

MINUTES

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING City Council Chambers VIA ZOOM

Thursday, January 6, 2022 - 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk/Communications Director Bonnie Wilkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was led by City Clerk/Communications Director Bonnie Wilkins.

ROLL CALL

Council Present:

Councilmember Gene Achziger; Councilmember Traci Buxton;
Councilmember JC Harris; Councilmember Matt Mahoney;
Councilmember Anthony Martinelli; Councilmember Jeremy Nutting;
Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

Staff Present:

City Manager Michael Matthias; Chief Operations Officer Dan Brewer;
City Attorney Tim George; Assistant City Attorney Matt Hutchins; Chief
Strategic Officer Susan Cezar; Finance Director Beth Anne Wroe;
Deputy Finance Director Jeff Friend; Human Resource Director
Adrienne Johnson-Newton; Harbormaster Scott Wilkins; Assistant
Harbormaster Katy Bevegni; Chief of Police Ken Thomas; Judicial
Operations Supervisor Serena Daigle; Planning & Development Service
Manager Denise Lathrop; Administrative Coordinator Peggy Volin;
Public Works Director Andrew Merges; Economic Relief & Resource
Coordinator / Land Use Planner II Eric Lane; Assistant Director of Parks,
Recreation and Senior Services Nicole Nordholm; Emergency
Preparedness & Safety Manager Shannon Kirchberg; City
Clerk/Communications Director Bonnie Wilkins and Deputy City Clerk
Taria Keane attended the meeting via Zoom.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

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Councilmembers Buxton, and Mahoney, were officially sworn in on January 3, 2022 in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers Achziger and Steinmetz were officially sworn in on January 4, 2022 in the City Clerk's Office.

SELECTION OF MAYOR

City Clerk/Communications Director Wilkins called for nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Buxton nominated Councilmember Mahoney to serve as Mayor for 2022 and 2023.

Councilmember Martinelli nominated Councilmember Harris to serve as Mayor for 2022 and 2023.

City Clerk/Communications Director Wilkins asked if there were any other nominations. Seeing none Communications Director/City Clerk Wilkins called for the vote.

Councilmembers Mahoney and Councilmember Harris made brief statements as to why they should be elected Mayor.

Councilmember Steinmetz voted for Councilmember Mahoney.

Councilmember Nutting voted for Councilmember Mahoney.

Councilmember Martinelli voted for Councilmember Harris.

Councilmember Achziger voted for Councilmember Mahoney.

Councilmember Mahoney voted for himself.

Councilmember Buxton voted for Councilmember Mahoney.

Councilmember Harris voted for himself.

With a vote of 5-2 Councilmember Mahoney was elected as Mayor for 2022-2023.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Mahoney called for nominations of Deputy Mayor.

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Councilmember Martinelli nominated Councilmember Harris to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2022 and 2023.

Councilmember Nutting nominated Councilmember Buxton to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2022 and 2023.

Mayor Mahoney asked if there were any other nominations. Seeing none Mayor Mahoney called for the vote.

Councilmembers Harris and Councilmember Buxton made brief statements as to why they should be elected Deputy Mayor.

Councilmember Steinmetz voted for Councilmember Buxton.

Councilmember Achziger voted for Councilmember Buxton.

Councilmember Nutting voted for Councilmember Buxton.

Councilmember Martinelli voted for Councilmember Harris.

Councilmember Buxton voted for herself.

Councilmember Harris voted for himself.

With a vote of 5-2 Councilmember Buxton was elected as Deputy Mayor for 2022-2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

- There were no correspondence

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC VIA WRITTEN COMMENT

- David Denino, Please elect a Mayor who will commit to leading the change to a more inclusive, respectful and ethical public government in Des Moines
- Jeff Hupp, Snowmageddon
- Jo Schadt, Urge the new City Council to move ahead with Marina plan

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Matthias gave Council an update on COVID.
- Chief Operations Officer Brewer gave Council an update on the City's Response of the Snow Event.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

COUNCILMEMBER HARRY STEINMETZ

- Polar Bear Plunge
- Introduction Statement

COUNCILMEMBER GENE ACHZIGER

- Introduction Statement

COUNCILMEMBER JEREMY NUTTING

- No Report

COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY MARTINELLI

- Congratulated the new Councilmembers

COUNCILMEMBER JC HARRIS

- Second Chance for Port Packages
- Congratulated the new Councilmembers, Mayor, and Deputy Mayor

DEPUTY MAYOR TRACI BUXTON

- Congratulated the Mayor and new Councilmembers

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Read a Statement on being selected Mayor

NEXT MEETING DATE

- January 13, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Councilmember Nutting to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Harris.

The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes Approved at the February 10, 2022 Council Meeting.