B.C. Board S & W	8-01-20-113-010	\$ 2,000.00
Purchasing S & W	8-01-20-114-010	\$ 10,000.00
Licensing Bureau S & W	8-01-20-115-010	\$ 1,500.00
Grants Mgmt. S & W	8-01-20-116-010	\$ 16,000.00
City Clerk S & W	8-01-20-120-010	\$ 35,000.00
Finance Supervisor S&W	8-01-20-130-010	\$ 9,000.00
Accts & Control S & W	8-01-20-131-010	\$ 6,000.00
Payroll S & W	8-01-20-132-010	\$ 7,000.00
Tax Collector S & W	8-01-20-145-010	\$ 24,000.00
Information Tech S&W	8-01-20-147-010	\$ 9,500.00
Assessor's Office S & W	8-01-20-150-010	\$ 25,000.00
Corporation Counsel S&W	8-01-20-155-010	\$ 32,000.00
Community Devel. S & W	8-01-20-160-010	\$ 12,000.00
Planning Board S & W	8-01-21-180-010	\$ 7,000.00
Housing Inspection S&W	8-01-21-187-010	\$ 11,000.00
Construction Office S&W	8-01-22-195-010	\$ 49,000.00
Emergency Mgmt S & W	8-01-25-252-010	\$ 9,000.00
Fire Department S & W	8-01-25-266-010	\$ 975,000.00
Environ. Svcs. Office S&W	8-01-26-290-010	\$ 40,000.00
Central Garage S & W	8-01-26-301-010	\$ 16,000.00
Solid Waste S & W	8-01-26-305-010	\$ 155,000.00
Human Services S & W	8-01-27-330-010	\$ 13,000.00
Board of Health S & W	8-01-27-332-010	\$ 24,000.00
Constituent Svcs. S & W	8-01-27-333-010	\$ 14,000.00
Senior Citizens S & W	8-01-27-336-010	\$ 28,000.00
Rent Control S & W	8-01-27-347-010	\$ 12,000.00
Transportation S & W	8-01-27-348-010	\$ 21,000.00
Recreation S & W	8-01-28-370-010	\$ 43,000.00

Temporary Appropriations (Cont'd)

19 March 2008

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
(Within Cap)		
Parks S & W	8-01-28-375-010	\$ 56,000.00
Public Property S & W	8-01-28-377-010	\$ 58,000.00
Municipal Court S & W	8-01-43-490-010	\$ 80,000.00
Public Defender S & W	8-01-43-495-010	\$ 5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,876,000.00

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
(Outside Cap)		
Public Library S & W	8-01-29-390-010	\$ 68,000.00
Municipal Alliance O.E.	8-01-40-700-050	\$ 30,000.00
Parking Utility S & W	8-31-55-502-100	\$ 180,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 278,000.00

MEETING: 19 March 2008

APPROVED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard England, Business Administrator

Steven W. Kleinman, Corp. Counsel

Sponsored By: _____

Seconded By: _____

CITY OF HOBOKEN

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken is interested in participating with the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety and supporting their **Click It or Ticket Seat Belt Campaign**, and

WHEREAS, there were 716 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2007, and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt, and

WHEREAS, use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety estimates that 135,000 lives have been saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket Safety Belt Mobilization from May 19 - June 1, 2008 in an effort to raise awareness and increase safety belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the safety belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 91% to 93%, and

WHEREAS, a further increase in safety belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hoboken City Council that;

- 1) The Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the above reference grant application, and all other documents to fulfill the intent of the application.
- 2) As a matter of public policy, the **City of Hoboken** wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the **Click It or Ticket Safety Belt Mobilization** both locally and nationally from May 19- June 1, 2008 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of safety belt use.

