

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2026

**Meeting held at 50 Payson Ave., Conference Room 1, 1stfl.
and remotely by Google Meet 1:00 p.m.**

Members Present: James Kwiecinski, Tom Peake, Koni Denham, Tamara Smith, Felicia Jadczak, Jonathan Schmidt, Amanda Newton, Nathan Markee and Kiam Jamrog-McQuaid.

Nominations for City Council President:

Councilor Newton nominated Councilor Denham as City Council President. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Councilor Newton and seconded by Councilor Jadczak it was unanimously voted to elect Councilor Koni Denham as City Council President for the 2026-2027 term.

City Clerk Mary Ann Giza gave the oath of office to City Council President Koni Denham. President Denham acknowledged former City Council President Kwiecinski and thanked him for his willingness to step into a leadership role during this past challenging year.

Nominations for City Council Vice-President:

Councilor Markee nominated Councilor Jadczak as City Council Vice-President. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Councilor Markee and seconded by Councilor Jamrog-McQuaid it was unanimously voted to elect Councilor Felicia Jadczak as City Council Vice-President for the 2026-2027 term.

City Clerk Mary Ann Giza gave the oath of office to Vice-President Felicia Jadczak.

On motion by Vice-President Jadczak and seconded by Councilor Kwiecinski it was unanimously voted to suspend the City Council rules to change the order of the agenda.

President Denham said that announcement of City Council Committee assignments will take place at the end of the meeting. The next agenda item will be announcements then re-confirming of the ***Resolution Pertaining to Discrimination and Intolerance***.

City Council President Announcements:

President Denham reiterated that the role of City Council President is to facilitate the City Council meetings and to make sure that the City Council creates an environment where there is open dialogue for people to share their opinion. President Denham said that she takes it very seriously to protect the integrity of the City Council.

President Denham added that she feels that it is the responsibility of the City Council to be mindful of Open Meeting Law. President Denham mentioned that there is a distinction between

Public Speak and Public Hearings and that she would like everyone to be able to participate. She said that she will send out an email with more information.

President Denham added that she would like to standardize meeting minutes for City Council Committees and have minutes available within 30 days. She said that she would like for community members to be able to follow along with City Council decisions.

On motion by Councilor Kwiecinski and seconded by Councilor Peake it was unanimously voted to refer the ***Resolution Pertaining to Discrimination and Intolerance*** to the January 7, 2026 City Council Meeting. The wording of the resolution will be included on the Council Agenda so that it may be reviewed ahead of time by Councilors and the public.

President Denham announced City Council Committee assignments. She said that she tried to arrange it in a way for Councilors to gain experience and to provide an opportunity for mentoring.

The City Council Committee assignments for the 2026-2027 term are as follows:

Finance Committee

Councilor Peake
Councilor Schmidt
President Denham

Ordinance Committee

Councilor Jamrog-McQuaid
Councilor Smith
President Denham

Rules & Government Relations Committee

Councilor Kwiecinski
Vice-President Jadczyk
Councilor Newton

Public Safety Committee

Councilor Newton
Councilor Markee
Councilor Schmidt

Appointments Committee

Councilor Smith
Vice-President Jadczyk
Councilor Markee

Property Committee

Councilor Kwiecinski
Councilor Jamrog-McQuaid
Councilor Peake

On motion by Councilor Schmidt and seconded by Councilor Newton it was unanimously voted that this meeting **ADJOURN**.

Time: 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Ann Giza
Clerk to the City Council