

Tuesday - December 11, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:

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

The Marine Corp JROTC led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bellamy then introduced the Reverend Heidi Campbell-Robinson from Abernethy United Methodist Church who gave the invocation.

The Honorable Gary S. Cash, Chief Judge of the Buncombe County District Court, administered the Oath of Office to the following, who after sworn, thanked family and friends for their support:

Council Member Jan B. Davis
Council Member Brownie W. Newman
Council Member William A. Russell Jr.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-212 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR BRYAN E. FREEBORN

Mayor Bellamy read the resolution.

Resolution No. 05-212 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Bellamy thanked Mr. Freeborn for his service to Asheville and presented him with the resolution, a plaque, his name plate and a City pen.

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RECOGNITION OF VICE-MAYOR HOLLY JONES

Mayor Bellamy read the recognition, expressing her and the Asheville City Council's gratitude to Councilwoman Jones for her service as Vice-Mayor to the citizens of the City of Asheville.

Mayor Bellamy presented Councilwoman Jones with the recognition and a gift of pottery.

ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR

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

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

Mayor Bellamy called for a vote, resulting in Councilman Davis being appointed as Vice-Mayor unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Davis said that he was honored to be Vice-Mayor, and one of his goals will be to make it easy for citizens to apply to the City's various boards and commissions. He stressed that City Council does listen to those voices and they can make a difference.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR

Mayor Bellamy said that City Council is committed to working on the issues that are important to our community, including gang prevention and intervention, as well as the various other crimes and illegal activities; infrastructure and things of that nature that really impact our community; and building relationships with other entities in Asheville and Buncombe County. She invited the community to two community goal setting meetings on January 29, 2008, and February 5, 2008. That is City Council's opportunity to hear from the public before they go into their goal setting retreat on February 15-16, 2008. She said that this Council will be working on the citizens' behalf and they will hit the ground running with their first meeting in January - which will be January 8,

2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bellamy adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and invited the public to attend a small reception honoring the new Council members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR