

Tuesday - December 4, 2001 - 4:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:

Mayor-Elect Charles R. Worley welcomed everyone to the organizational session. He then asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor-Elect Worley then introduced Rev. Kimberly Richter from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church who gave the invocation.

Mayor-Elect Worley stated that he submitted his letter of resignation as a Council member of the Asheville City Council effective December 4, 2001, in order to take his position as Mayor of the City of Asheville. This resignation results in an unexpired term until December of 2003.

The Honorable Robert F. Orr, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of North Carolina, administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Mayor Charles R. Worley

Councilman Joseph C. Dunn

Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones

Councilman R. Carl Mumpower

RESOLUTION NO. 01-182 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR MAYOR LENI SITNICK

Mayor Worley read the resolution.

Resolution No. 01-182 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Worley presented Ms. Sitnick with the resolution, a plaque, her name plates and a City pen.

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-183 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR VICE-MAYOR M. CHARLES "CHUCK" CLONINGER

Mayor Worley read the resolution.

Resolution No. 01-183 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Worley presented Mr. Cloninger with the resolution, a plaque, his name plates and a City pen.

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-184 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA FIELD

Mayor Worley read the resolution.

Resolution No. 01-184 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Worley presented Ms. Field with the resolution, a plaque, her name plates and a City pen.

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-185 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR COUNCILMAN EDWARD C. HAY JR.

Mayor Worley read the resolution.

Resolution No. 01-185 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Worley presented Mr. Hay with the resolution, a plaque, his name plates and a City pen.

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ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE OF THE SEVENTH MEMBER OF THE ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Councilwoman Jones nominated James E. Ellis to fill the unexpired City Council term left vacant by Mayor Worley, as Mr. Ellis received the 4th highest votes from the November 6, 2001, General Election. Councilman Peterson seconded the nomination.

After hearing no more nominations, Mayor Worley closed the floor for nominations.

Councilwoman Bellamy said that over the course of the last few months, the former Council had informally decided not to address this issue because they did want to leave it up to the incoming Council. They have just been sworn in and are now faced with a decision without the opportunity for discussion. She didn't feel that the entire community is comfortable with this process. With that, she would not support the motion. She felt Council should discuss this matter in detail with public input and possibly change the process so this will not occur again.

Councilman Peterson agreed that the process needs to be addressed. He suggested the City Attorney review possible options that might be available to the City Council if this situation were to arise again.

Councilwoman Jones felt that this is a way City Council can recognize what many people in this community wanted to see happen. Mr. Ellis has shared with the community his ideas and his love for this community. She said she would be privileged to work with him.

Councilman Dunn felt that Mr. Ellis has served his country and community well as seen by his repertoire of service and would be an excellent addition to City Council.

Councilman Mumpower was glad Mr. Ellis was willing to serve.

By a show of hands, James E. Ellis was appointed to serve the unexpired term until December, 2003, on a 5-1 vote, with Councilwoman Bellamy voting "no."

The Honorable Robert F. Orr, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of North Carolina, administered the Oath of Office to Councilman James E. Ellis.

ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR

Councilman Peterson nominated Councilwoman Bellamy as Vice-Mayor of the City of Asheville. Councilman Mumpower seconded the nomination.

After hearing no more nominations, Mayor Worley closed the floor for nominations.

Councilman Peterson then moved to appoint Councilwoman Bellamy as Vice-Mayor by acclamation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mumpower and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

CITY CLERK MAYOR
