

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 -10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

CANVASSING BOARD: Acting City Manager, Monte Falls; Interim City Attorney, Kira Honse and City Clerk, Tammy K. Bursick **Also Present:** Deputy City Clerk, Sherri Philo

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

Ms. Kira Honse, Interim City Attorney, called today's meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A) Roll Call – Deputy City Clerk

Ms. Sherri Philo, Deputy City Clerk, performed the roll call.

B) Pledge of Allegiance – City Clerk

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

Mr. Brian Heady said he noticed that Public Comment is not listed on today's agenda as it has been in the past. He asked that they add Public Comment as item 3-D) on today's agenda.

Ms. Honse explained that the Canvassing Board will be adjourned at that point, but the Canvassing Board will add that item to the agenda, but once the City Council is seated they will be the ones to determine if that item will stay on the agenda or not.

2. Certification of Election Results

A) Presentation of Election Results – City Clerk

Mrs. Bursick felt that she would be lying if she said this was an easy Election. However, the Election that was held this past Tuesday went very well and the results were in within 15-minutes and she has the Certified Elected Results in her hand.

B) Reading of Certification Resolution – Acting City Manager

Mr. Monte Falls, Acting City Manager, read the Resolution certifying the results of the Election in its entirety (attached to the original minutes).

C) Motion to Adopt Resolution Certifying Election Results

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

A) Administration of Oath of Office – City Clerk

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office en masse to Mr. Tony Young, Mrs. Laura Moss and Mr. Robert Brackett.

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.

Dr. Zudans said it is his understanding that if there is not going to be a vote they do have to take public comments. He asked if he is correct that if it turns out that there is going to be a vote that will be the appropriate time to take public comments.

Ms. Honse explained that public comments can occur prior to a motion and it can occur as an agenda item. Public comments can be heard now or when they have a nomination.

Dr. Zudans said the reason he asked is because at the last Organizational meeting, there was not a vote because there was only one (1) nomination for both the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

The City Council agreed to have public comments as an agenda item.

D) Public Comment (add on item)

Mr. Brian Heady said past history has shown where they have had members of the public come forward prior to the nomination of Mayor and Vice Mayor because the public does have an opinion. He said that Mr. Young has sat on the City Council for two (2) years and his grandfather was Mayor 100 years ago. He said the City is celebrating their 100 year Centennial and since Mr. Young has had no objections to his service, he has shown the initiative to take charge of different tasks including the Centennial. He is well liked, he received the most votes in this Election, he was a Colonel in the Military, he was the Chief in Charge of the Veterans Council and considering that his grandfather was Mayor 100 years ago, he (Mr. Heady) would ask that Mr. Young be given consideration as a nominee for Mayor. Another thing that has been done in the past is to put their choice for Mayor and their choice for Vice Mayor on a paper ballot. He said no one wants to go against the first nominee selected and this way no one feels like they are voting against anyone, but voting for someone. He felt this would be a good way to select the Mayor and Vice Mayor. He asked that they do this.

Mr. Howle asked is that something that could be done.

Ms. Honse said they need to have nominations.

Mayor Howle said they would use a paper ballot if it becomes a contentious back and forth vote.

Mr. Heady said they have done this in the past and the City Clerk can attest to it. The City Council decided that was how they were going to do it and they did not have nominations.

Dr. Zudans said that he would like to continue with their normal process for nominations.

The City Council agreed.

Ms. Honse closed public comments at 10:15 a.m., with no one else wishing to be heard.

4. Election of Mayor

A) Call for Nomination of Mayor – Acting City Attorney

Ms. Honse called for nominations for Mayor.

Mr. Howle nominated Dr. Zudans for Mayor.

Councilwoman Moss nominated Mr. Brackett for Mayor. Mr. Brackett declined the nomination.

Mr. Young nominated himself for Mayor.

There were no other nominations.

B) Motion for Election of One of the Nominees as Mayor

Ms. Honse asked for the vote on the first nominee, Dr. Zudans.

Dr. Zudans was appointed Mayor of the City of Vero Beach by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Brackett voting yes, Dr. Zudans yes, Colonel Young no, Councilwoman Moss yes, and Mr. Howle yes.

C) Mayor Assumes Control of the Meeting

5. Election of Vice-Mayor

A) Call for Nomination for Vice Mayor – Mayor

Mayor Zudans called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Mr. Brackett nominated Mr. Young for Vice Mayor.

Mr. Howle nominated Mr. Young for Vice Mayor.

Councilwoman Moss nominated herself for Vice Mayor. She said because she attends so many events in the community she felt that would be fitting.

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

Mayor Zudans asked for the vote on the first nominee, Mr. Young.

Mr. Young was appointed Vice Mayor of the City of Vero Beach by a vote of 5-0 with Mr. Brackett voting yes, Dr. Zudans yes, Colonel Young yes, Councilwoman Moss yes, and Mr. Howle yes.

6. Seating Assignment

The seating assignments for City Council will be from left to right, Mr. Howle, Mr. Brackett, Councilwoman Moss, Mayor Zudans, and Vice Mayor Young.

Dr. Zudans thanked his wife for supporting him and permitting his involvement in office. He thanked the voters for choosing him in 2017 and his fellow Councilmembers for electing him as Mayor. He is truly honored and will do his best to live up to their trust. He thanked Mr. Howle for doing a great job as Mayor. He said their last two (2) Mayors, Councilwoman Moss and Mr. Howle, have done an incredible job of getting government out of businesses where it has no business being and proving there is limited things that government should be doing. He said that he plans to continue that endeavor the best he can. He said they have a lot to do this year, including finding their next City Manager and City Attorney, making progress with the new Marina Manager, addressing the parking issues, celebrating the City's Centennial, and most importantly for the next 100 years to figure out what the community wants to happen at the three (3) corners site. His number one (1) goal for that process is that it thoroughly engages the public to get an accurate picture of what the community wants.

7. Sunshine Law Briefing – Acting City Attorney

Ms. Honse gave a Power Point presentation on the Sunshine Law (on file in the City Clerk's office).

8. Adjournment

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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