

WINSTON-SALEM CITY COUNCIL
Regular Virtual Meeting
December 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joines called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated due to the Safer-At-Home order all Council Members are participating virtually. Council Members will vote by a roll call vote. A Council Member will be recognized, raise their hand, and state their vote. He then asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Council Member John C. Larson, Council Member Robert C. Clark, Council Member Dan Besse, Council Member Annette Scippio, Mayor Allen Joines, Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Council Member James Taylor Jr., Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon

MOMENT OF SILENCE

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1.** Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Honorable Dan Besse for His Service as Council Member.

A video was played in honor of the service of Council Member Besse.

Council Member Besse thanked the Mayor and City Council, Staff, and Citizens. He stated it has been a privilege and honor to serve the Southwest Ward for past 19 years. He noted some past accomplishments and stated some future goals.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Larson, that the Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Honorable Dan Besse for His Service as Council Member be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

- G-2.** Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Honorable Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon for her Service as Council Member.

Mayor Joines presented the Resolution to Council Member Parmon and a video was played in honor of her service.

Council Member Parmon thanked the Mayor and City Council, Staff and Citizens. She stated it was an honor to serve the Northeast Ward constituents. She thanked Chief Catrina Thompson, and acknowledge future support for the Chief and the Winston-Salem Police Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Scippio, that the Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the Honorable Morticia "Tee-Tee" Parmon for her Service as Council Member be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

G-3. Comments by Outgoing Officials.

See comments under G-1 and G-2.

G-4. Oath of Mayor Allen Joines Administered by the Honorable Carrie F. Vickery, District Court Judge.

Mayor Allen Joines was sworn into the office of the Mayor of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Carrie F. Vickery, District Court Judge.

G-5. Oaths of Council Members:

Denise D. Adams was sworn in virtually for the office of Council Member of the North Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

John Larson was sworn in for the office of Council Member of the South Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

Robert Clark was sworn in for the office of Council Member of the West Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

Kevin Mundy was sworn in for the office of Council Member of the Southwest Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

Annette Scippio was sworn in for the office of Council Member of the East Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

James Taylor, Jr. was sworn in virtually for the office of Council Member of the Southeast Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Denise S. Hartsfield, District Court Judge.

Jeff MacIntosh was sworn in virtually for the office of Council Member of the Northwest Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable Lisa V. Menefee, Chief District Court Judge.

Barbara H. Burke was sworn in for the office of Council Member of the Northeast Ward of Winston-Salem by the Honorable L. Todd Burke, Superior Court Judge.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member John C. Larson, Council Member Robert C. Clark, Council Member Kevin Mundy, Council Member Annette Scippio, Mayor Allen Joines, Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams, Council Member James Taylor Jr., Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, and Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

COMMENTS BY INCOMING OFFICIALS

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams stated she looks forward to working with the Mayor and City Council, and thanked the Citizens of the North Ward as well as the Citizens of Winston-Salem.

Council Member John Larson stated Feliz Navidad and Merry Christmas to all, and stated he looks forward to a prosperous 2021.

Council Member Clark thanked Mr. Besse and Ms. Parmon for their service. He stated he had the privilege of setting beside Mr. Besse for 19 years it has been a pleasure. He thanked the citizens of the West Ward for their confidence in him to represent them and stated the future may be a challenge but the City will move forward and continue to make Winston-Salem a great city to work, play, and raise a family.

Council Member Mundy thanked the citizens of the Southwest Ward, and stated it is an honor to serve with the other members of City Council. He thanked Council Member Besse.

Council Member Scippio stated she is looking forward to serving alongside other Council Members and is humbled that the East Ward residents voted for her to represent them.

Council Member Taylor thanked the citizens of the Southeast Ward and considers it an honor to service the Community and City that he was born and raised in. He looks forward to continuing the good work that has been started.

Council Member MacIntosh stated he truly enjoyed working with Ms. Parmon and looks forward to developing a relationship with incoming Council Members. He stated the next four years may be difficult and hard decisions will need to be made. He thanked the Citizens of the Northwest Ward for re-electing him for another term.

Council Member Burke stated she is grateful, honored, and privileged to serve on City Council and represent the Northeast Ward. She thanked the residents of the Northeast Ward for electing her as their representative, her campaign committee, as well as her family for all their hard work. She also thanked the City staff for making her transition to City Council so smooth.

Mayor Joines thanked the voters of Winston-Salem for re-electing him as Mayor for another term. He stated as a City Government there are future challenges such as: COVID 19 and keeping everyone safe, addressing the serious economic impact of businesses and the City because of the pandemic, job growth, affordable housing, and poverty reduction. He stated City Council, and City staff will work together to address these issues.

G-6. Mayor Joines' Recommendations for Committee Assignments and Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Joines made the following recommendations for Committees and Mayor Pro Tempore for the term of 2020-2024.

Finance Committee:

Council Member Robert Clark, Chair

Council Member Denise Adams, Vice Chair

Council Member James Taylor, Jr.

Council Member Jeff MacIntosh

Public Safety:

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair

Council Member John Larson, Vice Chair

Council Member Kevin Mundy

Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee:

*Council Member Denise Adams, Chair
Council Member Annette Scippio, Vice Chair
Council Member Robert Clark
Council Member Kevin Mundy*

Public Works Committee:

*Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Chair
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke, Vice Chair
Council Member John Larson
Council Member Annette Scippio*

Mayor Pro Tempore:

Denise D. Adams

A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Scippio, to approve Mayor Joines' recommendations for Committee and Mayor Pro Tempore assignments for the term 2020-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

G-7. Consideration of City Council's 2021 Meeting Schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Larson, to approve the City Council's 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

G-8. Resolution Designating Voting Delegate for the North Carolina League of Municipalities' 2021-2022 Biennium Legislative Policy and Goals Process.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Adams, to approve the Resolution Designating Voting Delegate for the North Carolina League of Municipalities' 2021-2022 Biennium Legislative Policy and Goals Process. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting Delegates are:

Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member Annette Scippio, Alternate

G-9. Public Comment Period.

Public Comment Period was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.