

A rescheduled organizational meeting of the Norton City Council was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers with City Manager Fred Ramey presiding.

Present: Mark Caruso, Robert Fultz, Jr., Delores Belcher, William Mays, and Joseph Fawbush

Also Present: Fred L. Ramey, Jr., City Manager

The city manager opened the floor for nominations for mayor.

Prior to nominating Vice Mayor Joseph Fawbush to replace him as mayor of the City of Norton, current Mayor William Mays noted it has been an honor and privilege to serve as mayor and that he appreciates members support during his tenure on council.

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Upon a motion by Councilman Caruso, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the nominations cease.

Mr. Ramey declared Joseph Fawbush appointed as mayor of the City of Norton.

Mr. Fawbush came forward, was sworn in by the clerk, and took his seat on council.

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for vice mayor.

Councilwoman Belcher nominated Mark Caruso to be appointed as vice mayor.

Upon a motion by Councilman Fultz, seconded by Councilman Mays, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Fawbush declared Mark Caruso appointed as vice mayor of the City of Norton.

Mr. Caruso came forward, was sworn in by the clerk, and took his seat on council.

At this time, the remaining three council members took their seats on council.

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Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of city manager.

Councilman Mays nominated Fred Ramey Jr., to be reappointed as city manager.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Fawbush declared Fred Ramey, Jr., reappointed as city manager of the City of Norton.

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of city clerk.

Councilman Mays nominated Rebecca Coffey to be reappointed as city clerk.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Fawbush declared Rebecca Coffey reappointed as city clerk.

Mayor Fawbush opened the floor for nominations for the appointment of city attorney.

Councilman Mays nominated William Bradshaw to be reappointed as city attorney.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the nominations cease.

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Mayor Fawbush declared William Bradshaw reappointed as city attorney.

The next agenda item was to set the dates and times of council meetings.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Belcher, seconded by Councilman Caruso, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved that the meeting dates and times remain the same – the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m., in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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Council had been presented with A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, to Dispense with the Second Reading of All Ordinances.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mays, seconded by Councilman Fultz, and passed by unanimous vote, council moved to adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Norton, Virginia, to Dispense with the Second Reading of All Ordinances. (Insert)

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Other organizational business to come before council was the tentative dates and times set for the FY 2019-2020 budget meetings.

Mayor Fawbush noted that Mr. Ramey included tentative dates for budget work sessions with the December 4, 2018, council packet. He asked members to review the tentative dates and advise if anyone had a conflict. After a brief discussion, council agreed to meet on the tentative dates and make necessary changes later if needed.

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Included on the agenda for council consideration was the Annual Commonwealth of Virginia Holiday Calendar as published on January 1, 2019.

Mr. Ramey advised that several years ago council adopted the State Holiday Schedule for employees and it has worked very well and each year council confirms the annual holiday schedule.

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After a brief discussion, council was of consensus to approve the State Holiday Schedule as published on January 1, 2019.

The following comments were made by council members:

Councilman Mays stated at the December meeting of the Norton Rescue Squad Board of Directors the Norton Rescue Squad presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the city for all the assistance and support given to Norton Rescue Squad. He then presented the award to the city manager.

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In comments from the city manager:

Mr. Ramey informed council that 2018 had the highest recorded rainfall for the city with 76.69 inches of rain. He noted that the Water Plant began tracking the precipitation in the 1980's.

He provided each council member with the latest Retail Sales Tax Report.

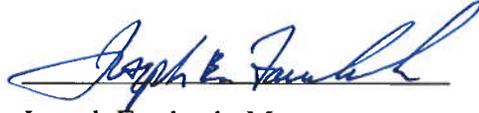
Mr. Ramey said city administration is excited about 2019 and recognizing the 125th anniversary of Norton becoming a community. He said staff will be looking at ways to honor the city's milestone.

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Mr. Ramey then thanked council for the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Norton.

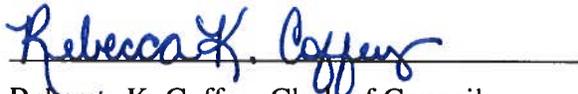
There being no further business to come before council, the organizational meeting was adjourned.

CITY OF NORTON, VIRGINIA



Joseph Fawbush, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca K. Coffey, Clerk of Council

