

City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, January 13, 2020 to hold its Organizational Meeting. Ms. Lila Sawchik along with Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 6:16 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
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
Karen Pope, Chief of Staff
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVAL OF MEETING RULES

MOTION: To approve the Meeting Rules

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

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Horvat opened the floor for Council President Nominations. Mr. Wolf nominated Mr. Horvat. There were no other nominations for Council President therefore, Mr. Horvat closed the nominations.

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

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

NAYS: None

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Horvat opened the floor for Council Vice President Nominations. Mr. Kudley nominated Mr. Kovach. There were no other nominations therefore, Mr. Horvat closed the nominations.

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

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

NAYS: None

ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Horvat opened the floor for Planning Commission Representative nominations. Mr. Wolf nominated Ms.

Grandillo. There were no other nominations therefore, Mr. Horvat closed the nominations.

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

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL

MOTION: To appoint Ms. Donna Hawks as Clerk of Council

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

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL

MOTION: To appoint Ms. Colleen Martin as part-time Deputy Clerk of Council

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

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

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

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

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, Deputy Clerk of Council Colleen Martin and Deputy Clerk of Council April Secura.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Horvat opened the floor for Committee of the Whole Chairman Nominations. Mr. Kovach nominated Mr. Kudley. There were no other nominations therefore, Mr. Horvat closed the nominations.

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

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Horvat opened the floor for Committee of the Whole Vice Chairman Nominations. Mr. Kudley nominated Mr. Hatridge. There were no other nominations; therefore, Mr. Horvat closed the nominations.

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, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, 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 2020-2021 COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

MOTION: To approve the 2020-2021 City Council Committee Assignments

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf 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 2020. 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; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

George C. Horvat, Council President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council