

# CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

January 2, 2024

**Call to Order:**

Mr. James, as senior member, at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Siegfert, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.

Mr. James accepted nominations for Temporary Chair. Mr. Balthis nominated Mr. James. There were no further nominations. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Mr. James is Temporary Chair.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mrs. Penta, present; Mr. Siegfert, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present.

**Invocation:**

Mrs. Spinner

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Ashton

**Reports and Communications:** None

**Organizational Business:**

Mr. James accepted nominations for Council President. Mr. Brillhart nominated Mr. Balthis. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Mr. James made a motion to suspend Council Rule 111.01(F) and dispense with written ballots; second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0).

Mr. James moved to elect Mr. Balthis Council President, second by Mr. Brillhart.

Mr. Balthis was elected President of Council, voice vote (11-0), and was sworn in by Mayor Walters.

Mr. Balthis accepted nominations for Council Clerk. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes nominated Dana Capriulo.

There were no further nominations. Mr. Balthis moved to appoint Dana Capriulo as Council Clerk, second by Mr. Brillhart.

Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Ms. Capriulo was not present and will be sworn in by Mayor Walters at the January 16, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Balthis accepted nominations for President Pro Tem. Mr. Brillhart nominated Mr. James.

There were no further nominations. Mr. Brillhart moved to elect Mr. James as President Pro Tem, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Mr. James is President Pro Tem.

Mr. Balthis appointed a five-person Committee-on-Committees and Seating consisting of Mr. James, as Chair, Mike Brillhart, Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, Mrs. Penta and Mr. Balthis.

Council recessed into a Committee-on-Committees at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

**Reports of Council's Special Committees**

Mr. James moved to approve and adopt the Standing Committee assignments, Boards and Commissions appointments, and seating arrangement with a favorable recommendation, second by Mary Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Mr. James moved to adjourn, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Russ Balthis, Council President

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Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council