

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION OF LIBERTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

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Reorganization convened at 6:15 pm. District Justice Armand Martin administered the Oath of Office to Christopher Gretz, Elizabeth Lape, Jennifer Riley-McClelland, and Michael Zrenchak.

Mayor Sikorski appointed Debbie Helderlein as Temporary Secretary. Officials present for the meeting were Councilors Janice Matyasovsky, Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Michael Zrenchak, Jennifer Riley-McClelland, Christopher Gretz, and Elizabeth Lape; Mayor Larry Sikorski; and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Mayor Sikorski asked for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Matlos nominated Mr. Zrenchak, seconded by Mr. Sloss. There were no other nominations. Mayor Sikorski called for a vote to close the nominations, and all voted in favor. Mayor Sikorski made a motion to appoint Mr. Zrenchak as President of Council. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClelland. Mr. Zrenchak was elected President of Council by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Zrenchak abstaining, and all others voting yes.

Mayor Sikorski turned the meeting over to Council President Zrenchak. Mr. Zrenchak asked for nominations for Vice President of Council. Mrs. McClelland nominated Mr. Gretz, seconded by Mrs. Lape. Mr. Matlos nominated Mr. Sloss, seconded by Mrs. Matyasovsky. With no other nominations, Mr. Zrenchak moved that nominations be closed. Mrs. McClelland made the motion, seconded by Mr. Matlos, and all were in favor. Mrs. McClelland made a motion to appoint Mr. Gretz as Vice President, seconded by Mrs. Lape. The motion did not pass, by a vote of 3-4, with Mrs. McClelland, Mr. Gretz, and Mrs. Lape voting yes, and Mrs. Matyasovsky, Mr. Sloss, Mr. Matlos, and Mr. Zrenchak voting no. Mr. Matlos made a motion to appoint Mr. Sloss as Vice President, seconded by Mrs. Matyasovsky. Mr. Sloss was elected Vice President by a vote of 4-3, with Mrs. Matyasovsky, Mr. Sloss, Mr. Matlos, and Mr. Zrenchak voting yes, and Mrs. McClelland, Mr. Gretz, and Mrs. Lape voting no.

Mr. Zrenchak called for a motion to elect a President Pro Tem, if he and Mr. Sloss both could not attend a meeting. Mr. Sloss nominated Mrs. Matyasovsky, seconded by Mr. Matlos. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Matyasovsky was elected President Pro Tem by a vote of 4-2-1, with Mrs. Matyasovsky, Mr. Sloss, Mr. Matlos and Mrs. Lape voting yes, Mrs. McClelland and Mr. Gretz voting no, and Mr. Zrenchak abstaining.

Mrs. McClelland made a motion to appoint Debbie Helderlein as Temporary Borough Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloss and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Jamie Leber as Office Assistant. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClelland and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Matt Racunas as Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gretz and passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mrs. McClelland voting no, and all others voting yes.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Don Glenn as Borough Engineer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos. Mrs. Matyasovsky, Mr. Sloss, and Mr. Matlos voted yes; Mrs. McClelland, Mr. Gretz, and Mrs. Lape voted no; Mr. Zrenchak abstained. The vote was tied at 3-3-1. Mayor Sikorski voted yes to break the tie, and Mr. Glenn was reappointed as Borough Engineer, with a vote of 4-3-1.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to name the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Mon Valley Independent, as two official newspapers of the borough. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gretz and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Bruce Takaht, Mike Matlos, Corey Derr, and Josh Takaht to the Street Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloss and passed 6-1, with Mr. Matlos abstaining.

Mr. Matlos made a motion to reappoint William Wall as Custodian. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClelland and passed unanimously.

Mr. Matlos made a motion to reappoint Luke Riley as Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gretz and passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. McClelland abstaining.

Mr. Matlos made a motion to retain Nicholas Caito as a full-time police officer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Matyasovsky and passed 5-2, with Mrs. McClelland and Mr. Gretz voting no, and all others voting yes.

Mrs. McClelland made a motion to retain the part-time casual police force. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gretz and passed unanimously.

Mr. Matlos made a motion to reappoint Mike Bogdan as Code Enforcement Officer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClelland and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Corey Derr as Emergency Management Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McClelland and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Tim Sloss as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed 6-1, with Mr. Gretz voting no.

Mr. Matlos made a motion to reappoint Gaydos-Behanna Kennel as Animal Control Officer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloss and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Dave Collura as Wildlife Control Officer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Matyasovsky made a motion to reappoint Building Inspection Underwriters as Building Inspector. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed unanimously.

Mr. Zrenchak said the Committee appointments will be made later, after they discuss it.

Mrs. Matyasovsky volunteered to be the EMS Delegate, and no one objected. Mr. Zrenchak is currently Delegate to Steel Rivers COG, and Mrs. Matyasovsky is currently the Alternate; all agreed for both to be retained. Mrs. McClelland volunteered to be the ACBA Delegate, and no one objected.

Mrs. McClelland made a motion to continue with the monthly meeting dates as the second Wednesday of each month, with the Workshop at 6:00 pm and the Regular Session at 7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed unanimously.

Mr. Zrenchak asked if all were in agreement with leaving the Roll Call order as it was called tonight; all agreed. Mr. Zrenchak will vote last as Council President. The following is the order for Roll Call:

Mrs. Matyasovsky  
Mr. Sloss  
Mr. Matlos  
Mrs. McClelland  
Mr. Gretz  
Mrs. Lape  
Mr. Zrenchak

The next Regular Session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020, with the Workshop at 6:00 pm and the Regular Session at 7:30 pm. There was no other business.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. McClelland, seconded by Mr. Gretz. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra L. Helderlein  
Borough Secretary