Approved as to Form:

Steven Kleinman , Corporation Counsel

Richard England, Business Administrator

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
ORGANIZATION RETIRE ROBERTO CLEMENTE'S NUMBER 21**

WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente, born in Carolina, Puerto Rico, was a Major League Baseball Player for the Pittsburgh Pirates for eighteen seasons from 1955 to 1972, where among his accomplishments he collected 3,000 hits, won four National League batting titles, has a .317 lifetime batting average, received twelve gold glove awards, was voted the Most Valuable Player of the 1971 World Series and after his untimely death in 1973 was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, becoming only the second player for whom the five year mandatory waiting period was waived; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente confronted and overcame the dual obstacles of racism and language to become the first dark skinned Latino to achieve superstar status as a Major League Baseball Player; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente, in addition to being an excellent athlete, was a compassionate humanitarian and role model for all players and young fans; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Clemente, following the baseball season in 1972, organized a relief effort to provide emergency assistance to the victims of a Nicaraguan earthquake and on December 31, 1972 the cargo plane carrying Roberto Clemente crashed into the sea with no survivors; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five years after his death, Roberto Clemente's memory still lives on not only as an outstanding athlete but as a great humanitarian.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HOBOKEN:**

1. That the Council respectfully requests that Major League Baseball retire Roberto Clemente's number 21 as a fitting tribute to a remarkable athlete and human being.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Major League Baseball Organization and Commissioner Allen "Bud" Selig.

Approved:

Approved as to form:

Richard England
Business Administrator

Steven W. Kleinman
Corporation Counsel

Date: March 19, 2008

Sponsored by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2008-2009 URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO HUD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE PROJECT AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 provides for substantial Federal funds being made available to certain urban counties for use therein; and

WHEREAS, this act established certain criteria which must be met in order for a county and its participating communities to be the recipient of said funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken and the County of Hudson entered into an agreement in cooperation with other municipalities in Hudson County for the carrying out of the Hudson County Community Development Urban County Program under the provisions of the Interlocal Services Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken and the County of Hudson have further agreed to cooperate in the carrying out of Community Development Block Grant activities and to undertake or assist in the implementation of programs and projects that better the community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Hoboken that the 2008-2009 proposal for the City of Hoboken’s continued participation in the Urban County CDBG Program is attached hereto and made a part hereof and is hereby approved for submission to the Hudson County Office of Community Development, and, be it—

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Hoboken is hereby authorized and directed to transmit the City’s proposal for funding to the County of Hudson and the City Clerk of the City of Hoboken is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same and affix the City Seal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Hoboken authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee to execute the 2008-2009 CDBG Project Agreements on behalf of the City of Hoboken and the City Clerk to affix the Seal of the City of Hoboken to the aforesaid agreements witnessing the execution thereto.

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2008

Department of Community Development

Approved to Form:

Director Fred M. Bado

Steven Kleinman
Corporation Counsel

Sponsored By: _____

Seconded By: _____

RESOLUTION #: _____

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency is soliciting applications for funding under its DOJ FY08 Earmark Funding: Save the Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hoboken desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount for \$235,000 in grant funds for Hoboken's Save the Youth Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that David Roberts or the successor to the Office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, **and be it further** –

RESOLVED BY THE Council of the City of Hoboken:

- 1. That, should funding be awarded, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement thereto with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency.
- 2. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
- 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Meeting Date: **March 19, 2008**

Department of Human Services

Approved as to form:

John P. Pope, Director
Counsel

Steven W. Kleinman, Corporate

CERTIFICATION

I, James Farina (*name and title of Secretary or equivalent*) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by The Hoboken City Council (*name of legal body*) at a meeting on the 19th day of March, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 19th day of March, 2008.

James J. Farina, City Clerk

Sponsored By: _____

Seconded By: _____

RESOLUTION #: _____

AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF HOBOKEN
AND
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BY AND FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GRANT IDENTIFIER: PF08-376

GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing body of The City of Hoboken desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$3,000 to fund the following project: Community Forestry Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hoboken City Council that Mayor David Roberts or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant
- (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$3,000 and not more than \$3,000
- (c) to execute any amendments thereto any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations
- (d) that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hoboken City Council authorizes and hereby agrees to match 33.3% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services. (see attached breakdown of the in-kind services to be provided by the Grantee)

Meeting Date: March 19, 2008

Department of Environmental Services

Approved as to form:

**Joseph Peluso, Director
Counsel**

Steven W. Kleinman, Corporate

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, James Farina, municipal clerk county clerk utilities Authority Clerk Other of The City of Hoboken certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Hoboken City Council at a meeting held on 20th day of February, 2008; that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect on the date I have subscribed my signature.

