

CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2022, 12:45 p.m.

Meeting held remotely by zoom

Members Present: Daniel Rist, James Kwiecinski, Owen Zaret, Thomas Peake, Homar Gomez, Salem Derby, Lindsey Rothschild, Brad Riley and Koni Denham.

Councilor Rist was charged with running the meeting as he is the most senior member of the council.

As Councilor Rothschild was not present at the in-person swearing-in ceremony held prior to this meeting, she was given the oath of office remotely by City Clerk Barbara LaBombard.

Nominations for Council President: Councilor Rist nominated Councilor Homar Gomez as Council President. Councilor Kwiecinski seconded the nomination.

As no other nominations were put forward, on motion made by Councilor Kwiecinski and seconded by Councilor Peake it was unanimously voted (by roll call) to close the nominations.

Councilor Zaret asked Councilor Gomez to describe how he would maintain an air of professionalism and fairness as council president. Councilor Gomez said he thinks he is fair and having served as a coach he knows that sometimes decisions aren't easy, but that in the end "it's what is best for the team". Councilors Derby, Riley and Kwiecinski all voiced their support of Councilor Gomez's nomination.

A roll call vote was taken and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** that ***Homar Gomez*** be elected to serve as City Council President for the 2022-2023 term of office.

City Clerk Barbara LaBombard issued the oath of office to President Gomez.

Councilor Rist said he will not be a candidate for Vice-President. He said he is happy to step aside.

Nominations for Council Vice-President: Councilor Zaret nominated Councilor Salem Derby as Council Vice-President. Councilor Peake seconded the nomination.

As no other nominations were put forward, on motion made by Councilor Zaret and seconded by Councilor Peake it was unanimously voted (by roll call) to close the nominations.

Councilor Zaret thanked Councilor Rist for his leadership as City Council Vice-President over the past two years. He asked Councilor Derby the same question he had asked Councilor Gomez.

Councilor Derby said the council needs to be able to debate “without consequences – even when we don’t agree”. He said he would support Councilor Gomez with whatever he needs.

A roll call vote was taken and it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** that ***Salem Derby*** be elected to serve as City Council Vice-President for the 2022-2023 term of office.

President Gomez issued the oath of office to Vice-President Derby.

Councilor Kwiecinski said he felt this council could be a very great and “dynamic” group and he was looking forward to working with his fellow councilors.

Councilor Zaret said he has concerns about the operations of the council and said it’s important that all nine councilors engage. He said even if there are disagreements, they are colleagues who must be willing to work together. He emphasized it is “business, not personal”.

On motion made by Councilor Rist and seconded by Councilor Derby, it was unanimously voted (by roll call) that this meeting adjourn.

Time: 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara L. LaBombard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Barbara L. LaBombard
Clerk to the City Council