

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:

Mayor-Elect Terry M. Bellamy welcomed everyone to the organizational session.

Mayor-Elect Bellamy stated that she submitted her letter of resignation as a Council member of the Asheville City Council effective December 6, 2005, in order to take her position as Mayor of the City of Asheville. This resignation results in an unexpired term until December of 2007.

Dr. Joseph C. Dunn led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, along with the he Asheville High School JROTC.

Mayor-Elect Bellamy then introduced Dr. Ann Hardman from the River of Life International Church, The Reverend James Walker from Biltmore Baptist Church, and Father Demetri Iliou from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church who each gave an invocation.

The Honorable Gary S. Cash, Chief Judge of the Buncombe County District Court, administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Mayor Terry M. Bellamy
Council Member Robin Lynne Cape
Council Member Diana Hollis Jones
Council Member R. Carl Mumpower

RESOLUTION NO. 05-222 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CHARLES R. WORLEY

Mayor Bellamy read the resolution.

Resolution No. 05-222 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Bellamy presented Mr. Worley with the resolution, a plaque, a picture of City Hall, his name plates and a City pen.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-223- RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR JOSEPH C. DUNN

Mayor Bellamy read the resolution.

Resolution No. 05-223 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Bellamy presented Dr. Dunn with the resolution, a plaque, a picture of City Hall, 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

Councilman Newman nominated Bryan Freeborn to fill the unexpired City Council term left vacant by Mayor Bellamy, as Mr. Freeborn received the 4th highest votes from the November 8, 2005, General Election. Councilwoman Cape seconded the nomination.

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

Mayor Bellamy called for a vote, resulting in Bryan Freeborn being appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mayor Bellamy until December 4, 2007, on a 4-2 vote, with Councilman Davis and Councilman Mumpower voting "no."

City Clerk Magdalen Burleson administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Bryan Freeborn.

ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR

Councilwoman Cape nominated Councilwoman Jones as Vice-Mayor of the City of Asheville. Councilman Newman seconded the nomination.

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

Mayor Bellamy called for a vote, resulting in Councilwoman Jones being appointed as Vice-Mayor on a 5-1 vote, with Councilwoman Jones abstaining from voting and Councilman Mumpower voting "no."

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR

- Mayor Bellamy shared a few thoughts about the work off City Council over the next few years. She felt we needed to review our vision for Asheville's land use plan, development standards and annexation policies. Basic City services need to be a top priority for this Council. City Council must begin to look at ways we can be a player in helping create an environment where people live and work in the community, by (1) embracing the HUB project, the new regional economic development plan and see what part we can undertake to assist in developing a stronger and more inclusive economy; and (2) creating an affordable housing plan that gives clear direction for the inclusion of more housing for our low to moderate income individuals and families. She is committed to greater public involvement in developing the future of our water utility. In summary, she asked for the support of Council, the community, county officials, and state officials. It is her goal to actively partnership and have an active relationship with the community for the best of the entire community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bellamy adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR