



Organizational Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 ~ 7:30 P.M.

Worthington Municipal Building
The John P. Coleman Council Chamber
6550 North High Street
Worthington, Ohio 43085

City Council

Robert F. Chosy
Joseph C.W. Davis
Louis J. R. Goorey
Bonnie D. Michael
W. Scott Myers

D. Kay Thress, Clerk of Council

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of City Hall, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Goorey called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Robert F. Chosy, Joseph C.W. Davis, Bonnie D. Michael, W. Scott Myers, and Louis J. R. Goorey

Members Absent:

Also present: Clerk of Council, City Manager, Director of Law, Assistant City Manager, City Engineer, Director of Service, Director of Parks and Recreation, Chief of Fire, and Chief of Police.

There were ten visitors present.

President Goorey invited everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

President Goorey stated the first item of business is to have the oaths of office administered to the newly elected Council members. He invited Law Director, Mike Minister to introduce the person who would be administering the oaths.

Mr. Minister welcomed a friend of the city of Worthington and someone who has lived here for a number of years, Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton. We are honored to have her participate in the ceremony and we appreciate her commitment to Worthington.

Justice Stratton asked to say a few words before swearing in the first two newly elected members. This is a very important occasion that should not be rushed because Council members are really the front line. She is very isolated and disconnected in her job but council and staff really define Americana. Members are the first to hear when things are going good or bad. She saw from the latest survey that Worthington residents are pretty happy. Members really have the tough job that connects directly with the people, day in and day out. Many on council have served for many years. She has lived in Worthington about twenty five years and has seen the years and years of service and dedication that members have given to the city.

Justice Stratton added that she and her husband, Jack Lundberg are proud to live in Worthington. They love living in this town. They are happy with the city, with its leadership, with the school system and so many other things. She wanted council to know how much, as a citizen, she appreciates all of their work and effort and the fact that they have made this a great place to live. She thanked members on behalf of Worthington citizens.

Justice Stratton invited Rachael Dorothy to stand and recite the Oath of Office.

The Oath was administered.

Justice Stratton invited Douglas Smith to stand and recite the Oath of Office.

The Oath was administered.

Justice Stratton then invited the three returning council members: Robert F. Chosy, Joseph C.W. Davis, and Bonnie D. Michael to stand and collectively recite their oaths of office.

The Oaths were administered.

Justice Stratton congratulated the members and stated there is now a full complement of the city council members.

Dr. Goorey thanked Justice Stratton for being present. Members feel honored that she and her family have chosen this community in which to live. She has been a great supporter and he appreciates her being present this evening to administer the oaths.

Ms. Dorothy introduced her son, Alex, her husband, Paul and her next door neighbor and good friend, Dave Nadolny.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Ms. Michael, seconded by Mr. Myers to nominate Dr. Louis Goorey to serve as President of Council.

There being no additional candidates, the nominations were closed.

The motion to elect Dr. Louis Goorey to serve as President of Council carried unanimously.

Dr. Goorey thanked members for the opportunity to serve as President for another term.

A motion was made by Mr. Myers, seconded by Dr. Chosy to nominate Bonnie Michael to serve as President Pro-Tem of Council.

There being no additional candidates, the nominations were closed.

The motion to elect Bonnie Michael to serve as President Pro-Tem of Council carried unanimously.

Ms. Michael thanked members for the opportunity to serve as President Pro-Tem for another term.

President Goorey stated he will entertain nominations for the Mayor of the City of Worthington.

A motion was made by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Michael to nominate Harvey S. Minton to serve as Mayor of the City of Worthington.

There being no additional candidates, the nominations were closed.

The motion to appoint Harvey S. Minton to serve as Mayor of the City of Worthington carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michael, seconded by Mr. Myers to nominate James J. Lorimer to serve as Vice-Mayor of the City of Worthington.

There being no additional candidates, the nominations were closed.

The motion to appoint James Lorimer to serve as Vice-Mayor of the City of Worthington carried.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

Justice Stratton, administered the oaths of office to President Goorey, President Pro-tem Michael, Mayor Minton, and Vice-Mayor Lorimer.

Mayor Minton introduced his wife Jane and thanked her for being present. He also introduced Nancy Goorey. Dr. Goorey thanked Mr. Minton for introducing his wife. He told his wife that he really appreciates her support over all the years. She is his love.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Myers to adjourn the Organizational meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

President Goorey declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
17th day of January, 2012.*

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President of Council