Signature

James Farina
Print name

City Clerk
Print title

Date: _____

Sponsored By: _____

Seconded By: _____

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hoboken is granted the exclusive authority to adopt rules of procedure for its own internal governance, pursuant to the Faulkner Act, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-36(f); and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has not re-adopted its rules of procedure in many years, and these rules of procedure need to be revised and updated to meet the Council's needs; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt the following rules of procedure for its internal governance,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN, that the following rules of procedure are hereby adopted for the government of this City Council and the prior rules of procedure repealed.

RULE I

Regular Meetings: The Council shall hold regular meetings in accordance with an annual schedule to be adopted at the Council's re-organizational meeting. Generally, meetings shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 P.M., subject to summer schedules, holidays, and conflicting City events. Council meetings shall ordinarily be held in the Council Chambers at Hoboken City Hall, except that the Council President or a majority of Council members may, in writing, call a meeting to be held in any other suitable public place within the City of Hoboken that is accessible to the public. The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act shall govern the procedures and conduct of all regular meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at regular meetings to the extent that they do not conflict with these Rules of Procedure. The Council may also establish that it will hold regular caucus or workshop sessions, provided, however, that any such sessions comply with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RULE II

Special Meetings: The Mayor may call a special meeting of the Council. In the call the Mayor shall designate the purpose of the special meeting, and no other business may be considered. A special meeting may be held in any suitable place within the City of Hoboken that is accessible to the public. Upon the written request of a majority of Council members, a special meeting may be called in accordance with the requirements of this Rule. The written request shall designate

the purpose of the special meeting, and no other business shall be considered. The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act shall govern the procedures and conduct of special meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at special meetings to the extent that they do not conflict with these by-laws.

RULE III

Emergency Meetings: In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Mayor or a majority of Council members may, in writing, call for an emergency meeting of the Council. An emergency meeting may be held in any suitable place within the City of Hoboken that is accessible to the public. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the Clerk shall immediately notify, by the most expedient means possible, all Council members, the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, the Business Administrator, and all Directors of the date, time, location, and agenda of the meeting to the extent known. Only those matters permitted by law may be considered at an emergency meeting. Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at special meetings to the extent that they do not conflict with these by-laws.

RULE IV

Agenda: All reports, communications, resolutions, ordinances, contract documents, or other matters to be submitted to the Council, shall be delivered to the City Clerk by 4:00 P.M. on the Thursday preceding each regular Wednesday Council meeting. A minimum of twenty-five (25) copies shall be provided to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall immediately date and time-stamp each original submission. Thereafter, the City Clerk shall immediately prepare a typewritten meeting agenda, according to the order of business set forth in these Rules of Procedure. The City Clerk shall provide the agenda to each member of the Council, the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, the Business Administrator, and all Directors as far in advance of the meeting as time for preparation will permit. Normally, delivery shall be effectuated by mailing the agenda no later than 4:00 P.M. on the Friday prior to a Wednesday meeting, but may be effectuated by hand delivery in exceptional circumstances. Regular meetings held on a day other than Wednesday shall also follow the time frames set forth in this rule.

Thereafter, none of the foregoing matters shall be presented to the Council by the administrative heads of the several departments of the City government except those of an urgent nature, and when so presented, shall have the written approval of the Mayor before presentation to the Council. Copies of the agenda shall be distributed to the press as far in advance of the

meeting as time for preparation will permit. The agenda shall also be made available to members of the public upon request, and shall also be promptly placed on the City's website, www.hobokennj.org, in compliance with the Chapter 25 of the Code of the City of Hoboken, "Electronic Accessibility of Public Information." Agendas for special and emergency meetings shall be prepared and distributed in compliance with this Rule to the extent practicable under the circumstances.

