

WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY and ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**MINUTES
July 2, 2018**

The official Swearing-In Ceremony for newly elected Council member Mr. Edward F. Maslin and re-elected Council member Mr. Douglas G. Pons, was held at 9:00 a.m. on July 2, 2018, at the Courthouse of 1770, Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Attendance

Present in addition to Mr. Maslin and Mr. Pons, were Council members Paul T. Freiling, Barbara L. Ramsey and Benming Zhang. Interim City Manager and Clerk of Council Andrew O. Trivette and City Attorney Christina Shelton were also present. The courthouse was filled with family and friends of City Council members, city staff, citizens, and visitors to the Historic Area.

Call to Order

The Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Michael Pfeiffer with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, called the Swearing-In Ceremony to order in 18th century style. Mr. Pfeiffer welcomed everyone and commented on the history of the Courthouse of 1770 and the courts in Virginia, as well as a brief overview and history of the City Mace.

Mr. Pfeiffer introduced current Mayor, the Honorable Paul T. Freiling.

Mr. Freiling welcomed everyone to the event, to witness the biennial Swearing-In Ceremony and Organizational Meeting of the 2018-20 City Council. He introduced returning members of City Council, the newly and re-elected members, and acknowledged the presence of former Council member D. Scott Foster and Senator Monty Mason. Mr. Freiling introduced Pamela Legere, Chair of the Electoral Board.

Certificates of Election

As Chair of the Electoral Board, Ms. Legere presented Certificates of Election to Mr. Edward F. Maslin and Mr. Douglas G. Pons.

Oaths of Office

Mr. Freiling introduced the Honorable Michael E. McGinty, Circuit Court Judge for Williamsburg/James City County. Judge McGinty then administered the Oaths of Office to Mr. Edward F. Maslin and Mr. Douglas G. Pons, after which each Council member gave brief comments.

Mr. Freiling announced the conclusion of the Swearing-In Ceremony, thanked members of the audience for being present and invited them to remain for the Organizational Meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order

At 9:15 a.m., City Attorney Christina Shelton, Chairman Pro Tem, called the Organizational Meeting to order.

Council members present for the Organizational Meeting, 2018-2020, were Paul T. Freiling, Douglas G. Pons, Barbara L. Ramsey, Benming Zhang, and Edward F. Maslin..

Nominations

Mayor

Ms. Shelton asked for nominations for Mayor. Mr. Pons nominated Paul T. Freiling for Mayor. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Freiling was unanimously elected by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Maslin, Ramsey, Freiling, Pons, Zhang
Nay: None

Mayor Freiling took the Chair.

Vice Mayor

Mayor Freiling opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor. Mr. Zhang nominated Douglas G. Pons for Vice Mayor. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Pons was unanimously elected by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Maslin, Ramsey, Freiling, Pons, Zhang
Nay: None

Clerk of Council

Mayor Freiling opened the floor for nominations for Clerk of Council.

Ms. Ramsey moved that City Council appoint Andrew O. Trivette for Clerk of Council. Mr. Pons seconded the motion. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Trivette was unanimously elected by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Maslin, Ramsey, Freiling, Pons, Zhang
Nay: None

City Attorney

Mayor Freiling opened the floor for nominations for City Attorney.

Mr. Maslin moved that City Council recognize and confirm the continued appointment of Christina Workman Shelton as City Attorney. Vice Mayor Pons seconded the motion. There were no other nominations.

Ms. Shelton was unanimously appointed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Maslin, Ramsey, Freiling, Pons, Zhang
Nay: None

Interim City Manager

Mayor Freiling opened the floor for nominations for Interim City Manager.

Ms. Ramsey moved that City Council recognize and confirm the continued appointment of Andrew O. Trivette, as Interim City Manager. Vice Mayor Pons seconded the motion.

Mr. Trivette was unanimously appointed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Maslin, Ramsey, Freiling, Pons, Zhang

Nay: None

Policies and Procedures Manual

Mr. Zhang moved that City Council approve Proposed Resolution #18-06, Adoption of City Council's Policies and Procedures Manual. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ramsey.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Maslin, Ramsey, Freiling, Pons, Zhang

Nay: None

Adjournment

There being no additional business before the Council at 9:20 a.m., Mayor Freiling adjourned.

Approved: August 9, 2018

Paul T. Freiling, Mayor

Andrew O. Trivette, Clerk of Council