

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011 – 2:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**CANVASSING BOARD:** Acting City Attorney, Wayne Coment; City Clerk, Tammy Vock and City Manager, James O'Connor

**1. Call to Order of Canvassing Board – Acting City Attorney**

Mr. Wayne Coment, Acting City Attorney, called today's meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**A) Pledge of Allegiance – City Clerk**

\*Please note: The Pledge of Allegiance took place after the invocation.

Mrs. Tammy Vock, City Clerk, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**B) Invocation – Assistant City Attorney**

Mrs. Peggy Lyon, Assistant City Attorney, gave the invocation.

**2. Certification of Election Results**

**A) Presentation of Election Results – City Clerk**

The City Clerk reported that she received the Certified Election results on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 and the election process went very smoothly.

**B) Reading of Certification Resolution – City Manager**

Mr. James O'Connor, City Manager, 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. O'Connor 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 en masse to Mrs. Tracy Carroll and Mr. Richard Winger.

**B) Adjournment of Canvassing Board**

The Canvassing Board adjourned at 2:06 p.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 – Acting City Attorney**

Mr. Coment explained that their first order of business was to take nominations for Mayor. He asked Council if they wanted to use a written ballot or have a “voice” vote. Council agreed to use a written ballot. He said that last year the Council allowed public comments after the nominations. It was up to this Council if they wanted to allow public comments.

Mrs. Carroll nominated Mr. Craig Fletcher for Mayor.

Mrs. Turner nominated herself for Mayor.

Mr. Winger nominated Mr. Jay Kramer for Mayor.

There were no further nominations.

Mr. Coment asked Council if they wanted to allow public comments at this time.

Mr. Fletcher said that he would agree to public comments after the vote.

Mayor Kramer did not have a problem with allowing public comments before the vote was taken.

Mrs. Turner felt that they should allow public comments.

Council agreed to allow public comments at this time.

Mr. Brian Heady thanked the voters for responding in the Election. He said that while he served on Council they allowed public comments prior to a vote so that they had an idea of what the people wanted. He thanked Mrs. Turner and Mr. Kramer for supporting that today. He felt that said a lot as to who they should elect as Mayor. He said that one of the things Mr. Kramer did right during his term as Mayor was allow the public the right to speak. He thanked Mrs. Turner for also agreeing that the public should have the right to speak. He said that the public speaking after a vote is taken is basically meaningless. He felt that it was clear that there were two acceptable choices from the public for Mayor, which are Mr. Kramer and Mrs. Turner. He thanked Mrs. Turner and Mr. Kramer and wished them luck on being elected for Mayor.

Mrs. Linda Hillman, 2315 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, congratulated Mr. Winger and Mrs. Carroll on being elected to the City Council. She said that there was an on-line poll regarding who the citizens wanted as Mayor. She said that Mr. Kramer received 64% of the votes and Mrs. Turner received 16% of the votes. She felt that Mr. Kramer should be the Mayor and Mrs. Turner should be the Vice Mayor. She felt that they were a great team. She said that she read an article in 32963 and was disappointed with the comments that Mrs. Carroll made regarding Mr. Kramer. She said that Mrs. Carroll stated that Mr. Kramer did not live up to his campaign promises. Mrs. Hillman disagreed. She said that there was an article in the Press Journal during the time Mr. Kramer was running for office and everything Mr. Kramer said in the article he lived up to. She felt that Mr. Kramer was an excellent Mayor. She said that Mr. Kramer listened to the people and to the Councilmembers, which was very admirable. She thanked Mr. Kramer and Mrs. Turner.

**B) Motion for Election of one of the Nominees as Mayor**

At this time, Council marked their ballots for Mayor.

Mrs. Vock reported that they would need to vote again as the votes were 2-2-1 (two votes for Mr. Kramer, two for Mrs. Turner and one for Mr. Fletcher).

Mrs. Carroll asked do they start over with nominations or do they just vote again.

Mr. Coment said that Council could vote again or they could drop the Councilmember with the lowest vote.

Mr. Winger preferred to vote again.

At this time, Council marked their ballots (2) second vote.

Mr. O'Connor reported that they had the same results (2-2-1).

Mrs. Carroll suggested that they open the floor again for nominations. Council agreed.

Mr. Coment opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

Mrs. Carroll nominated herself for Mayor.

Mr. Winger nominated Mr. Kramer for Mayor.

Mrs. Turner nominated herself for Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

At this time, Council marked their ballots for Mayor (3) third vote.

Mr. O'Connor reported that Mr. Kramer received two votes, Mrs. Turner received two votes and Mrs. Carroll received one vote.

At this time, Council marked their ballots for Mayor (4) fourth vote.

Mrs. Vock congratulated Mrs. Turner as being elected Mayor (3-2 vote).

\*Please note: The ballots are attached to the original minutes.

**c) Mayor assumes Control of Meeting**

Mrs. Turner took her seat as Mayor.

**5. Election of Vice-Mayor**

**A) Call for Nomination for Vice Mayor – Mayor**

Mrs. Turner opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Mr. Winger nominated Mr. Kramer for Vice Mayor.

Mrs. Carroll nominated herself for Vice Mayor.

Mr. Kramer nominated Mr. Fletcher for Vice Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

**B) Motion for Election of One of the Nominees as Vice-Mayor**

At this time, Council marked their ballots for Vice Mayor.

Mrs. Vock reported that they would need to vote again as Mrs. Carroll received two votes, Mr. Fletcher received two votes and Mr. Kramer received one vote.

At this time, Council marked their ballots (2) second vote.

Mrs. Vock reported that Mrs. Carroll received two votes, Mr. Fletcher received two votes and Mr. Kramer received one vote.

At this time, Council marked their ballots (3) third vote.

Mrs. Vock congratulated Mr. Fletcher as being elected Vice Mayor (3-2 vote).

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**6. Seating Assignment & Appointments to Commissions and Boards**

Mrs. Vock explained that the Vice Mayor would sit to the left of the Mayor and the newly elected Councilmembers would sit to the right of the Mayor on the end.

At this time, Council took their seats. The seating order from left to right will be Councilmember Winger, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Carroll, Mayor Turner, Vice Mayor Fletcher, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney.

**7. Sunshine Law Briefing – Pat Gleason, Special Counsel for Open Government will give a presentation on Florida Public Records and Sunshine Laws on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Commission Chambers**

Mr. Coment reported that Mrs. Pat Gleason, Special Counsel for Open Government, will give a presentation on the Public Records and Sunshine Law on November 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the

County Commission Chambers. He noted that all the members of the Commission/Boards are invited to attend.

Mr. Winger felt that Mr. Kramer deserved accolades as he worried about each Councilmember. He said that Mr. Kramer was a big help to him as well. He asked for a big round of applause for Mr. Kramer.

Mr. Fletcher said that this was the basics of politics in America. They just witnessed a peaceful transfer of power.

Mrs. Turner said that it was a privilege to serve the City of Vero Beach. She understood that the Mayor is one of a Council of five and represents the entire Council. She said that she plans to conduct their meetings in a way that is beneficial to all the citizens of Vero Beach.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mrs. Carroll made a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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