The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act shall govern the conduct, agenda, and procedures for all meetings. Pursuant to law, the Council may consider and act upon urgent matters at a regular meeting even if the matter was not listed on the agenda, however, all ordinances and resolutions must be introduced in written or typewritten form, and copies provided to each member of the City Council, the City Clerk, and reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, before the City Council may take any action on any such ordinance or resolution. The City Clerk shall assist in providing sufficient written copies during any meeting as necessary to comply with this Rule.

RULE V

The Presiding Officer - Election and Duties: The presiding officer of the Council shall be the President, who shall be elected at the re-organizational meeting and shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. At the re-organizational meeting the Vice President of the Council shall also be elected and shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. In the President's absence, the Vice President of the Council shall preside over the Council. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, a presiding officer shall be elected by a majority of the Council members present.

The President shall assume the chair of the presiding officer immediately after his or her election, and shall thereafter determine the seating arrangements for the remainder of the Council. The presiding officer shall preserve strict order and decorum at all meetings of the Council. The presiding officer shall state every question coming before the Council, announce the decision of the Council on all subjects and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Council, in which event a majority vote of the Council shall govern and conclusively determine such question of order. The President may vote on all questions, and his or her name will be called last.

RULE VI

Minutes: Minutes of all meetings of the City Council, including closed sessions, shall be taken by the City Clerk in the format and manner required by law. These minutes shall be presented to the Council in resolution form and approved by a majority vote of the City Council. Written

communications from the Mayor or any member of the Council, upon request, shall be placed in the minutes without the necessity for a vote, however, no other written communications shall be placed in the minutes unless approved by motion.

RULE VII

Call to Order: The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour appointed for the meeting and shall immediately call the Council to order. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall call the Council to order. Upon the arrival of the President, the Vice President shall immediately relinquish the chair upon the conclusion of the business immediately before the Council.

RULE VIII

Roll Call: Before proceeding with the business of the Council, the City Clerk or the Deputy City Clerk shall call the roll of the members, and the names of those present shall be entered on the minutes.

RULE IX

Quorum: A majority of the whole number of members of the Council shall constitute a quorum, but no ordinance shall be adopted by the Council without the affirmative vote of the majority of the full membership of the Council, unless a supermajority is required for adoption of a particular ordinance, in which case the vote shall be that required by law.

RULE X

Order of Business: All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public promptly at the hour set for each meeting, the members of the Council shall take their regular stations in the Council Chambers, and the business of the Council shall be taken up for consideration and disposed in the following order:

1. 1. Reading of Open Public Meetings Act notice
2. Flag salute
3. Roll call
4. Reports and communications from the Mayor
5. Reports of officers, boards and committees
6. Claims

7. Unfinished business
8. Motions, resolutions, ordinances
9. Petitions and communications
10. New business
11. Public comment
12. Adjournment

Any citizen requesting to be heard on resolutions or claims shall be permitted to address the Council prior to action on those matters. Citizens may address the Council on ordinances during the public hearing on the ordinance.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Council by resolution may go into closed executive session at any time during the meeting for the purposes provided by law.

The presiding officer, at his or her discretion, shall retain the authority to deviate from the regular order of business as necessary for the efficient conduct of the meeting, subject to override by majority vote of the Council.

RULE XI

Rules of Debate:

- (a) Rights of Presiding Officer. The presiding officer may move second and debate from the chair, subject only to such limitations of debate as are by these rules imposed upon all members and shall not be deprived of any of the rights and privileges of a Council member due to his or her status as presiding officer.
- (b) Getting the Floor. Every member desiring to speak shall address the chair, and upon recognition by the presiding officer shall confine statements to the question under debate, avoiding all personal references and indecorous language.
- (c) Interruption. Upon being recognized by the chair, a member shall not be interrupted when speaking except to call the member to order or as otherwise provided herein. If a member, while speaking, is called to order, the member shall cease speaking until the presiding officer determines the question of order, and if in order the member shall be permitted to proceed. Any member may appeal to the Council from the decision of the presiding officer upon a question of order, when without debate the presiding officer shall submit to the Council the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" and the Council shall decide by vote.

