

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Organizational Meeting ~ December 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

An organizational meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Brad Hartung on Friday December 1, 2017 5:30 p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then directed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members of Council answered present: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Christine Crawford, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino and Glen Ginesi.

Also present were City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Police Chief Bob Lippert, and Management Services Coordinator /Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

There were no minutes to approve and no audience comments made.

Oath of Office (Newly elected Members of Council)

The Mayor asked the Law Director to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council members. Law Director, Laura Alkire asked newly elected members of Council (Sam Artino, Christine Crawford, Trey Hardy, and Brad Hartung) to stand as she administered the Oath of Office. Oaths of Office to be signed and returned to the Clerk.

Office of Mayor

The Mayor asked if there were any nominations for the position of Mayor.

Motion by Mr. Hardy to nominate Brad Hartung for the position of Mayor. The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and the Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll on the election of Brad Hartung as Mayor. Members of Council voted as follows:

Yeas: Hardy, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Crawford (7)

Nays: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor, Brad Hartung was declared Mayor. Ms. Alkire administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Hartung. Oath of Office to be signed and returned to the Clerk.

Office of Vice Mayor

Mayor Hartung asked if there were any nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

Motion by Mr. Dike to nominate Sam Artino for the position of Vice Mayor. The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. **Motion by Mr. Schaffter to nominate Trey Hardy for the position of Vice Mayor.** There being more than one nomination, the Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the roll on the first nomination, the election of Sam Artino for Vice Mayor. Members of Council voted as follows:

Yeas: Dike, Artino, Crawford (3)

Nays: Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung (4)

There being less than a majority voting in favor, the motion failed. The Mayor then instructed the Clerk to call the role on the second nomination, the election of Trey Hardy for Vice Mayor. Members of Council voted as follows:

Yeas: Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Ginesi (4)

Nays: Dike, Artino, Crawford (3)

There being a majority voting in favor, Trey Hardy was declared Vice Mayor. Ms. Alkire administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Vice Mayor Hardy. Oath of Office to be signed and returned to the Clerk

Clerk of Council

The Mayor then called for nominations for the appointment of Clerk of Council. **Motion by Mr. Schaffter to nominate Christine Gibboney for the position of Clerk of Council.** The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and the Mayor instructed the Clerk to call the role on the appointment of Christine Gibboney as Clerk of Council.

Yeas: Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford, Hartung, Dike, Artino, Ginesi (7)

Nays: None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared Christine Gibboney Clerk of Council. Ms. Alkire then administered the Oath of Office to Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

Other Matters

Mr. White referenced the following items:

- Media coverage relative to medical marijuana and an anticipated public outreach/public meeting to be held. The Mayor added that a meeting would probably be held at BGSU Firelands.
- Noted that the City Engineer, Doug Green, is talking to ODOT Officials to obtain written statement on the warrant of the light at Berlin Road.

Mr. Dike noted his interest to make a motion relative to prohibiting signage on city owned property unless authorized by City Council, citing concerns for the future relative to signage placement and referencing the recent election. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Alkire referenced the code language specific to the median area that requires Council authorization and the current code language which does prohibit signage in the public right of way and public property. She suggested that the motion be to request administrative staff to present a modification to the signage code. She did clarify that such a change as Mr. Dike described would actually be less restrictive than the current code language which prohibits such action. A brief discussion on freedom of speech relating to election signage ensued.

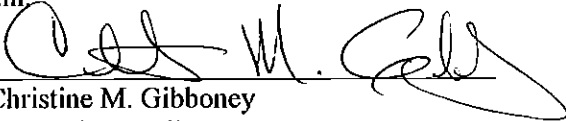
Motion by Mr. Dike to request staff to present a modification to the current signage code language. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Crawford (6)

NAYS: Hartung (1)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the organizational meeting of December 1, 2017 adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney
Clerk of Council