

Tuesday - December 8, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:

Mayor-Elect Terry M. Bellamy welcomed everyone to the organizational session.

The Marine Corp JROTC led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor-Elect Bellamy then introduced the Reverend James V. King from Family of Faith Fellowship who gave the invocation.

The Honorable Gary S. Cash, Chief Judge of the Buncombe County District Court, administered the Oath of Office to the following, who after sworn, thanked family and friends for their support:

Mayor Terry M. Bellamy
Council Member Cecil Bothwell
Council Member Esther E. Manheimer
Council Member Gordon D. Smith

RESOLUTION NO. 09-243 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ROBIN L. CAPE

Mayor Bellamy read the resolution.

Resolution No. 09-243 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Bellamy thanked Ms. Cape for her service to Asheville and presented her with the resolution, a plaque, her name plate and a City pen.

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RESOLUTION NO. 09-244 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR R. CARL MUMPOWER

Mayor Bellamy read the resolution.

Resolution No. 09-244 was adopted by acclamation.

Even though Mr. Mumpower was unable to attend the meeting, Mayor Bellamy thanked him for his service and said we would forward him his resolution, a plaque, his name plate and a City pen.

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RECOGNITION OF VICE-MAYOR JAN DAVIS

Mayor Bellamy expressed her and the Asheville City Council's gratitude to Councilman Davis for his service as Vice-Mayor to the citizens of the City of Asheville.

Councilman Davis thanked City Council and his wife, Ann, for their support and explained what a rewarding experience the past two years have been for him. He urged the citizens of Asheville to continue to step up and serve on our boards and commissions as he felt they are the life's blood of government in the City of Asheville.

Mayor Bellamy presented Councilman Davis with a gift of pottery.

ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR

Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Newman as Vice-Mayor of the City of Asheville. Councilman Russell seconded the nomination.

After hearing no more nominations, Mayor Bellamy closed the floor for nominations.

Mayor Bellamy called for a vote, resulting in Councilman Newman being appointed as Vice-Mayor unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Newman said that he was honored to be Vice-Mayor and looked forward to working with everyone. He thanked the City Council, his wife, Beth, and others, for their support.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR

Mayor Bellamy recognized Buncombe County Commission Chairman David Gantt and Buncombe County Commissioner Holly Jones for attending this special occasion.

Mayor Bellamy said that four years ago she made a commitment to make sure that City Council was transparent; that we would continue to focus on the people's business; we would work on core services; work on local, state and federal level relationships; and make sure Asheville was safe city. She is really proud of what we have accomplished over the last four years and felt we have moved in the right direction as a community. As we look over the next four years, we need to realize that we are in a different economic time and it is imperative as a community that we begin to truly work together and bridge our differences. We need to focus on jobs in our community and provide opportunities for individuals who do not finish school to obtain their GED or higher learning. We also need to begin to look at issues and how we address those issues in a different way. She challenged us as a community to not only embrace our new Council Members but to begin anew. Lastly, she thanked her mom and others, but specifically thanked her husband Lamont who has shared her with the community for 10 years and if he had not been for him, she would not have been able to represent our community in the manner in which she has over the past four years as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bellamy adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR