

THERE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 525 HIGH STREET, BURLINGTON, NJ, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The Municipal Clerk advised the public of the location of the two fire exits; one on the left after exiting the Council Chamber and the other being the entrance to the building.

Members present: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard. (6)
Absent: Ms Mercuri (1).

Also present: Mayor Conaway, Administrator- David Ballard, Municipal Attorney- M. Lou Garty
Municipal Engineer - Frank Morris, Chief Financial Officer- Ken Mac Millan, Director of Housing- Bill Harris, Chief Snow.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Re-Organization Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

The Invocation was given by American Legion Post #79 Commander Tony D'Angelo.

The Salute to the Flag was held.

Temporary Chairperson for Re-Organization 2019

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Babula, Councilman Swan was voted as Temporary Chairperson for this Re-Organization by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan. (5); NAYS: Ms. Woodard. (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Mercuri. (1).

Upon the motion by Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Babula, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

President of Council for the year 2019

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Babula, Councilwoman Lollar was voted as President of Council for the year 2019 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan. (5); NAYS: Ms. Woodard. (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Mercuri. (1).

Upon the motion by Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Babula, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

Vice President of Council for the year 2019

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilwoman Lollar, Councilman Babula was voted as Vice President of Council for the year 2019 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Lollar, Mr. Swan. (5); NAYS: Ms. Woodard. (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Mercuri. (1).

Upon the motion by Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilwoman Lollar, nominations were closed. All were in favor.

Roberts Rules of Order - 10th Edition, for the year 2019

Upon motion of Councilman Babula, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, Roberts Rules of Order - 10th Edition for 2019 was adopted.

Consent Agenda for year 2019

Upon motion of Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Babula, a Consent Agenda for 2019 was adopted.

Limiting citizens to speak no more than five (5) minutes, and only one time, during each meeting for the year 2019

Upon motion of Councilwoman Hatala, seconded by Councilman Babula, the limiting of citizens to speak no more than five (5) minutes, and only one time during each meeting was adopted, for the year 2019.

Remarks

President Lollar wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to working with everyone in 2019.

Councilwoman Woodard made the following statement:

“Good Evening! Here are my 2019 Happy New Year comments. Please take heed. 2018 was a year of loss, introspection, and finally, reassessment & reevaluation for me. In this arena, City Council, I was confounded by some crap that had me feeling legally hamstrung to act or react. This defined my interactions for 2 years. Additionally, I was concerned that any public reaction to the dysfunction of this body would negatively impact the Mayor, or this progressive agenda, or taint hard working members of the administration, and professionals. This colored my reactions to things. I literally held my nose & ignored the stinky BS; & stumbled thru the forest as well as the tree’s. 2019 is the year of my personal redemption, and restoration. For council members, this means the following: come right or be prepared to fight, if the agenda is not out, and with the correct addendums in a timely fashion, where it can be studied & digested it will be subject to my public castigation. You know how you all publicly obsess over a friend’s or family members pothole, even tho a phone call to the proper party would efficiently remedy the situation? I am gonna ramble on & on about incorrect procedures & processes, and the late information, secret meetings. Be forewarned. This last year was fraught with behavior, incongruent with my understanding as a trained public administrator, of how a properly functioning City Council works for the good of the citizens, the administration, and the Mayor. This body is not a ceremonial

trapping, or a freakin' coffee klatch. Pleasant does not equal professional. Courteous doesn't mean correct, or competent. Aromatic doesn't mean sweet smelling . Expect " My way or the High way to get outed. It's a thing of the past.

If I suspect personal ambition being put in front of the City's , you are gonna get outed.

In other words, and for instance, people's personal time better not come at expense of an accurate & inclusive communication, pandering for jobs or favor, or sales better come in the dead of nite in another county, and it better not have any explicit or implied quid pro quo attached. If you're absenting yourself for a couple of months, and plan on calling in, you better have notified this entire body not just the cozy few. And if it not nec'y now, it needs to be made official, as a resolution or amendment to the City ordinances. I am calling on the Citizens, and the employees to demand the best from this body, not the least.

No one should be taking up office in City Hall, during business hours or after, conducting "other than City Hall business " No administration employee should spend time City time a& the City;s dime redoing resumes or reservations- some people here could probably relish a return of the Bad old days, where a handshake and a wink at a buddy " trumped" (no pun intended) competency, efficiently and efficacy. Not happening.

It occurred to me that my silence on these issue's enabled and encouraged behavior that is potentially damaging to this Mayor, to the aims the Redevelopment and the future of the City. My silence was consent to the bull. Its over..

Hey, I am just saying.."

Upon motion of Councilman Babula, seconded by Councilwoman Hatala, the January 7, 2019 Re-Organization Meeting of the City of Burlington was adjourned.

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