

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR SESSION**

**PRESENT:** The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor  
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman, Vice Mayor  
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III  
The Honorable Herbert R. Green, Jr.  
The Honorable Thomas J. Cannella II  
The Honorable Jana D. Andrews  
The Honorable David A. Hux

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager  
Judy F. Wiggins, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk  
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Hunt rendered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION – Electoral Board:**

Michael B. Stewart, Electoral Board Vice Chairman, presented the Certificates of Election to newly elected Councilmembers, Jana D. Andrews, David A. Hux and Thomas J. Cannella, Jr. and to re-elected Mayor, W. Eugene Hunt, Jr. on behalf of the Electoral Board. In closing, he commended the City Registrar, Tammi Pinckney and her staff on their proficient, professional oversight of the elections over the past year.

**OATH OF OFFICE – Newly Elected Council Members:**

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, Judy F. Wiggins, administered the Oath of Office to the new Councilmembers Jana D. Andrews, Thomas J. Cannella, II and David A. Hux and to the re-elected Mayor, W. Eugene Hunt, Jr.

**ELECTION OF THE VICE MAYOR AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER,  
CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK**

Article IV of the City Charter provides for the election of a Vice Mayor from the members of Council and the appointment of a City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney at the first meeting in January or as soon as practicable following a councilmanic election. Resolutions making these appointments as well as the Deputy City Clerk were presented for consideration.

**Election of the Vice Mayor:**

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall, to re-elect Carey L. Freeman as Vice Mayor of the City of Poquoson and to adopt the resolution with his name inserted.

Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Green, Hux, Cannella, Southall, Andrews and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** Vice Mayor Freeman.

**Resolution Appointing the City Manager:**

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall, to reappoint J. Randall Wheeler as the City Manager of the City of Poquoson and to adopt the resolution with his name inserted.

Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Andrews, Cannella, Southall, Freeman, Hux, Green and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

**Resolution Appointing the City Clerk:**

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman, to reappoint Judy F. Wiggins as the City Clerk of the City of Poquoson and to adopt the resolution with her name inserted.

Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Southall, Freeman, Hux, Green, Cannella, Andrews and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

**Resolution Appointing the City Attorney:**

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman, to reappoint D. Wayne Moore as the City Attorney of the City of Poquoson and to adopt the resolution with his name inserted.

Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Cannella, Andrews, Green, Freeman, Southall, Hux and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

**Resolution Appointing the Deputy City Clerk:**

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman, to reappoint Victoria H. Diggs as the Deputy City Clerk of the City of Poquoson and to adopt the resolution with her name inserted. Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Green, Hux, Cannella, Southall, Andrews, Freeman and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Hunt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to David Hux for his many years of service on the City's School Board.

**AUDIENCE FOR VISITORS:**

There were no speakers.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman, to adopt the minutes of the regular session held on December 12, 2016 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Andrews, Cannella, Southall, Freeman, Hux, Green and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:**

The City Manager, J. Randall Wheeler, thanked City Council for reappointing him and stated that he looked forward to serving them. He commended the Public Works' employees, who worked 250+ hours over the weekend to clear the City's roadways of snow/ice. Lastly, he applauded the City's Fire and Police Departments for their speedy response to a recent, deadly house fire on Alphus Street.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:**

Councilman Southall wished everyone a Happy New Year! He thanked City staff for their excellent response to the recent snow storm; welcomed the new Councilmembers; and offered his best wishes to the outgoing Councilmembers. In conclusion, he asked that citizens keep in prayer those in our community who are experiencing great difficulties in their lives/families.

Councilwoman Andrews also wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked everyone who had voted for her and stated that she looked forward to working with the Council and learning from them.

Vice Mayor Freeman expressed appreciation to Council for re-electing him as Vice Mayor. He welcomed the new Councilmembers and stated that he looked forward to working with them.

Councilman Hux thanked the voters for the opportunity to serve them on City Council and stated that he welcomed comments and advice from his constituents and Councilmembers alike. He expressed gratitude for being recognized that evening for his service on the School Board. In conclusion, he commended the Public Works, Fire and Police Departments for their hard work

during and after the storm to keep our citizens safe and all employees for reporting to work Monday morning as usual.

Councilman Green welcomed the new Councilmembers. He also offered his gratitude to the citizens for their wonderful response to the Community Food Drive held in mid-December. He stated that not only were the shelves of The Thrift Store Food Pantry filled to overflowing but \$500 in cash donations had also been received. Councilman Green pointed out that not only did the Poquoson Education Foundation (PEF) sponsor the event but that they had provided a pizza party for the classroom that collected the most non-perishable food items. In addition, he commended PEF members, Judy McCormick and Mary Earle Stallings, who personally purchased and replaced the old, deteriorated Food Drive banner with a new maroon and gold one. Lastly, he thanked the City Manager's staff for publicizing this important community event and the Public Works, Police and Fire Department employees for their assistance in transporting and unloading the food.

Councilman Cannella thanked his family, friends and citizens for electing him. He stated that he looked forward to serving the next four years and working with the other Councilmembers. He expressed pride over how well and quickly the City streets had been cleared during and following the recent snow storm. He commended the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for working hard every day to keep our residents safe. Lastly, he thanked the City Manager's office for their assistance and support since his election.

Mayor Hunt pointed out that the new year would progress very quickly for Council as they would shortly consider FY 2018 budget preparations at an off-site retreat. He announced that the special dinner planned for outgoing and incoming Councilmembers was postponed due to the winter storm, but would be rescheduled shortly. He thanked Public Works, Police and Fire Department employees for keeping our residents safe especially during severe weather events. He thanked the City Manager for helping to make the transition from the old to the new Council seamless. In conclusion, he stated that he looked forward to working with all members of Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. Recorded vote on the motion:

**YES:** Councilmembers Green, Hux, Cannella, Southall, Andrews, Freeman and Mayor Hunt.

**NO:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m.