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ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

January 1, 2018

The Clerk offered a few words of reflection to the newly elected City Council as they begin the New Year representing our community.

It is good to recognize how different we all are, our talents, our dreams and our occupations. No one is exactly like anyone else. Yet we come here today in hopes that even though we are different we can mobilize them for the good of the community and move together towards the common good of our City.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Rabbi Rachel Barenblat from Congregation Beth Israel gave the Inaugural Invocation.

Pursuant to the City Election held on November 7, 2017 the following were elected as City Councilors for the City of North Adams for a term of two years. **Keith J. Bona, Eric R. Buddington, Rebecca A. Cohen, Marie T. Harpin, Paul J. Hopkins, Jason M. LaForest, Benjamin J. Lamb, Joshua J. Moran, Wayne J. Wilkinson.**

The oath of office was administered to the newly elected City Council.

The City Council meeting was called to Order.



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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL January 9, 2018

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Councilor Bona, Buddington, Cohen, Harpin, Hopkins, Lamb, LaForest, Moran, Wilkinson.

A moment of silence was observed, remembering Joshua Aron Sargent, former employee in the Park and Recreation Department for the City of North Adams. Christa Steele-Knudslie advocate for the transgender community.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street hopes the new Council will take more consideration when it comes to the budget this year. He also suggested that the Mayor consider changing the title of Police Director and Fire Director to Chief of Police and Fire Chief.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the December 26th meeting. On motion of Councilor Lamb, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

11,640 The President presented Mayor's communication #1 setting the bond level for the North Adams City Treasurer/Tax Collector.
Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted each year the Commission of Revenue sets forth the minimum bonding levels for the various City Officers.

11,640 The President presented an Order establishing the bond for the Treasurer/Tax Collector at \$250,000.

On motion of Councilor Wilkinson, duly seconded by Councilor Cohen it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Bona, Buddington, Cohen, Harpin, Hopkins, Lamb, LaForest, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay none.

11,641 The President presented Mayor's communication #2 setting the bonding level for the Assistant Treasurer.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

11,641 The President presented an Order establishing the bond for the Assistant Treasurer at \$62,500.

On motion of Councilor Cohen, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

On motion of Councilor Cohen, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED to amend the Order to read Section 39A in place of Section 35.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Bona, Buddington, Cohen, Harpin, Hopkins, Lamb, LaForest, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay none.

11,642 The President presented Mayor's communication #3 setting the bonding level for the City Clerk.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

11,642 The President presented an Order establishing the bond for the City Clerk at \$15,000.

On motion of Councilor Wilkinson, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

On motion of Councilor LaForest, duly seconded by Councilor Cohen it was VOTED: to amend the Order to read Section 13 in place of Section 35.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Bona, Buddington, Cohen, Harpin, Hopkins, Lamb, LaForest, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay none.

11,643 The President presented Mayor's communication #4 recommending the re-appointments of Justyna Carlson and Wendy Champney to the North Adams Historical Commission for terms to expire January 1, 2021.

On motion of Councilor Lamb, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointments.

11,644 The President presented Mayor's communication #5 recommending the re-appointment of Lynette Bond to the North Adams Planning Board for a term to expire February 1, 2023 and to appoint Lisa Blackmer to fill the unexpired term of Paul Hopkins for a term to expire February 1, 2019.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor LaForest it was VOTED: to confirm the appointments. Councilor Wilkinson abstained.

11,645 The President presented Mayor's communication #6 recommending the acceptance of a \$5,000 gift from Berkshire Bank Foundation to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted the Berkshire Bank Foundation notified the City of a \$5,000 grant payable over two years to the CCNB to support school enrichment programs at Drury High School and BART Charter School as a supplement to State funding through the Massachusetts Cultural Council to local Cultural Councils like CCNB.

11,645 The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to accept a gift of \$5,000 from the Berkshire Bank Foundation to the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by ye and nay vote as follows; ye Councilor Bona, Buddington, Cohen, Harpin, Hopkins, Lamb, LaForest, Moran, Wilkinson.

11,646 The President presented Mayor's communication #7 regarding the formation of Retail Marijuana Zoning Working Group.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted that currently, non-medical marijuana establishments or recreational marijuana establishments is not specifically addressed under the City Zoning Ordinance. The group will include representation from Office of Community Development, North Adams Police Department, Health Department, North Adams Public Schools, City Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, License Commission and two residents of the North Adams Community.

