

Tuesday - December 5, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

**ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:**

Mayor-Elect Manheimer welcomed everyone to the organizational session.

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

Interim Assistant City Manager Jade Dundas sang the National Anthem.

Pastor Kaycee Lewis from River of Life International provided the invocation.

The Honorable Alan Z. Thornburg, Buncombe County Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Mayor Esther Elizabeth Manheimer  
Council Member Vijay Kapoor  
Council Member Sheneika Elaine Smith  
Council Member Gwen Colleen Wisler

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-264 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CECIL BOTHWELL**

Mayor Manheimer read the resolution.

Resolution No. 17-264 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Manheimer thanked former Councilman Bothwell for his service to Asheville and will make sure that he receives the appreciation resolution, a plaque, his name plate, and a City pen.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-265 - RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GORDON D. SMITH**

Mayor Manheimer read the resolution.

Resolution No. 17-265 was adopted by acclamation.

Mayor Manheimer thanked former Councilman Smith for his service to Asheville and presented him with an appreciation resolution, a plaque, his name plate, and a City pen.

Mr. Smith thanked the public and his family for allowing him to serve. He also thanked City staff and City Council for their professionalism and dedication to the citizens of Asheville.

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**ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR**

Councilwoman Mayfield moved to nominate Councilwoman Gwen Wisler as Vice-Mayor of the City of Asheville. This motion was seconded by Councilman Kapoor and carried unanimously.

## **SWEARING-IN ADDRESS**

Mayor Manheimer gave a brief address about working together to build our community and overcome our challenges.

## **REMARKS - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Councilman Kapoor, Councilwoman Smith and Vice-Mayor Wilser each expressed their honor to be allowed to serve the citizens, appreciated the support of their family and friends, and looked forward to working for and with City residents.

Councilman Haynes, Councilwoman Mayfield and Councilman Young each welcomed the new Council members and looked forward to working with them to move the City forward.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Manheimer adjourned the organizational meeting at 4:49 p.m.