

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.**

Reorganization meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Peterson at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present: Councillors Cuffe, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Russo, Mayor Peterson – 6

Absent: Councillor Littlewolf - 1

City Clerk Roskoski swore in newly-elected Councillors Larry Cuffe Jr., Louis Russo and Don H. Sipola for three year terms ending December 31, 2012.

Moved by Russo and supported to nominate Charles Baribeau for the position of Acting Mayor. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to continue to hold the City Council meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson read the City Council Conduct and Guidelines, which he had prepared as a broad based guideline for the City Council.

Councillor Baribeau pointed out that the City Charter requires a two-thirds vote for certain items, rather than a majority vote.

Councillor Sipola stated the City Council is composed of six Councillors and the Mayor and questioned if the Mayor is exempt from paragraph three of the guidelines, which states that no individual City Councillor will direct, instruct or take any action with regards to City employees, personnel, commission, committees or citizens of Virginia without prior approval from the City Council.

Mayor Peterson replied that he will not be exempt from the policy and stated the Mayor does have the authority to take action in certain emergency situations. Mayor Peterson reiterated that these are guidelines that he is recommending that the City Council follow, and not a policy that needs to be adopted.

Moved by Sipola and supported to adopt Resolution No. 10025, approving the guidelines for City Council meetings, public hearings and committee meetings. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the following Standing City Committees for the years 2010 to 2012. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE NAME	CHAIRPERSON	MEMBER	MEMBER
Finance (as COW)	Mayor	ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Street & Alley/Public Safety	Baribeau	Cuffe	Ralston
Building & Grounds	Ralston	Littlewolf	Sipola
Insurance	Sipola	Baribeau	Peterson
Personnel	Russo	Littlewolf	Cuffe

Moved by Russo and supported to approve the following commission liaisons and alternates for the years 2010 to 2012. Motion carried.

COMMISSION NAME	LIAISON	ALTERNATE
Public Utilities	Littlewolf	Sipola
Hospital	Peterson	Russo
Park & Recreation	Ralston	Sipola
Planning & Zoning	Baribeau	Cuffe
Eveleth/Virginia Airport	Sipola	Baribeau
Library	Littlewolf	Russo
Human Rights	Cuffe	Littlewolf
Cable	Russo	Ralston
VEDA Board (2 Members)	Ralston/Cuffe	N/A

Finance/Human Resources Director Erickson was directed to add the revision of the bylaws for the Fire Labor/Management Committee to their next meeting, in order to reduce the number of committee members.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to approve the appointments to the following committees/organizations. Motion carried.

Fire Labor/Management	Liaison - Baribeau Alternate - Ralston
AFSCME Labor/Management	Mayor
Police Labor/Management	Liaison – Cuffe Alternate - Littlewolf
Partners Board	Littlewolf
Range Association of Municipalities and Schools	Baribeau
Range Recreation and Civic Center	Ralston
Arrowhead Regional Development Commission	Russo
School Board	Littlewolf
Virginia School Chemical Abuse Advisory Board	Cuffe
Housing and Redevelopment Authority	Russo
City Safety Committee	Sipola
OHV Citizens Advisory Committee	Sipola
Board of Review:	Peterson Littlewolf Baribeau Russo Sipola Alternate: Ralston

Moved by Russo and supported to appoint Councillor Cuffe as Virginia's representative on the Northeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Russo and supported to extend the deadline to accept applications for commission openings for two additional weeks. Motion carried.

Moved by Baribeau and supported to authorize the newly elected councillors to attend the League of Minnesota Cities 2010 Conference for Newly Elected Officials, to be held January 29 and 30, 2010, in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson stated the joint meeting that was scheduled for January 6, 2010, to meet with the Hospital Commission has been cancelled. Mayor Peterson stated he will call a Special City Council meeting during the week of January 18th and felt it was important that Leigh Hantho was present to answer questions regarding the strategic plan for the future of the Virginia Regional Medical Center. Councillor Baribeau stated he felt the meeting should be held jointly with the Hospital Commission. Mayor Peterson stated the Hospital Commission and administrative staff will be invited to attend the Special City Council and he will set the date as soon as a date is confirmed with Leigh Hantho. Councillor Sipola stated, according to the City Charter, the Hospital Commission is an administrative commission, with the City Council having veto authority with a two-third majority for financial issues or a simple majority for all other matters.

See 2010 Resolution Book for Resolution No. 10025.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STEVE PETERSON
Mayor

LOIS ROSKOSKI
City Clerk