MINUTES OF INAUGURAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, January 3, 2022

The Inaugural/Organizational Meeting of the Lawrence City Council was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, immediately following the Inauguration Ceremony. The meeting started at approximately 8:10 p.m. and was held in the Auditorium of the South Lawrence East School, 165 Crawford Street, Lawrence, MA.

City Clerk Diane LeBlanc, called the meeting to order and called the roll. All nine, newly inaugurated City Councilors were present.

City Clerk LeBlanc announced the first matter 1/22, Election of the City Council President, and opened the floor for nominations.

Councilor Estela Reyes nominated Councilor Marc Laplante. The nomination was seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. Councilor Laplante accepted the nomination.

Councilor Maria De La Cruz nominated Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez. The nomination was seconded by Councilor Stephany Infante.

Councilor Rodriguez accepted the nomination.

Clerk LeBlanc asked if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, the Clerk closed nominations and called for a vote. The Clerk instructed Councilors to say the name of the Councilor that they were voting for. The vote occurred as follows:

- Gregory Del Rosario - Marc Laplante
- Pavel Payano - Marc Laplante
- Maria De La Cruz - Jeovanny Rodriguez
- Ana Levy - Marc Laplante
- Jeovanny Rodriguez - Jeovanny Rodriguez
- Estela Reyes - Marc Laplante
- Celina Reyes - Marc Laplante
- Marc Laplante - Marc Laplante
- Stephany Infante - Jeovanny Rodriguez

The Clerk announced the vote - 6 votes for Marc Laplante and 3 votes for Jeovanny Rodrigues.

The Clerk congratulated President Laplante and turned the meeting over to him.

President Laplante thanked Councilors and announced matter 2/22, Election of the City Council Vice President. He then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.
Councilor Celina Reyes nominated Councilor Estela Reyes. The nomination was seconded by Councilor Gregory Del Rosario.

Councilor Estela Reyes accepted the nomination.

President Laplante asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he closed nominations and asked the Clerk to call the vote. The vote occurred as follows:

Gregory Del Rosario – Estela Reyes
Pavel Payano – Estela Reyes
Maria De La Cruz - Present
Ana Levy - Estela Reyes
Jeovanny Rodriguez - Present
Estela Reyes – Estela Reyes
Celina Reyes – Estela Reyes
Marc Laplante – Estela Reyes
Stephany Infante – Estela Reyes

The vote was announced – 7 votes for Estela Reyes. 2 votes “present”.

The President congratulated the newly elected Vice President.

The President and Vice President made brief remarks.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Pavel Payano and seconded by Vice President Estela Reyes. A voice vote was called and it was unanimous.

The Council adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.