ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 7:00 PM
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Council convened for an organizational meeting and regular council meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

Mrs. Danielson explained the City Charter provides that in even years, City Council shall meet within three days after the third day of the year to organize. Before the organizational nominations, swearing-in of the newly elected and re-elected council members to 4-year terms would be conducted.

Christine Shoop was sworn in as Ward I Councilwoman, effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027, by the Honorable Judge Malchesky with her husband, Joe Shoop, holding the Bible.

Mario Rodriguez was sworn in as Ward II Councilman, effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027, by the Honorable Judge Malchesky with his daughter, Elianna Rodriguez, holding the Bible.

Paul Hach was sworn in as Ward IV Councilman, effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027, by the Honorable Judge Malchesky with his friend, Rose Sharp, holding the Bible.

Mr. Augustine will be sworn in at a later date.

Mrs. Danielson then called for the nominations for the Office of President of Council.

Mrs. Shoop nominated Mr. Fodor, seconded by Mr. Hach.

Mrs. Danielson asked if there were any more nominations for President of Council. No other nomination was given.

Mrs. Danielson asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mr. Hach moved to close the nominations, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council Members were in favor by responding "Aye". Nominations were closed.

Roll call for their vote was performed.

Mr. Abney, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Shoop voted for Mr. Fodor. Motion carried to elect Mr. Fodor by a 5-0 vote and was elected President of Council for a two year term from January 2, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Mrs. Danielson congratulated Mr. Fodor and turned the meeting over to the Council President for the Vice-President nominations.

Mr. Fodor then called for the nominations for the Office of Vice-President of Council.

Mr. Abney nominated Mr. Augustine, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

Mr. Fodor asked if there were any more nominations for Vice-President of Council. No other nomination was given.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mrs. Shoop moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by responding "Aye". Nominations were closed.

Roll call for their vote was performed.

Mr. Abney, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Shoop voted for Mr. Augustine. Motion carried to elect Mr. Augustine by a 5-0 vote and was elected Vice-President of Council for a two year term from January 2, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

President Fodor congratulated Mr. Augustine and stated that concluded Council's organizational meeting and Council will move directly into the regular council meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:10 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Jim Fodor, Paul Hach, Mario Rodriguez and Christine Shoop were present. Nick Augustine and Lori DiNallo were not able to attend.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Augustine and Mrs. DiNallo from tonight's Council Meeting.

Mr. Hach moved to excuse Mr. Augustine and Mrs. DiNallo, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, Law Director Jim Lyons, Judge Paul Malchesky, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Police Chief Dan Waterman, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Derrick Abney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 12.18.23

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 18, 2023.

Mr. Hach moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 18, 2023, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.071(A), of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation plan, and declaring an emergency.**

This will go to second read.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.071, of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

This will go to second read.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for the 2024 Asphalt Resurfacing of Various Roads Project, and declaring an emergency.**

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This will go to second read.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for the 2024 Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program, and declaring an emergency.**

This will go to second read.

ITEM #5 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the**

lowest and best bidder for the Streetscape Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

This will go to second read.

ITEM #6 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution to retain Douglas L. Lewis as City Manager and authorizing the City Council to enter into an agreement which establishes the terms of employment, and declaring an emergency.**

This will go to second read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons had no report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 PM; City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day; and Lake County's MLK Jr. Day Celebration will be held on Monday, January 15th at 6:00 PM at Lake Erie College.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney congratulated the new President of Council and Vice-President. He thanked Mrs. Shoop for serving as president and commented on the great job she did. He thanked staff and members of the community who had helped him to be a good councilman.

Mr. Hach echoed the same sentiments and reminded council members about speaking into the microphone during council meetings. He thanked the residents who voted for him stating how proud he was to serve. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone who attended and watched tonight's meeting. He thanked and expressed his appreciation the residents who voted in Ward II to give him an opportunity to be an elected official for the City of Painesville.

Mrs. Shoop thanked everyone who worked with her during her term as Council President. She congratulated Mr. Fodor and Mr. Augustine on their new position. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Fodor congratulated the four ward candidates for their successful run and looks forward to working with them. He gave accolades to Mrs. Shoop for her commitment and dedication to the City, her willingness listen and direct contributions. He contributes many of the great things happening in the City to her leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fodor asked for motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Hach moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Abney. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:24 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council