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REORGANIZATION MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2002

At a reorganization meeting held in the Council Chamber today at 10:00 a.m., there were present City Manager Roger Baker; Assistant City Manager Kurt Hodgen; City Attorney Thomas H. Miller, Jr., Council Members Carolyn W. Frank, Joseph Gus Fitzgerald, Hugh J. Lantz, Dorn W. Peterson, and Larry M. Rogers; City Clerk Yvonne Bonnie Ryan, CMC/MMCA and Chief of Police Donald Harper.

The following special meeting call was presented:

An emergency existing, there will be a special meeting of the City Council, required by Section 42 of the City Charter, to be held in the Council Chamber on Monday, July 1, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., to consider the following matters and take necessary action thereon:

1. 1. Call to order.
2. 2. Oak prescribed by Law, Section 42 of the City Charter.
3. 3. Re-organization of City Council:
  - a. a. Election of MAYOR, 2 year term (Section 7 of City Charter).
  - b. b. Election of VICE-MAYOR, 2 year term (Section 7 City Charter).
  - c. c. Appoint CITY ATTORNEY, 2 year term (City Code Section 3-2-1).
  - d. d. Appoint one member of Council to Planning Commission, (City Code Section 10-1-2(c)).
  - e. e. Appoint one member of Council to Parks and Recreation Commission (City Code Section 9-1-1).
  - f. f. Liaison to Social Services Advisory Board, City/Council Liaison Committee, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Greener Harrisonburg, Deep Population

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Task Force, and School Board Liaison.

City Clerk Ryan reported that she was in receipt of Oaths of Office, duly taken by Hugh J. Lantz and Larry M. Rogers.

Under Item #3 of today's agenda. Re-organization of City Council, Section a through f, the following actions were taken :

Council Member Rogers offered a motion that Mr. Joseph Gus Fitzgerald be appointed as Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg.

Council Member Peterson offered a motion the Mrs. Carolyn W. Frank be appointed as Mayor of the City Harrisonburg.

City Manager Baker polled the Council Members for Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg.

Council Member Frank voted for Carolyn W. Frank.

Council Member Fitzgerald voted Joseph Gus Fitzgerald.

Council Member Lantz voted for Joseph Gus Fitzgerald.

Council Member Peterson voted for Carolyn W. Frank.

Council Member Rogers voted for Joseph Gus Fitzgerald.

City Manager Baker announced that by a three to two vote Joseph Gus Fitzgerald was the new Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg.

Mayor Fitzgerald commented that all five Council Members are or have been associated with a political faction that has won overwhelming in at least one of the last two elections. It has also bee overwhelming defeated in one of the last two elections. If that makes the elective seemed confused that may be our fault for drawing the lines too harshly and leaving previous little middle ground. He said, I think we need to spend a lot of time within the next two years looking for that middle ground, but the other thing I will remind you about the last two elections are that the top five vote getters ever in a Harrisonburg City Council elections are

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sitting around this table. Another thing that I will remind you is that two years ago today the average age on the Harrisonburg City Council dropped by 13 years. Whatever else the voters were telling us in the last two elections, I think they were telling us that they respect the wisdom and judgment of those who came before us.

Council Member Peterson offered a motion to Larry M. Rogers be appointed as Vice-Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg. The recorded roll call vote was taken as follows:

Vote: Yes Council Member Frank  
Council Member Lantz  
Council Member Peterson  
Council Member Rogers  
Mayor Fitzgerald

Absent None

Council Member Peterson offered a motion that Mr. Thomas H. Miller, Jr., be re-appointed as the City Attorney. The recorded roll call vote was taken as follows:

Vote: Yes Council Member Frank  
Council Member Lantz  
Council Member Peterson  
Vice-Mayor Rogers  
Mayor Fitzgerald

Absent None

Council Member Peterson offered a motion that the following Council Members be appointed to these commissions or committees:

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Dorn W. Peterson to the Harrisonburg Planning Commission

Hugh J. Lantz to the Park & Recreation Commission

Joseph Gus Fitzgerald to the Social Services Advisory Board

Hugh J. Lantz and Larry M. Rogers to the City/County Liaison Committee

Carolyn W. Frank to the Central Shenandoah Planning District

Joseph Gus Fitzgerald to the Chamber of Commerce

Hugh J. Lantz to the Deer Task Population Force

Joseph Gus Fitzgerald to the School Board Liaison Committee

The recorded roll call vote was taken as follows:

Vote:        Yes    Council Member Frank

              Council Member Lantz

              Council Member Peterson

              Vice-Mayor Rogers

              Mayor Fitzgerald

Absent - None

Mayor Fitzgerald suggested that a retreat should be held to in the near future to establish goals.

At 10:10 a.m., there being no further business and on motion adopted the meeting was adjourned.

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CLERK

MAYOR