

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009 – 10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: City Manager, James Gabbard; City Attorney, Charlie Vitunac and City Clerk, Tammy Vock

1. Call to Order of Canvassing Board – City Attorney

Mr. Charlie Vitunac, City Attorney, called today's meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

a. Roll Call – Deputy City Clerk

The Deputy City Clerk performed the roll call.

b. Pledge of Allegiance – City Clerk

The City Clerk led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mr. James Gabbard, City Manager, gave the invocation.

2. Certification of Election Results

a. Presentation of Election Results – City Clerk

Mr. Vitunac reported that the Canvassing Board spent approximately 10 hours in the past week ensuring that the election was held in a fare manor. He felt that everything went well and congratulated Mrs. Kay Clem, Supervisor of Elections.

Mr. Gabbard felt that the election operation was well run.

The City Clerk reported that she received the Certified Election results on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

b. Reading of Certification Resolution – City Manager

Mr. Gabbard read the Certification Resolution (please see attached).

c. Motion to Adopt Resolution Certifying Election Results

Mrs. Vock made a motion to adopt the Resolution Certifying the Election Results. Mr. Gabbard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Oath of Office of New Councilmembers

a. Administration of Oath of Office – City Clerk

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Charles Wilson.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Brian Heady.

b. Adjournment of Canvassing Board

The Canvassing Board adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

c. Council Takes Seats at Dais

The City Councilmembers took their seats at the dais.

4. Election of New Mayor

a. Call for Nominations for Mayor – City Attorney

Mr. Vitunac called for Nominations for Mayor.

Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Kevin Sawnick for Mayor.

Mr. White nominated Mr. Sabin Abell for Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

b. Motion for Election of one of the Nominees as Mayor

Mr. Vitunac closed nominations for Mayor and asked the City Clerk to poll the Council on the nominations for Mayor in the order they were given.

The Clerk polled the Council on Mr. Kevin Sawnick serving as Mayor and it passed 4-1 with Mr. Heady voting yes, Mr. Wilson yes, Mr. Sawnick yes, Mr. White no and Mr. Abell yes.

c. Mayor Assumes Control of Meeting

Mr. Sawnick took his seat as Mayor.

5. Election of Vice-Mayor

a. Call for Nominations for Vice Mayor

Mayor Sawnick asked for nominations for Vice Mayor.

b. Motion for Election of One of the Nominees as Vice Mayor

Mr. Heady said if no one wants the job I'll take it.

Mr. White nominated Mr. Sabin Abell for Vice Mayor.

Mr. White made a motion to close nominations for Vice Mayor. Mr. Abell seconded the motion.

Mayor Sawnick asked the City Clerk to poll the Council on the nomination for Mr. Brian Heady to serve as Vice Mayor.

The Clerk polled the Council on Mr. Brian Heady serving as Vice Mayor and it failed 3-2 with Mr. Heady voting yes, Mr. Wilson yes, Mr. Sawnick no, Mr. White no and Mr. Abell no.

The Clerk polled the Council on Mr. Sabin Abell servicing as Vice Mayor and it passed 3-2 with Mr. Heady voting no, Mr. Wilson no, Mr. Sawnick yes, Mr. White yes and Mr. Abell yes.

6. Seating Assignment & Appointments to Commission and Boards

The seating arrangement is as follows: Councilmember Charlie Wilson, Councilmember Brian Heady, Councilmember Tom White, Mayor Kevin Sawnick, Vice Mayor Sabin Abell, City Clerk Tammy Vock, City Manager, James Gabbard and City Attorney, Charles Vitunac.

Mayor Sawnick asked the City Clerk to give the Council a copy of who is currently sitting on the Commission and Boards. He noted that appointments would be placed on the next regular City Council meeting agenda.

Mr. Heady asked for an opportunity for the two new members on the Council to thank the public.

The Councilmembers had no objections.

Mr. Heady said that he was sincerely honored being elected. He said that he represents the public and he will listen to them. The day he stops doing that, he wants the public to hold him accountable. He hoped that during his term that he would represent the public at all times.

Mr. Wilson thanked his family and everyone who helped him. He also thanked the people who voted him in office. He understands why he is here and what the citizens just witnessed was democracy at its best and a peaceful change of authority. He noted that it was his goal to help the City be the cleanest, safest, and friendliest City on earth.

At 10:14 a.m. the Council took a break and Mr. White, Mr. Abell, Mr. Vitunac and Mrs. Vock excused themselves from the meeting.

Mayor Sawnick called the meeting back to order at 10:27 a.m.

7. Sunshine Law Briefing – City Attorney

Mrs. Peggy Lyon, Assistant City Attorney, gave a Power Point presentation on the Sunshine Law (on file in the City Clerk's office).

8. Adjournment

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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