- (d) Privilege of Opening or Closing Debate. The Council member moving the adoption of an ordinance or resolution shall have the privilege of either opening closing the debate as desired.
- (e) Discussion During Vote. Upon any roll call there shall be no discussion or explanation given by any member voting, and the member shall vote aye or nay unless the member shall first receive special permission from the Council to explain the member's vote or to refrain from casting the member's vote.
- (f) Limiting Debate Period. The presiding officer shall retain the power to limit the length of debate on any single question, provided, however, that Council members shall be allowed a minimum of five (5) minutes each to speak on any particular question under debate.

RULE XII

Method of Voting: The vote upon every motion, resolution or ordinance shall be taken by roll call and the results of the vote shall be entered upon the minutes. In addition to voting yea or nay, a Council member may abstain or vote "present," which has the effect of an abstention. The roll call shall be taken in alphabetical order of the members present except that the presiding officer shall vote last. Two or more resolutions may be placed on a consent agenda, and approved by a single roll call vote of the Council, provided that no member of the Council nor any member of the public wishes to be heard on any resolution listed on the consent agenda.

RULE XIII

Manner in Which the Public May Address the Council – Speaker's List: Any member of the public desiring to address the Council shall sign either the list of speakers who wish to speak on the a particular agenda item, and/or shall sign the list of speakers wishing to address the Council during the public comment period. The two lists referred to in this rule shall be prepared by the City Clerk and placed in a convenient place in the City Council Chambers for the convenience of those individuals desiring to speak. Copies of the agenda will be placed nearby.

RULE XIV

Manner in Which the Public May Address the Council - Time Limits:

- (a) A speaker may address the Council on claims but will be limited to five (5) minutes regardless of the number of claims that the speaker chooses to speak on.
- (b) A speaker may not speak for more than five (5) minutes on any single resolution.
- (c) A speaker may speak for no more than five (5) minutes on any single ordinance.
- (d) A speaker may address the City Council on any subject relevant to the affairs and interests of the City of Hoboken when the matters on the agenda have been concluded and after the individual Council members have had an opportunity to address the Council in public. Any speaker addressing the Council during this public comment period will be limited to five (5) minutes unless the presiding officer, in his or her discretion, decides that more time should be allotted to the speaker.
- (d) The City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk will monitor each speaker's time and inform the presiding officer when the speaker has used up the allotted time, at which time the speaker addressing the Council will immediately yield the floor. Whenever possible, the speaker shall be given a warning one minute prior to the expiration of his or her time.
- (e) If the speaker addressing the Council questions the Council concerning City matters, the presiding officer will answer on behalf of the Council and the time taken by the presiding officer in answering the speaker's questions will not count against the speaker's time. However, the authority of the presiding officer to answer on behalf of the Council does not preclude any other Council member from commenting on the subject under discussion upon being recognized by the presiding officer.
- (f) The rules governing the time allotted to the persons addressing the City Council may be relaxed at the discretion of the presiding officer or by a majority vote of the Council members present.

RULE XV

Decorum:

- (a) By Council Members. While the Council is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum and a member shall neither by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the Council nor disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the Council or its presiding officer except as otherwise herein provided.
- (b) By the Public. A member of the public who addresses the Council shall not make

personal, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to any member of the Council, staff or general public. Any person who makes such remarks, or who utters loud, threatening, personal or abusive language, or engages in any other disorderly conduct which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Council meeting shall, at the discretion of the presiding officer or a majority of the Council, be barred from further audience before the Council during that meeting.

RULE XVI

Enforcement of Decorum: The Chief of Police, or such member or members of the Police Department as the Chief may designate, shall be the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Council meeting. The Chief or they shall carry out all appropriate orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at any Council meeting.

