

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

Minutes of an Organizational Meeting Held on Sunday January 3, 2010

Council of the City of Berea, Ohio, met in an Organizational meeting on Sunday, January 3, 2010 and was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by James J. Brown, President of Council, with the following members present: Cheryl A. Banaszak, Nick Haschka, Margarette S. Key, Dale A. Lange, Richard T. Malott, Jim Maxwell and Dean W. Van Dress. Absent: none. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The Clerk's certificate of compliance with C.O. Section 109 and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code was filed with Council.

President of Council Brown welcomed the incumbents and the new members of Council.

Moved by Van Dress, seconded by Lange that Mrs. Kathleen Russell Olmeda, be re-appointed to serve as Clerk of Council.

Vote on the motion to re-appoint Mrs. Kathleen Russell Olmeda as the Clerk of Council was ayes: Banaszak, Haschka, Key, Lange, Malott, Maxwell, Van Dress. Nays: none. The motion carried and Mrs. Kathleen Russell Olmeda was declared Clerk of Council.

Moved by Lange, seconded by Haschka that Mr. Van Dress be nominated for the position of President Pro Tem.

Moved by Malott, seconded by Van Dress that Mr. Maxwell be nominated for the position of President Pro tem.

Vote on the motion to appoint the President Pro Tem was taken by roll with the member indicating their selection as follows:

Banaszak	– Van Dress
Haschka	-- Van Dress
Key	-- Van Dress
Lange	-- Van Dress
Malott	-- Maxwell
Maxwell	-- Maxwell
Van Dress	– Van Dress

Mr. Brown announced that Mr. Van Dress would serve as President Pro Tem.

Mr. Brown announced his appointments to the various Council Committees and Councilmanic representations. (A list of the various Council Committees is attached to the minutes of record.)

Mr. Brown announced the following appointments:

- Dean W. Van Dress as Council's representative to the Southwest Health Care System Board of Directors.
- Dale A. Lange to the Berea Board of Income Tax Review
- Dale A. Lange as Council's representative to the Shade Tree Commission and Dean W. Van Dress as an alternate.
- Jim Maxwell to the Woodvale Union Cemetery Board of Trustees.
- Richard T. Malott as Council's representative to the Southwest Suburban Council of Governments.
- Cheryl A. Banaszak and Nick Haschka to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.

NEW BUSINESS

James J. Brown, President of Council

Mr. Brown welcomed Mrs. Banaszak and Mr. Malott as new members to Council and recognize the members that are continuing on Council.

Cheryl A. Banaszak, Ward 4

Mrs. Banaszak said it was both an honor and a privilege to be serving on Council and is looking forward to working with all of Council as well the Administration.

Nick Haschka, Ward 2

Mr. Haschka thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve on Council in Ward 2. He said he was looking forward to working with Council and for the residents in Ward 2. He also welcomed the new members to Council.

Margarette S. Key, Ward 1

Mrs. Key said she was glad to be here and would continue to help the Council and Mayor move the City forward. She also welcomed new members Mrs. Banaszak and Mr. Malott and the returning Council members.

Dale A. Lange, At-Large

Mr. Lange said he has enjoyed his six years on Council and is looking forward to working on all the activity in the City. He also welcomed the new members to Council.

Richard T. Malott, Ward 5

Mr. Malott said it was a privilege to be elected back to Council and starting his ninth term. He thanked the residents of Ward 5 for electing him. He also thanked Judge Comstock for swearing him and recognized Congressman Dennis Kucinich who attended the Council Inauguration earlier this afternoon.

Jim Maxwell, Ward 3

Mr. Maxwell said he has enjoyed the previous six years that he has been on Council and that it is a privilege to serve the residents of Ward 3 and all of Berea. He said the members don't always agree on issues, but work together to move the City forward.

Dean W. Van Dress, At-Large

Mr. Van Dress said it was an honor and privilege to be an elected official at any stage of government. He said everyone on Council brings their own special talents and strengths which helps to work towards the greater vision for the City. Mr. Van Dress thanked Judge Villanueva for swearing him earlier today and being part of the Berea community.

Cyril M. Kleem, Mayor

Mayor Kleem said he was looking forward to working with all the members of Council on the upcoming challenges for the City.

Dennis Kucinich, U. S. Congressman

Congressman Kucinich congratulated the members of Council. He said he had started his career on Cleveland City Council forty years ago and he understands the work that Council does is so connected to people. He said local government works because the Council members are accessible to their residents.

H.B. 9 (Public Records), Sunshine Laws

President of Council said all of the Council meetings are held in compliance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio. He encouraged all members of Council to become familiar with the Sunshine Laws. He also asked Council to be familiar with House Bill No. 9 which has to do with Public Records.

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Lange, seconded by Van Dress to adjourn the meeting. Vote on the motion was ayes: Banaszak, Haschka, Key, Lange, Malott, Maxwell, Van Dress. Nays: none. The motion carried and President of Council Brown declared the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

James J. Brown
President of Council

Kathleen Russell Olmeda, MMC
Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Organizational meeting of Council of the City of Berea, Ohio, held on this 3rd day of January 2010 has been conducted in compliance with C.O. Section 109 and with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Kathleen Russell Olmeda, MMC
Clerk of Council