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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS MINUTES

May 25, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chamber, City Hall – St. James Building; 117 West Duval Street,

In attendance: Council Members Terrance Freeman (President), Ron Salem (Vice President), Michael Boylan, Matt Carlucci, Kevin Carrico, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Rory Diamond, Reggie Gaffney Jr., Nick Howland, Ju’Coby Pittman, Randy White
Council Members-elect Ken Amaro, Raul Arias, Joe Carlucci, Mike Gay, Rahman Johnson, Will Lahnen, Chris Miller, Jimmy Peluso

Also: Mary Staffopoulos and Carla Lopera – Office of General Counsel; Margaret Sidman – Council Secretary/Director; Merriane Lahmeur, Sharonda Davis, Barbara Ireland, Maritza Sanchez, Rebecca Bolton – Legislative Services Division; Steve Cassada – Public Information Division; Kim Taylor and Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Jeff Clements, Collen Hampsey, Cory Armstrong – Council Research; Brian Hughes – Mayor’s office.

Meeting Convened: 4:00 p.m.

Council President Freeman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and congratulated the new council members on their election. Margaret Sidman, Council Secretary/Director, read the call for the meeting.

The President opened the floor to nominations for the position of Council President-Designate. Council Member White nominated Council Vice President Ron Salem for the position, seconded by Council Member Pittman.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and by written ballots the council elected Council Vice President Salem by a vote of 19-0 as the President-Designate. President Freeman extended the privilege of the floor and Dr. Salem recognized his family in the audience and thanked his colleagues for the honor they have extended to him in by electing him President-Designate. He said he looked forward to working with his fellow council members and with the new Mayor Deegan administration.

The President opened the floor to nominations for the position of Council Vice President-Designate. Council Member Salem nominated Council Member Randy White for the position, seconded by Council

Member Pittman. Council Member Clark-Murray nominated Council Member Michael Boylan for the position, seconded by Council Member Matt Carlucci. Council Member Boylan thanked the members for their nomination and said he would adhere to his previous expression of support for Council Member White for the position.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and by written ballots the council elected Council Member White by a vote of 18-1 (Clark-Murray for Boylan) as the Vice President-Designate. The President extended the privilege of the floor and Council Member White thanked all his colleagues for their confidence in him and congratulated President Freeman on his leadership in the past year. President Freeman congratulated the President- and Vice President-Designates. Council Member Howland congratulated President Freeman for his steady leadership and the new council members on their election. He said the new officers will be strong and steadfast leaders. Council Member Diamond said the council was in good hands under President Freeman's leadership during the past year and he looks forward to a good year with the new leadership. He also welcomed the newly elected council members. President Freeman encouraged the new members to take the time it requires to act collaboratively to get good work done.

A quorum call was held with 19 members present. Council Secretary Sidman noted that council member orientation will take place in 3 weeks and the installation ceremony will be held on June 22nd. A limited number of printed invitations will be provided to council members shortly for mailing and an electronic invitation will be made available to send out widely.

President Freeman recognized several former council members in attendance in the audience and requested prayers for Mayor Curry and his family on the recent passing of his father.

Meeting adjourned: 4:28 p.m.

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