

City of Aurora, Ohio  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**  
January 8, 2018

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 8, 2018 to hold its Organizational Meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Reva Barner  
Kathi Grandillo  
Harold Hatridge  
George Horvat  
Dennis Kovach  
John Kudley, Jr.  
Amy McDougald  
James Vaca  
Scott Wolf

Also Present: Dean DePiero, Law Director  
Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor  
Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development  
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council  
Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council  
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

**APPROVAL OF GROUND RULES**

**MOTION: To approve the Ground Rules**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mr. Kudley nominated Mr. Horvat; Mr. Vaca seconded the nomination.

**MOTION: To close the nominations for Council President**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**VOTE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Mr. Horvat was elected Council President by roll call vote of 9-0.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Kudley nominated Mr. Kovach for Council Vice President. Mr. Vaca seconded the nomination.

**MOTION: To close the nomination for Council Vice President**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Vote for Council Vice President:** Mr. Kovach was elected Council Vice President by a roll call vote of 9-0.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

**ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Hatridge nominated Ms. Grandillo for Planning Commission Representative. Mr. Wolf seconded the nomination.

**MOTION: To close the nominations for Planning Commission Representative**

Mr. Wolf moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Vote for Planning Commission Representative:** Ms. Grandillo was elected Planning Commission Representative by a roll call vote of 9-0.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL****MOTION: To appoint Ms. Donna Hawks as Clerk of Council**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME DEPUTY CLERKS OF COUNCIL****MOTION: To appoint Ms. Colleen Martin as part-time Deputy Clerk of Council**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To appoint Ms. April Secura as part-time Deputy Clerk of Council**

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**SWEARING IN OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT, PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, CLERK OF COUNCIL & DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Mr. DePiero administered oaths of office to Council President George Horvat, Council Vice President Dennis Kovach, Planning Commission Representative Kathi Grandillo, Clerk of Council Donna Hawks, and Deputy Clerk of Council Colleen Martin and Deputy Clerk of Council April Secura.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Kovach nominated Mr. Kudley for Committee of the Whole Chairman. Mr. Wolf seconded the nomination.

**MOTION: To close nominations for Committee of the Whole Chairman**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Vote for Committee of the Whole Chairman:** Mr. Kudley was elected Committee of the Whole Chairman by a roll call vote of 8-0-1

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Kudley

**ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE VICE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Kudley nominated Mr. Hatridge. Ms. Grandillo seconded the nomination.

**MOTION:** To close nominations for Committee of the Whole Vice Chairman

**Vote for Committee of the Whole Vice Chairman:** Mr. Hatridge was elected Committee of the Whole Vice Chairman by a roll call vote of 9-0.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

**ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & LIAISONS**

Ms. Hawks read the selections of the Council members in order of seniority and Ms. Martin recorded them.

*(See the attached spreadsheet)*

**APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

**MOTION: To approve the 2018-2019 City Council Committee Assignments**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL RULES**

Mr. Horvat noted that Council Rules need to be adopted by the first meeting in March 2018. He asked the members to advise the Clerk of Council of any proposed amendments they would like discussed or considered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, McDougald, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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George C. Horvat, Council President

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Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council