11,647 The President presented Rules and Order of the City Council for 2018, which were postponed at the meeting of January 1st.

On motion of Councilor Lamb, duly seconded by Councilor Hopkins it was VOTED; to refer to the General Government Committee and postpone to the meeting of January 23rd.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Harpin said that residents were concerned about paying their water bills, since the Public Services Office has moved down to the new DPW building, but she noted that water bills can be handled in the Treasurer's Office. Councilor Lamb mentioned that there was a group of Williams Students who were in attendance at the meeting. This group is doing a study on North Adams. Councilor Wilkinson asked the Mayor if the group for the marijuana was going to be looking at retail/warehouse. The Mayor responded, yes, that was going to be addressed. Council President Bona was using the gavel once owned by Mayor Rosasco that he will use during his term as President. Councilor Bona said the gavel was given to him by his cousin Mary Fachini Rosasco, his widow shortly before her death at the age of 99.

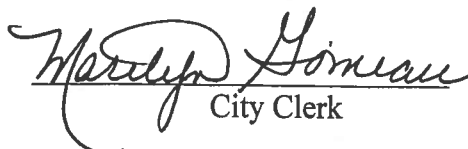
The Mayor noted that January 18th at 6:00 the North Adams Library will be doing a dedication to Gailanne Cariddi.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Wilkinson, duly seconded by Councilor LaForest it was VOTED: to adjourn at 7:51PM.

A True Record

Attest,


City Clerk

On Roll Call the following responded Councilor Bona, Buddington, Cohen, Harpin, Hopkins, LaForest, Moran, Lamb, Wilkinson.

The Clerk called for nominations for the Office of Council President for the year 2018.

Councilor Buddington nominated Councilor Bona, seconded by Councilor Wilkinson.

With no further nominations, Councilor Lamb made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Councilor Moran.

The Clerk declared Councilor Bona President for the year 2018.

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Councilor Bona.

President Bona takes the chair.

The President conducts the election for the Vice President for the year 2018.

The President called for nominations for the Vice President.

Councilor Hopkins nominated Councilor Lamb for Vice President, duly seconded by Councilor LaForest.

With no other nominations the President declares nomination closed.

The President declared Councilor Lamb as Vice President for the ensuing year 2018.

The Clerk administered the oath to Councilor Lamb.

Inaugurals address by the President.

The President presents the Rules of Order for the City Council for 2018.

Without objection the President postponed the Council Rules to the January 9th meeting.

The President announced the Committee assignments for 2018.

The President announced the Liaison assignments for 2018.

The President called upon the Clerk to administer the oath of office to the members-elect of the North Adams School Committee.

Ian D. Bergeron, Heather Putnam Boulger, James C. Holmes.

The Oath of office was administered to the newly elected North Adams School Committee.

The President calls upon the Clerk to administer the oath of office to the members-elect of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, **Paul A. Gliotti, and Gary F. Rivers**

The newly elected members of the Northern Berkshire Vocational School Committee were not present.

The President announced they would take their oath at a later date.

The President appoints Councilors Harpin and Hopkins to draw the names and numbers for Council seats for 2018.

Seat 1.	Councilor Harpin	Seat 2.	Councilor Hopkins
Seat 3.	Councilor Cohen	Seat 4.	Councilor LaForest
Seat 5.	Councilor Wilkinson	Seat 6.	Councilor Moran
Seat 7.	Councilor Lamb	Seat 8.	Councilor Buddington

The President announces that the City Council is ready to receive the Mayor-elect and appoints Councilors Cohen and LaForest to escort the Mayor-elect to the Council Chambers.

The Councilors introduce Mayor-elect, Thomas W. Bernard.

The President called upon the City Clerk, Marilyn Gomeau to administer the oath of office to Mayor-elect Thomas W. Bernard.

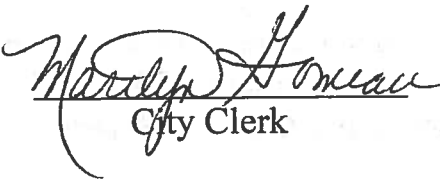
His Honor, the Mayor delivers his inaugural address.

The President called upon Father William Cyr from St. Elizabeth's Church to give the Benediction.

With no further business to come before Council, a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Lamb, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adjourn at 11:40am.

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*Gary F. Rivers to the oath of office for the McCann Vocational Regional School District on January 2, 2018 in the office of the City Clerk.