

January 2, 2009

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Smith called to order a Reorganization Meeting of the Erie County Council at 12:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

Moment of
Silence

Mr. Smith asked that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of all those who have passed during 2008.

Following the moment of silence, Mr. Maloney called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Cleaver
 Mr. Fatica
 Mr. Foust
 Mr. Giles
 Mr. Leone
 Mrs. Loll
 Mr. Mitchell

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
 Joseph P. Maloney, Council CPA
 Thomas Talarico, Council Solicitor
 Sean Wiley, Director of Administration
 James Sparber, Director of Finance

Chairman Elected

Mr. Smith opened the floor for nominations to the office of County Council Chairman. Mr. Leone nominated Mr. Cleaver. Mr. Giles seconded the nomination.

Mr. Leone moved that the nominations be closed; Mr. Foust seconded. There being no objection, the nominations for the office of County Council Chairman were closed.

Mr. Smith called for the vote on the nomination of Mr. Cleaver, and Mr. Cleaver was elected to the office of County Council Chairman in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Cleaver's
Comments

Before putting forth nominations for vice chairman, Mr. Cleaver wished to thank his colleagues for having the confidence in him to serve as chairman for the year 2009. Although Mr. Cleaver has served on Council for the past three years, he feels he still may not have enough experience, but is confident he will have help from his colleagues. He congratulated Mr. Mitchell who did an outstanding job as the 2008 finance chairman. Mr. Cleaver also thanked Mr. Giles, who also did an outstanding job as Council Chairman last year. Mr. Cleaver looks for his guidance in the year to come.

Mr. Giles'
Comments

Mr. Giles stated that Council has always worked together as a team and he hopes for that continued spirit of cooperation among members.

Vice Chairman
Elected

Mr. Cleaver opened the floor for nominations to the office of County Council Vice Chairman. Mr. Fatica nominated Mr. Foust; Mr. Leone seconded the motion.

Mr. Leone moved that nominations be closed; Mr. Fatica seconded the motion. There being no objection, the nominations for the office of County Council Vice Chairman were closed.

Mr. Cleaver called for the vote on the nomination of Mr. Foust, and he was elected to the office of County Council Vice Chairman in a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance Committee

Mr. Cleaver announced that Mr. Giles will serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee; Mr. Leone will serve as Vice Chairman.

Personnel Committee

Mr. Cleaver announced that Mr. Fatica will serve as Chairman of the Personnel Committee; Mrs. Loll will serve as Vice Chairperson.

Council Salary
Committee

Mr. Cleaver announced that Mrs. Loll will serve as Chairperson of the Council Salary Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary
