

**CITY OF MASON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2013**

Council met in special session on the above date in accordance with the City Charter for reorganization of Council and the seating of new Councilmembers.

Mayor Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. Mark Stecher, Crossroads Mason Campus Pastor, opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office for Councilmember was taken by Council elect Rich Cox, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and David F. Nichols. The Oath was administered by the Law Director, Jeff Forbes.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Victor Kidd, Barbara Spaeth, Rich Cox, Tom Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and David Nichols.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Mayor Nichols opened the floor to accept nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Grossmann nominated David Nichols. Councilmember Pelfrey moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Roll call vote taken, 6 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Nichols) for David F. Nichols. David F. Nichols was proclaimed the new Mayor for the City of Mason.

Mayor Nichols took the Oath of Office for Mayor of the City of Mason as administered by the Law Director, Jeff Forbes.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Nichols opened the floor to accept nominations for the office of Vice Mayor. Councilmember Cox nominated Victor Kidd. Councilmember Grossmann moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Roll call vote taken, 6 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Kidd), for Victor Kidd. Victor Kidd was proclaimed the new Vice Mayor for the City of Mason.

Vice Mayor Kidd took the Oath of Office for Vice Mayor of the City of Mason as administered by the Law Director, Jeff Forbes.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Nichols thanked the Lord and his family and stated that he feels honored to serve as Mayor of this wonderful, blessed City. Mayor Nichols said that he would not be here today

without the encouragement of Councilmember Grossmann and Vice Mayor Kidd. He stated that each Councilmember brings something different to the table and that they choose to serve, not for the perks, but because they sincerely love the community. Mayor Nichols stated that he appreciates former Mayors who have set the path for the City of Mason and stated that as Mayor he will continue to be objective, fair, and sincere. He thanked the residents of Mason and City Council.

VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Kidd stated that Mayor Nichols is a great man and leader. He believes that Mayor Nichols is the most qualified Mayor in Mason history. Mayor Nichols deflects praise and it is under his selfless leadership that the City has experienced two years of success. Along with his business savvy, intelligence, drive, and toughness, Mayor Nichols is kind to all. Mayor Nichols is a true statesman and sets the standard as to how we should all conduct ourselves. Vice Mayor Kidd expressed his deep respect, admiration, and trust in Mayor Nichols.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Spaeth stated that she has enjoyed working with Council over the past two years and looks forward to the next two years. She said that she appreciates the unique perspective of each Councilmember and willingness to compromise when needed. Councilmember Spaeth expressed appreciation for the support of her family.

Councilmember Cox stated that he is proud to be part of this unique and special Council and looks forward to getting things done for the City. He expressed thanks to Lou Eves for encouraging him fifteen years ago to serve as Councilmember.

Councilmember Pelfrey thanked her husband, four daughters, and extended family and friends for their love and support. She looks forward to working with Council and the Bicentennial Committee as they join business and community in this celebration. Councilmember Pelfrey welcomed the Mayor and Vice Mayor as the City of Mason leaders.

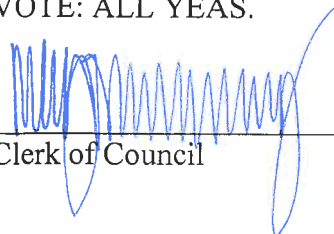
Councilmember Prince congratulated all the new Councilmembers, Mayor, and Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Grossmann stated that in politics, people choose to do great or to be great. Mayor Nichols wants to do great things and brings leadership and business skills as a former Chief Executive Officer. He is a principled man with unique attributes that will continue to attract business to Mason. Mayor Nichols is a team builder and the City of Mason would not have Festo, if not for him. Councilmember Grossmann thanked Mayor Nichols for his service.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey.
VOTE: ALL YEAS.

TIME: 4:21



Clerk of Council



Mayor