



**CITY OF WORTHINGTON
Worthington City Council
Organizational Meeting Minutes**

January 2, 2018

6550 N. High Street
Worthington, Ohio
43085

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of the Louis J.R. Goorey Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Bonnie Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rachael R. Dorothy, Douglas Foust, Beth Kowalczyk, Scott Myers, David Robinson, Douglas K. Smith, and Bonnie D. Michael

Member(s) Absent:

Also present: City Manager Matthew Greeson, Assistant City Manager Robyn Stewart, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Director of Planning & Building Lee Brown, Chief of Fire & EMS John Bailot, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Police Jerry Strait, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

There were twenty five visitors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Michael invited all those in attendance to stand and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR COMMENTS – No Visitor Comments

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Michael began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. The first order of business in this organizational meeting is to administer the Oaths of Office to the newly elected council members. Retired Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton will swear in Beth Kowalczyk, Rachael Dorothy and Scott Myers. Mayor Scott Holmes will swear in David Robinson.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

Justice Stratton shared that she likes to take advantage of the opportunity to say a few words. She grew up three very different countries. Thailand was a constitutional monarchy that was run by military dictatorships. She attended a boarding school in South Vietnam. It was allegedly a democracy but was run by a rather corrupt president, who visited her boarding school once. She later heard that he was scouting the school as a potential headquarters for the communists during the war. She then went to Malaysia that was basically run by Muslims as a very theocratic nation. So she grew up in three very different educational and political environments. No matter how bad we think we have it in America it is not even a fraction as bad as the countries she grew up in. We still have the ability to criticize our president but in Thailand one would go to jail. We have the ability to witness and share our faith with others. In Malaysia, you would again be thrown into jail. We have the essence of government in a little tiny burg called Worthington where we can make our own way. We can make our own democracy. This is just government at its most basic. She is always extremely honored when asked to swear in our City Council members.

Justice Stratton invited Beth Kowalczyk and her family members forward to be sworn in. She then invited Rachael Dorothy and Scott Myers forward to individually recite their Oath of Office.

Mayor Doug Holmes congratulated all of the newly elected Council members as well as those who didn't have to run for their service. This is one of the things that make Worthington a great place. He is reminded almost daily of what it means to be in a community where people can come together and partner with the City, the schools, and others to accomplish great things. But we are small enough that if you have a beef about something you can pick up the phone and call City staff or a council person. It truly is representative of democracy at its finest. It is a real privilege to swear David in.

Lorraine Robinson looked on while Mayor Holmes administered the Oath of Office to her husband, David Robinson.

Ms. Michael welcomed everyone to City Council. She thinks it will be a great year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Michael reported the next order of business being the election of officers. She stated that she would entertain nominations for President of Council.

MOTION

A motion was made by Ms. Dorothy and seconded by Mr. Foust to nominate Bonnie Michael to serve as President of Council for the next two years.

There being no additional nominees, nominations were closed.

The motion to elect Bonnie Michael to serve as President of Council carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael stated that she would entertain nominations for President Pro-Tem of Council.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Dorothy and seconded by Mr. Robinson to nominate Scott Myers to serve as President Pro-Tem of Council.

There being no additional nominees, nominations were closed.

The motion to elect Scott Myers to serve as President Pro-Tem of Council carried unanimously by a voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR and VICE-MAYOR

President Michael said she would entertain nominations for Mayor of the City of Worthington.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Robinson to re-appoint Scott Holmes as Mayor of the City of Worthington.

There being no additional nominees, nominations were closed.

The motion to re-appoint Scott Holmes to serve as Mayor of the City of Worthington carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Michael said she would entertain nominations for Vice Mayor of Worthington.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Kowalczyk and seconded by Mr. Foust to re-appoint James J. Lorimer to serve as Vice-Mayor of the City of Worthington.

There being no additional nominees, nominations were closed.

The motion to appoint James Lorimer to serve as Vice-Mayor of the City of Worthington carried unanimously by a voice vote.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

Justice Stratton administered the Oaths of Office to President Bonnie Michael, President Pro-Tem Scott Myers, and Mayor Scott Holmes individually. (Vice-Mayor James Lorimer was not in attendance and will be sworn in at a later date).

ADJOURNMENT

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
16th day of January, 2018.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
Council President