

**CITY OF MASON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. Chaplain Edison DeArco 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 Barbara Berry-Spaeth, Kathy Grossmann, and Victor Kidd. The oath was administered by Law Director Jeff Forbes.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Victor Kidd, Barbara Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and David F. Nichols.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

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

Prior to the vote, Councilmembers Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, and Don Prince each read a statement referencing lack of communication amongst Councilmembers and the need for greater leadership, open communications, inclusiveness, fairness, and unity of Council in the future. In elaborating on these points, Councilmember Grossmann expressed her position for rotating the position of Mayor between Councilmembers; Councilmember Pelfrey pointed to prior newspaper articles in which Councilmembers expressed negative comments about other members of Council and the impact these actions have had on members and their families; and Councilmember Prince referenced false accusations and disparaging comments about the character of other Councilmembers. Mayor Nichols responded that the angst expressed by Councilmembers hurt him. He indicated he did not seek to be Mayor, but in his time as Mayor he has focused on economic development, revenues have increased, taxes have rolled back, and recently the City received an excellent Moody's credit rating. Mayor Nichols apologized that he was not aware of this type of division among Councilmembers. He stressed that while there have been differences of opinion, all Councilmembers love the community. He has enjoyed working with all members of Council. Recently his plans were put on hold as 12 days ago he was in an emergency room reflecting upon his time as Mayor. Mayor Nichols stated that a City he is not from, took him in and it has been a great honor. While he had no issues with anyone on Council he was okay with Victor Kidd as Mayor. The business community respects Victor immensely. Councilmember Kidd indicated that he found the discussion inappropriate and that for years past, while he had strong reasons not to support prior Mayors, he still voted for them.

Roll call vote taken, 4 votes for Victor Kidd, 3 votes for Charlene Pelfrey. Upon conclusion of the vote, it was determined that Victor Kidd is elected Mayor of the City of Mason.

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

**ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR**

Mayor Kidd opened the floor to accept nominations for the office of Vice Mayor. Councilmember Nichols nominated Barbara Berry-Spaeth. Councilmember Pelfrey moved to close nominations, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Roll call vote taken, 7 YEAS for Barbara Berry-Spaeth. Upon conclusion of the vote, it was determined that Barbara Berry-Spaeth is elected Vice Mayor of the City of Mason.

Barbara Berry-Spaeth took the Oath of Office for Vice Mayor of the City of Mason as administered by Law Director Jeff Forbes.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**


Mayor Kidd spoke about the tremendous success of the City of Mason under the leadership of Mayor David F. Nichols.

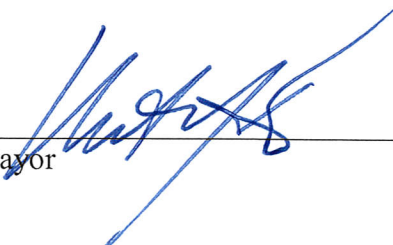
**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Pelfrey congratulated all the new members. Councilmember Pelfrey asked that Mayor Kidd contact her first before speaking to the media. She also expressed that she would do her best to support unity of Council. Councilmember Nichols congratulated the new Mayor, Vice Mayor, and team. He pledged to do all he could in working with all members of Council in moving forward. Councilmember Nichols stated that time heals all.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nichols. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 5:45 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor