



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Albany, CA 94706

Monday, December 14, 2020

7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pilch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Barnes, Maass, and Nason, Vice Mayor McQuaid, Mayor Pilch
Absent: None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3-1. Certification of the Official Results of the General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2020

Staff recommendation: that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-122, declaring the result of the General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2020

Mayor Pilch asked if anyone would like to remove Item 3-1 from the consent calendar. No one wished to do so.

A summary of public comments is as follows: appreciation for Council Members' service to the community; congratulations to the newly elected School Board Members and City Council Members.

MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Maass, seconded by Vice Mayor McQuaid, to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, and Nason, Vice Mayor McQuaid, Mayor Pilch

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4-1. Remarks by Current City Council Members to New City Council Members

Council Member Maass congratulated the new Council Members on their successful campaigns and shared a few words of wisdom for elected officials.

Vice Mayor McQuaid looked forward to working with the new Council Members and forming a strong and respectful Council.

Council Member Nason welcomed new Council Members and appreciated the opportunity to work with retiring Council Members.



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Council Member Barnes expressed gratitude for the new Council Members' willingness to serve the community and wished them well.

Mayor Pilch encouraged the incoming Council Members to make the most of their time in office and to embrace change.

4-2. Ceremonial Oath of Office for Newly Elected Members of the City Council – Ge'Nell Gary, Preston Jordan, and Aaron Tiedemann

City Clerk Hsu administered the oath of office to Ge'Nell Gary, Preston Jordan, and Aaron Tiedemann.

4-3. Remarks by New City Council Members

Council Member Jordan hoped to serve as well as the retiring Council Members.

Council Member Gary thanked the electorate for the opportunity to serve the community.

Council Member Tiedemann thanked Council Members, staff, fellow candidates, supporters, and his family. His belief that challenges can be solved led him to run for City Council.

A summary of public comments is as follows: anticipation for working with the new Council Members; information about a training program for women running for office; welcome and congratulations to the new Council Members; appreciation for Council Members' dedication and time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5-1. City Council Reorganization

Staff recommendation: that the Council:

1. Determine whether to update the City Council Policy on reorganization; and
2. Select members of the City Council per preferred reorganization policy to the positions of Mayor and Vice-Mayor for a one-year term

City Clerk Hsu presented the staff report. The presiding officer will call for nominations. Any Council Member may make a nomination, for which a second is not necessary. The Council will vote on the last nomination first. On November 16, 2020, the Council deferred a discussion of revisions to the Council Policy for selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor to the current meeting. The Council should discuss the policy and revise it as the Council deems necessary.

A summary of public comments is as follows: a suggestion to rotate the offices among Council Members; support for not requiring a rotation; a suggestion to promote the Vice Mayor to Mayor and elect any of the remaining Council Members to Vice Mayor.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: a suggestion to discuss revising the Council Policy at a later meeting or during the Council retreat.



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MOTION:

Moved by Council Member Jordan, seconded by Council Member Nason, to continue the consideration of updating the reorganization policy to the Council retreat where the City Council policies and procedures are discussed.

AYES: Council Members Gary, Jordan, Nason, and Tiedemann and Vice Mayor McQuaid

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

Council Member Nason nominated Council Member Gary for the office of Mayor. Council Member Jordan nominated Vice Mayor McQuaid for the office of Mayor.

A summary of public comments is as follows: support for rotating the offices of Mayor and Vice Mayor; support for Council Member Gary as Mayor.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: Council Member Gary is prepared for a leadership role on the Council; appreciation for the nomination; the current policy is for the Vice Mayor to advance to Mayor, Vice Mayor McQuaid has experience and relationships built on her service as Vice Mayor and Mayor.

Vice Mayor McQuaid for Mayor:

AYES: Council Member Jordan and Vice Mayor McQuaid

NOES: Council Members Gary, Nason, and Tiedemann

Motion failed.

Council Member Gary for Mayor:

AYES: Council Members Gary, Jordan, Nason, and Tiedemann and Vice Mayor McQuaid

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered

Council Member Nason nominated Council Member Jordan for the office of Vice Mayor.

A summary of public comments is as follows: support for the nomination of Council Member Jordan.

A summary of Council comments is as follows: Council Member Jordan has in-depth experience and knowledge about several issues facing the Council; support for Council Member Jordan.

AYES: Council Members Jordan, McQuaid, Nason, and Tiedemann, Mayor Gary

NOES: None

Motion carried and so ordered

The Council selected Ge'Nell Gary as Mayor and Preston Jordan as Vice Mayor.



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6. ADJOURNMENT

8:48 p.m. There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Gary adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Anne Hsu, City Clerk.

Ge'Neil Gary
Mayor

Attest:

Anne Hsu, City Clerk

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