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CITY OF COCOA
Special City Council Meeting
Swearing-In of New Council Members

November 20, 2018

A Special City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Deputy Mayor Blanco called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Councilman Whipple provided the invocation and Councilman Boisvert led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor-Elect
	Alex Goins	District 1 Councilman-Elect
	Lorraine Koss	District 4 Councilwoman-Elect
	Kristin Eick	Assistant City Attorney
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Mike Cantaloupe, Chief of Police, Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Nancy Bunt, Deputy Community Services Director; Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk; Colleen O'Donnell, Records Technician; Kathy Frederick, Executive Assistant; Heidi Byron, Housing

Program Coordinator; Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech; Charlene Neuterman, CRA Program Manager; Major John Hankins, Cocoa Police Department; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist; and several other City employees.

II. Approval of Agenda:

1. Approve the Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting (Swearing In Ceremony) of November 20, 2018. (18-569)

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to approve the Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting (Swearing In Ceremony) of November 20, 2018.**

AYES: Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

III. DELEGATIONS:

None.

IV. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2018-107 Certifying the Results of the November 6, 2018 General Election for District 1 & 4 and Special Election for Mayor. (18-570). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve Resolution No. 2018-107 Certifying the Results of the November 6, 2018 General Election for District 1 & 4 and Special Election for Mayor.**

AYES: Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Swearing-In of District 1 Councilman Elect Alex Goins. (18-572). (City Clerk)

City Clerk Shealy swore in District 1 Councilman Elect James "Alex" Goins. Mr. Goins repeated the affirmation into the record and took his seat at the dias.

3. Swearing-In of District 4 Councilwoman Elect Lorraine Koss. (18-573). (City Clerk)

City Clerk Shealy swore in District 4 Councilwoman Elect Lorraine Koss. Ms. Koss repeated the affirmation into the record and took her seat at the dias.

4. Swearing-In of Mayor Elect Jake Williams, Jr. (18-574). (City Clerk)

City Clerk Shealy swore in Mayor Elect Jake Williams, Jr. Mr. Williams repeated the affirmation into the record and took his seat at the dias.

Mayor Williams expressed his appreciation to the previous Mayor and Council for the progress they have made so far.

Councilman Goins thanked God for this opportunity and also thanked his wife for her support throughout the process. He further thanked his family and advised that this opportunity is not just about him, but about the City of Cocoa.

He introduced students from Cocoa High School and Emma Jewel Charter Academy and pointed out that he is serving for these students as well. He thanked all of the citizens that voted for him and also thanked his opponent for stepping into the race. It is now time to get to work and to get things done.

Councilwoman Koss mentioned that this was a team effort and expressed her gratitude to Deputy Mayor Blanco for her ethic of public service and for her dedication to the City of Cocoa during the past few years. She pointed out that this was a positive campaign and although they struggled over a platform, they ran a smart campaign.

She noted that she has listened and learned through the campaign process and understands so much more about the City than she did before. She further thanked her team and her husband for their support. She added that over the last year there has been standing room only in some of the meetings and there has been more attendance than in the past. She hopes to make a difference and wants everyone to be heard. She thanked everyone again for supporting her and the good of Cocoa.

Mayor Williams thanked God for this opportunity to serve the citizens of Cocoa. He stated that the citizens will not be disappointed by this Council and he is hopeful to resolve issues such as blight and crime. He knows that Council has their work cut out for them but believes this will be done by Council and not by him alone.

There are a lot of great things happening but that does not mean a thing when there are other major things that need to be addressed.

Mayor Williams strongly believes that this Council will accomplish many things and stated that the City of Cocoa is a great City and Cocoa is the heart of Brevard County. He wants people to care about this City as a whole and stop the divide that has been seen over the last few years.

5. Annual Appointment of Deputy Mayor. (18-575). (Administrative Services Director)

Councilman Boisvert nominated Councilwoman Warner as Deputy Mayor for November, 2018 through November, 2019.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Goins, to appoint Councilwoman Brenda Warner as Deputy Mayor for November, 2018 through November, 2019.**

AYES: Williams, Boisvert, Goins, Warner
NAYS: Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

V. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Koss, to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting of November 20, 2018.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

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