MINUTES

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

November 17, 2020

A Special City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

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

The Assistant City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Jake Williams	Mayor
	Alex Goins	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Michael Blake	Mayor - Elect
	Lavander Hearn	District 2 Councilmember - Elect
	Rip Dyal	District 3 Councilmember - Elect
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
ABSENT:	Brenda Warner	Councilmember

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Fuhrer, Assistant City Manager; Carie Shealy, City Clerk; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Mike Cantaloupe, Chief of Police, Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director;

Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Deputy Community Services Director; Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk; Colleen O'Donnell, Records Technician; Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech; 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 17, 2020. (20-765).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting (Swearing In Ceremony) of November 17, 2020 with an amendment to add a delegation after the approval of the Agenda.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Mr. Rachad Wilson, Principal of Cocoa High School, thanked the City of Cocoa for being Cocoa High School's most loyal supporters. Most recently, the high school received a donation from the City to put towards rubberizing the track at the Richard "Dick" Blake stadium. He recognized the Council for their support and also recognized Assistant City Manager Matt Fuhrer and former Councilman Clarence Whipple for their involvement. Additionally, he extended a special thanks to Officer Rhodes and Officer Hattaway for the Space Coast Canine Competition. He expressed that he is looking forward to continuing this relationship with the incoming Council and new City Manager.

III. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Award RFP-21-02-COC to Family Promise of Brevard, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to further negotiate a long-term Lease Agreement for the use of the 114 First Street property (former fire station #1. (20-783). (Assistant City Manager)

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer read the item into the record and provided background information. He explained that the building is not currently functional and would otherwise be torn down, however Family First of Brevard would like to be awarded the bid for the lease agreement.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to award RFP-21-02-COC to Family Promise of Brevard, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to further negotiate a long-term Lease Agreement for the use of the 114 First Street property.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2020 Budget, through the use of General Fund Balance and Water/Sewer Fund Balance Reserves, due to Covid-19 unbudgeted Expenses and to "shore up" Departmental Budgets Negative Balances through various budgeted lines. (20-800). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman read the item into the record. She explained that by State Statute, all changes to the budget must be made by November 30.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve a Resolution Amending the FY2020 Budget, through the use of General Fund Balance and Water/Sewer Fund Balance Reserves.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Approve a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget, BAF# 21-033-A, for Purchase Orders Rolled Over to Year 2021, Due to Unspent Money for Capital Projects and Specific Operating Accounts, Through the Use of Various Fund Balance Reserves. (20-801). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman read the item into the record. She explained that this relates to purchase orders relating to projects that were not completed by the end of FY20.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget, BAF# 21-033-A, for Purchase Orders Rolled Over to Year 2021 through the use of various fund balance reserves.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

IV. Council Business

1. Approve Resolution No. 2020-241 Certifying the Results of the November 3, 2020 General Election for the Mayor and Districts 2 & 3. (City Clerk). (20-796)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve Resolution No. 2020-241 Certifying the Results of the November 3, 2020 General Election for the Mayor and Districts 2 & 3.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Recognition of outgoing Councilmembers Don Boisvert & Brenda Warner, and Mayor Jake Williams, Jr. (20-807). (Deputy Mayor Goins)

Deputy Mayor Goins shared that the City has two outstanding Councilmembers leaving the Council this evening. He shared Councilmember Warner's history of service to the community and pointed out that she served many years on City Council as well as many other boards and organizations.

Additionally, he shared Councilmember Boisvert's history while he served on the City Council as well as many other boards and organizations. He has served on the Council for a total of ten years and also served as Deputy Mayor and as a V-Cop for several years.

Councilmember Koss shared it is her honor to provide the list of long accomplishments that Mayor Jake Williams Jr. accrued while he served the City of Cocoa. He too served on many boards and organizations and also assisted with many organizational events. She also shared her experience while working with Mayor Williams and pointed out his sincere dedication to serving the City and its residents. She noted she is very proud to have worked with him.

3. Swearing-In of District 2 Councilmember Elect Lavander Hearn. (20-797). (City Clerk)

City Clerk Shealy swore in Councilmember Elect Lavander Hearn. Mr. Hearn repeated the affirmation into the record and took his seat at the dais.

4. Swearing-In of District 3 Councilmember Elect Rip Dyal. (20-798). (City Clerk)

City Clerk Shealy swore in Councilmember Elect Rip Dyal. Mr. Dyal repeated the affirmation into the record and took his seat at the dais.

5. Swearing-In of Mayor Elect Michael C. Blake. (20-799). (City Clerk)

City Clerk Shealy swore in Mayor Elect Michael C. Blake. Mr. Blake repeated the affirmation into the record and took his seat at the dais.

Mayor Blake thanked those who paid the price before him. He gave a brief explanation as to why he is wearing purple this evening. He acknowledged his family and pointed out that a man without his family is a man without his country. He expressed that everyone matters and he would like to extend an olive branch to those who did not support him but those whom he loves, which is everyone.

He spoke regarding public safety and discussed the tough times going on in the City. He expressed we are tough and will get through the tough times together.

He also spoke about economic growth and creating jobs. We are a city of business and are open for business. He is also a believer in affordable housing and would like to expand affordable housing and middle income housing.

Mayor Blake talked about investment and public affairs, regarding stormwater and utilities. He talked about beautifying the City, including parks and other areas as well as managing growth in downtown Cocoa Village. He also addressed the public parking situation in the Village and promised that the issues would be addressed during his term.

He would like to reinvigorate relationships among citizens, staff and Council. He addressed the pink elephant in the room, which is the FBI investigation. He promised that this would be addressed in the near future.

Lastly, he thanked his family and supporters for standing by him and team Cocoa.

6. Annual Appointment of the Deputy Mayor. (20-766). (Administrative Services Director)

Mayor Blake nominated Deputy Mayor Goins to remain Deputy Mayor for November, 2020 through November, 2021.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to reappoint Deputy Mayor Goins as Deputy Mayor for November, 2020 through November, 2021.**

AYES: Blake, Dyal, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED (5-0)

V. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting of November 17, 2020.**

AYES: Blake, Dyal, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk
(Transcribed by Assistant City Clerk, Monica Arsenault)