RULE XVII

Persons Authorized to be within the Council rail: No persons, except Council members, the City Clerk and/or Deputy City Clerk, and authorized City officers, shall be permitted within the rail in front of the Council Chamber without the express permission of the Council.

RULE XVIII

Standing Committees: All standing committees shall consist of at least three Council members, except for the Committee of the Whole, which shall consist of the full nine members of the Council.

The Council President shall appoint all committee members unless otherwise ordered by the Council. The following standing Committees are hereby established:

1. Revenue and Finance.
2. Zoning, Planning and Economic Development.
3. Quality of Life.
4. Public Safety.
5. Parks and Recreation.
6. Parking and Transportation.

The Council retains the right to establish additional, special committees as required for the efficient operation of the Council. The Council President shall appoint all committee members and the chair of each committee, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of each committee. The Council President shall have the right in his or her sole discretion to remove a member from any committee, including special committees. A majority of the whole membership of the Council may override the President's decision to remove a member from any regular or special committee.

The Committee of the Whole is chaired by the Council President, who has sole authority to call a meeting of the Committee, which shall be noticed for purposes of the Open Public Meetings Act as a special meeting. However, no formal action shall be taken at any meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

It shall be the duty of each committee to consider and report to the Council its findings and recommendations relating to such matters as are delegated to the committee by the Council President or by the Council, and to make recommendations to the Council relating to the operation of the several departments of the City Government.

Nothing hereinabove stated shall be construed so as to invest the membership of said committees with any of the executive or administrative powers of the several City Departments, which are now vested in the Mayor and the Directors of the several City Departments, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 210, Laws of 1950, and the amendments and supplements thereto.

RULE XIX

Claims against the City: No account or other demand against the City shall be allowed until it has been considered and reported to the Council.

RULE XX

Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Contract Documents:

- (a) Preparation of Ordinances. All ordinances shall be prepared by the Law Department, and thereafter approved as to form and legality by the Hoboken Corporation Counsel. The Law Department shall, in a timely manner, provide all necessary legal guidance and assistance to any member of the Council seeking to introduce an ordinance.
- (b) Sponsorship of Ordinances and Time for Submission to City Council. Each ordinance must be sponsored by at least one member of the City Council, whose name shall be affixed thereon, and seconded by at least one other member of the City Council, prior to formal introduction and first reading.

- (c) Resolutions. All resolutions must be sponsored by a member of the City Council, whose name shall be affixed thereon, and seconded by at least one other member of the City Council, prior to introduction.
- (d) Other Matters and Subjects. Other matters and subjects must be read at the regular Council Meeting prior to the introduction of Resolutions and Ordinances.

RULE XXI

Reports of Committees: Committees shall make their reports in writing or orally, and shall return forthwith any petitions, resolutions, accounts or other papers submitted for their consideration upon submission of a report.

RULE XXII

Reports and Resolutions to be filed with City Clerk: All reports and resolutions shall be filed with the City Clerk and entered on the minutes.

RULE XXIII

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE XXIV

Certification of Passage of Ordinance over Mayor's veto:

Whenever an ordinance has been vetoed by the Mayor and is passed by the Council over such veto in the manner provided by law, the City Clerk shall append to such ordinances a certification in substantially the following form:

"I hereby certify that the above ordinance was passed by the Council of the city of Hoboken on the _____ day of _____ was vetoed by the Mayor of the City, and was passed over the said veto on the _____ day of _____.

DATED:

City Clerk

RULE XXV

Attendance of City Officials at Council Meetings: In addition to the City Clerk and the Deputy City

Clerk, the directors of every City department and the Corporation Counsel shall be required to attend all meetings of the City Council unless excused by the President. Upon receiving permission from the Council President, any City official required to attend a Council meeting may be represented by designee.

RULE XXV

Amendment of Rules of Procedure: No amendment to these Rules of Procedure shall be adopted unless it receives a vote of the majority of the full membership of the City Council. Any such amendment shall not take effect until the second regular meeting following adoption of the amendment.

Approved as to form:

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