

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2014 – 7:30 PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Maurice Cashman presided over the January 6, 2014 Organizational Meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cashman announced that Council met in executive session immediately prior to this meeting in regard to the potential impact of a recent court decision and potential litigation regarding certain fees.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable William F. Morgan, Senior Judge of the 37<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, administered the Oath of Office to Incoming Mayor Maurice Cashman, Council members John Lewis and James A. Zavinski, Sr., who were elected to new terms on City Council, and to incoming Councilmen Gregory Fraser and Richard Kolcharno.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Maurice Cashman, Dr. Howard Ferguson, Gregory Fraser, Samuel Harvey, Richard Kolcharno, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Hildebrand, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Ms. Nau, Mrs. Risinger, Ms. Stapleford, and Chief Zydonik of City staff were also in attendance.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Cashman welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Andrew Moore: City Firefighter observing
- John Wortman: Resident
- Pauline Steinmeyer: City resident, 18 Prospect Street
- Nan Cashman
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer reporter

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT**

Mr. Cashman noted that the role of Council Vice-President is to preside over meetings when the Mayor is not in attendance.

Mr. Zavinski made the motion to name John Lewis as Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ferguson.

Dr. Ferguson made the motion to close nominations for Council Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harvey and carried unanimously.

Upon vote on Mr. Zavinski's motion, Council members voted unanimously to name John Lewis as Council Vice-President.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2942: AUTHORIZING 2014 RETAINER FOR HILL ENGINEERING, INC.**

Mrs. Freenock noted that at the December 16, 2013 regular meeting, Council voted to appoint Hill Engineering, Inc. as the City Engineer for 2014. At that time, Council members had questions

regarding the manner in which engineering services would be billed and it was requested that Hill Engineering, Inc. provide a revised 2014 Retainer Agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Mr. Kolcharno, Council members voted unanimously to approve the resolution establishing the basis of payment for professional services provided by Hill Engineering, Inc.

### **RECYCLING COLLECTION FEES**

Mr. Harvey noted a recent Commonwealth Court case regarding the collection of current and delinquent fees for recycling collection and made the motion to amend the City Schedule of Fees by removing the Recycling Collection Fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fraser and carried unanimously.

### **PARKING STUDY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Cashman appointed Mr. Lewis, Mr. Fraser, and Dr. Ferguson to serve as members of a Parking Study Committee and requested that a report be provided at the April 21, 2014 regular Council meeting. Mr. Cashman suggested that the Committee consider inclusion of one or two citizens in their discussions.

### **COUNCIL CHAMBER ACOUSTICS**

Mr. Zavinski inquired as to whether something might be done to amplify sound within Council Chambers so that visitors might better hear the proceedings of Council meetings. Mrs. Freenock indicated that City staff is aware of this concern and possible options are being investigated.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.