

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**SMYRNA TOWN COUNCIL**

**May 3, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert C. Johnson (virtually) at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Michael A. Rasmussen, Valerie M. Forbes, William D. Pressley Sr., Corrine Upshur, and Gerald L. Brown.

Also present were Town Manager Sheldon Hudson, Chief Torrie James, Attorney D. Barrett Edwards, and Recording Secretary Mary Bowers-Johnson.

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA**

Councilman Rasmussen made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gott and carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE ELECTION BOARD**

Sheldon Hudson, on behalf of the Board of Elections, read the certified election results into the record:

Mayor:

Robert C. Johnson – 362  
Tabitha Gott - 298

District 2:

Corrine Upshur – 122  
Daniel L Young, Sr. – 73  
Linda Ginn - 62

Council Member At-Large:

William D. Pressley, Sr. – 420  
Frederick N. Schaber, IV - 206

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

- A. For Mayor – Judge James T. Vaughn swore-in Robert C. Johnson
- B. For Council Members –

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Vice Mayor
- B. Council Secretary

**C. Recording Secretary** – Mayor Johnson made the motion to appoint Michael Rasmussen as Vice Mayor, William D. Pressley, Sr. as At-Large and Mary Bowers-Johnson as Recording Secretary. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mann and carried unanimously.

#### **SET TIME AND PLACE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**

A. Previously 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of every month except for Legal Holidays when meetings are held the following night (Tuesday) – Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to hold the Council meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of every month except for Legal Holidays when meetings are held the following night (Tuesday). Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

#### **AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR BANK ACCOUNTS**

Vice Mayor Rasmussen made the motion to approve the list of authorized signatures for the bank accounts as listed on the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Johnson did not bring up committees. He said they need to sit down and talk about committees and which are viable and which are not. Every committee will be setup to code. He would like to have a workshop meeting to include committees in that discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Forbes made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Rasmussen. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. by unanimous vote.

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