



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018**

The Organizational Meeting of Council convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:40 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Whipkey, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Ms. Whipkey remarked that she hoped everyone had a great holiday season and welcomed them back. She also welcomed Ms. Kerry Macomber to her first official Council session and welcomed Judge Todd McKinney for the swearing in ceremony of our Norton Council Ward representatives.

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY - By Honorable Judge Todd McKinney

Judge McKinney expressed his belief that the City of Norton is a wonderful community and his best wishes for the newly elected officials and the upcoming Norton Bicentennial. He also remarked that he is honored to deliver the Oath of Office to the following City Council members:

Jack Gainer-Ward 1 Council Elect
Dennis McGlone-Ward 2 Council Elect
Dan Karant-Ward 3 Council Elect
Paul Tousley-Ward 4 Council Elect

Ms. Whipkey welcomed the new members and invited them to take their seats. Ms. Whipkey and Council thanked Judge McKinney for performing the swearing in of the Council elect.

Roll Call	Dennis McGlone	Also Present:
	Joe Kernan	Mayor Mike Zita
	Paul Tousley	Robert Fowler
	Scott Pelot	Ron Messner
	Charlotte Whipkey	Justin Markey
	Jack Gainer	Kerry Macomber
	Dan Karant	

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR 2018

Ms. Whipkey remarked that it has been an honor and an experience serving as President for the last two years. She was thankful for the opportunity and wished her successor the best of success. Ms. Whipkey opened the floor to nominations for President of Council for 2018. Mr. Kernan nominated Mr. Pelot, seconded by Mr. McGlone.

Ms. Whipkey called one last time for further nominations for President for 2018; there being none, Ms. Whipkey closed the floor for nominations and asked the Clerk of Council to call the roll. Roll Call for the candidate of Council's choice:

Mr. Kernan voted yes for Mr. Pelot
Mr. McGlone voted yes for Mr. Pelot
Mr. Tousley voted yes for Mr. Pelot
Mr. Pelot voted yes for Mr. Pelot
Ms. Whipkey voted yes for Mr. Pelot
Mr. Gainer voted yes for Mr. Pelot
Mr. Karant voted yes for Mr. Pelot

Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR 2018

Mr. Pelot, newly appointed President of Council, opened the floor to nominations for Vice President of Council for 2018.

Mr. Pelot nominated Mr. Kernan, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call for the candidate of Council's choice:

Mr. Pelot voted yes for Mr. Kernan
Ms. Whipkey voted yes for Mr. Kernan
Mr. McGlone voted yes for Mr. Kernan
Mr. Kernan voted yes for Mr. Kernan
Mr. Tousley voted yes for Mr. Kernan
Mr. Gainer voted yes for Mr. Kernan
Mr. Karant voted yes for Mr. Kernan

Motion passed unanimously.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Pelot extended his appreciation to Judge McKinney for his continued support of the City of Norton and his willingness to use his personal time to participate in the ceremonial swearing in of city officials. He was thankful to the council members for their support, to Ms. Whipkey for serving as President for the past two years, welcomed

the two new Council members and offered congratulations to the four ward council representatives.

Mr. Pelot remarked that 2018 is going to be a good year for the City of Norton, highlighting several projects that have come to fruition, such as the widening of Cleveland Massillon Road, State Route 76 improvements, and the sewer and water projects. All of these will have a positive impact on the residents and will allow the City to develop a true business corridor. He is looking forward to the anticipated growth that will occur as a result of these projects.

Mr. Pelot invited all to join in some refreshments following the meeting during a brief intermission before the Work Session.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Organizational Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.



Scott Pelot, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, MPA – Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on January 8, 2018.



Kerry Macomber, MPA – Clerk of Council

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**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
JANUARY 2, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Dennis McGlone
Joe Kernan
Paul Tousley
Scott Pelot
Charlotte Whipkey
Jack Gainer
Dan Karant

Also Present: Mayor Mike Zita
Robert Fowler
Ron Messner
Justin Markey
Kerry Macomber

The Committee Work Session convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:06 PM in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pelot, President of Council. Following a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silent prayer.

General Topics of Discussion:

Approve 2018 Meeting Schedule: Mr. Pelot noted the schedule is for the entire year. Mr. Tousley confirmed that the observance of the July 4th holiday would not impact the July 2, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Kernan moved to approve the schedule, seconded by Mr. Pelot

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot, McGlone, Tousley, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant
No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Review-Approve Council Rules: Mr. Pelot remarked that the annual review of the Council Rules allows for changes, additions, etc. Mr. Kernan noted that the Rules can be changed at any

time by way of Committee Work Session and vote of Council. Mr. Pelot agreed and Mr. Markey clarified that according to Rule 103, the January review allows Council Rules to be amended by a majority vote. However, if amended at a later date, Rule 601 would apply, which requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council.

Mr. Kernan moved to approve the Council Rules for 2018 as written, seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Karant, McGlone, Tousley, Pelot, Whipkey, Gainer,
 No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Appoint Standing Committees: Mr. Pelot informed Council of the 2018 Standing Committees referencing the Committee Name, Chair, Vice Chair and Member. He will provide the Clerk of Council with this information who will then complete the appropriate form and distribute it to Council members.

Appoint Firefighters Dependents Fund Members: Mr. Pelot invited Mr. Tousley to discuss this topic. Mr. Tousley said the appointments have been delayed so that questions could be answered. It was recognized that the two members that served last year were agreeable to serving again.

Mr. Tousley moved that he and Mr. Pelot continue serving on the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yes: Tousley, Pelot, McGlone, Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant
 No: None

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None. Mr. Pelot informed new Council members that if they have a concern or interest, they are always welcome to bring it to the appropriate Committee for review and discussion.

Public Comment: No comments from the public. Mayor Mike Zita noted that the Norton Bicentennial Kick-Off Event is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Norton Community Center. There will be discussion about volunteer and club opportunities. All are welcome.

Topics For Next Work Session-Monday, January 16, 2018: Ms. Whipkey noted that there is a need for a Council Representative to serve on the Barberton-Norton Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) District Advisory Council (DAC). Mr. Pelot encouraged Council members to consider this opportunity.

Adjourn

There being no other business, the Council Work Session of January 2, 2018 was adjourned at 7:18 PM.



Scott Pelot, President of Council

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FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL.

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