

Cuyahoga Falls City Council

Minutes of the Cuyahoga Falls City Council Organizational Meeting

January 5, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: George Potts, Senior Member of City Council

ATTENDANCE: All Council members were present

As the senior member of Council, George Potts called the first meeting of the year to order at 6:15 p.m. and requested nominations for *Temporary Chairman*. Mrs. Pyke moved to nominate George Potts. Hearing no further nominations for Temporary Chairman, the nominations were closed. Motion Passed. Voice Vote (11-0).

Mr. Potts proceeded with roll call of the new council: Kathy Hummel, Tim Gorbach, Don Walters, Debbie Ritzinger, Jerry James, George Potts, Ken Barnhart, Mary Ellen Pyke, Doug Flinn, Terry Mader and Carol Klinger. All members present.

An invocation was delivered by Terry Mader and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debbie Ritzinger.

Mr. Potts opened the floor for nominations for President of City Council. Ken Barnhart moved to nominate Carol Klinger. With No further nominations brought forward, Motion Passed. Voice vote (11-0). *Mayor Robart swore Carol Klinger in as Council President.*

Carol Klinger opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of Council. George Potts nominates Melissa Wilkinson. Kathy Hummel nominates Cathy Beebe. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations for Clerk of Council were closed. Ken Barnhart and Tim Gorbach were designated to come forward and collect ballots. Melissa Wilkinson was announced the new Clerk of Council. Written ballot vote (6-5). *Mayor Robart swore Melissa Wilkinson in as Clerk of Council.*

Mrs. Klinger accepted nominations for President Pro Tem. Doug Flinn moved to nominated George Potts. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Motion Passed. Voice vote (11-0).

Mrs. Klinger accepted nominations for Sergeant at Arms. George Potts moved to nominate Terry Mader. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations for Sergeant at Arms were closed. Motion Passed. Voice Vote (11-0).

Mrs. Klinger accepted nominations for Chaplain. Doug Flinn moved to nominate Terry Mader. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations for Chaplain were closed. Motion Passed. Voice Vote (11-0).

Terry Mader made a motion for direct the Clerk to destroy all the written ballots, seconded by Doug Flinn. Motion passed. Voice vote (11-0).

Mrs. Klinger appoints a Committee on Committees and Seating consisting of Ken Barnhart, George Potts, Terry Mader, and Debbie Ritzinger. The Committee distributes a list of Committee and seating assignments. Ken Barnhart moves to adopt the new list of Committees and seating assignments as distributed by the Committee. Motion passed. Voice Vote (11-0).

Mrs. Klinger notes that this list includes all ancillary committees. Mrs. Klinger would also like to assemble a Special Council Committee called the Street Reconstruction Committee. Mrs. Klinger requests that George Potts, Mary Ellen Pyke and Don Walters serve on the committee with Mrs. Pyke being designated as the committee Chairman. This committee will be in charge of working with the administration to create a new street reconstruction policy and process to be approved by City Council. Mrs. Pyke announced the first meeting time of Wednesday, January 14, 2003 at Conference Room A. Mrs. Klinger would like the committee to present a draft of their proposal no later than the City Council meeting on February 23, 2004.

Mr. Flinn moved to adjourn the organizational meeting, seconded by Mary Ellen Pyke. Motion passed. Voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Carol Klinger, Council President

Melissa Wilkinson, Clerk of Council