

Friday - December 12, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

Special Meeting

Present: Mayor Terry M. Bellamy, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Jan B. Davis; Councilman R. Carl Mumpower; Councilman Brownie W. Newman; Councilman William A. Russell Jr.; City Manager Gary W. Jackson; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: Councilwoman Robin L. Cape

Mayor Terry M. Bellamy welcomed everyone to the special session. On a somber note, she said that Councilwoman Cape's father, Robert H. Cape, passed away on Thursday, December 11, 2008. She asked that everyone keep Councilwoman Cape and her family in their prayers.

The Marine Corp JROTC from Asheville High School presented the Colors and the National Anthem.

Mayor Bellamy then introduced Dr. Bruce Frank from Biltmore Baptist Church who gave the invocation.

The Honorable J. Calvin Hill, Judge of the Buncombe County District Court, administered the Oath of Office to:

Council Member Kelly McDonald Miller

Council member Miller thanked his family and friends for their support and for the honor of being a member of the Asheville City Council. He promised to work diligently with Council to face the challenges ahead.

Mayor Bellamy was pleased to note that new Buncombe County Commission Chairman David Gantt was in attendance. She expressed her excitement of working with Council over the next year. She invited the audience to attend a small reception immediately following this meeting to honor Councilman Miller, with Dr. Robert Blackburn blessing the food.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Bellamy adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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