

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2010**

RECEPTION FOR FIRE CHIEF EUGENE C. LUTZ 6:30 P.M.:

PRESENTATION – FIRE CHIEF EUGENE C. LUTZ - RETURNING TO HIS HOME TOWN AS FIRE CHIEF: Mayor Davis congratulated Chief Lutz on his return to his hometown as Fire Chief. God's Speed. Chief Lutz and the department do a great job. We will miss you. City Manager Michael J. Lucking is sad at Gene's leaving, but happy for Gene in returning to his hometown. Gene gives selflessly of his time. Gene has a "Can do" attitude. Gene has been an excellent Manager of the Trotwood Fire & Rescue Dept. Gene managed the H1N1 inoculations at Hara Arena. Gene is well liked and well respected among his peers and other Fire Departments. Gene worked tirelessly in the department and to get the levies passed in the last election. Gene is always willing to pull up his sleeves and pitch right in to help. I thank his wife and children for allowing him to give so much of himself to Trotwood. Gene did that without complaint. We will miss you.

CLERK OF COUNCIL LOIS M. SINGLETON HAS CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS' JOYCE SUTTON CAMERON, WARD 1; RAP HANKINS, WARD 2; CHARLES R. VAUGHN, WARD 3, AND MARY A. McDONALD, WARD 4:

OATHS OF OFFICE GIVEN TO NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CAMERON, HANKINS, VAUGHN, AND McDONALD: Mayor Darreyl D. Davis administered the Oath of Office to the incumbent Council Members. Congratulations to Council Members Joyce Sutton Cameron, Rap Hankins, Charles R. Vaughn, and Mary A. McDonald.

SELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR:

Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton passed out ballots to each Council Member and Mayor Davis. The ballots contained all of the Council Members names except Mayor Davis. Law Director Stephen McHugh and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton counted the ballots. Council Member Joyce Sutton Cameron was elected Vice-Mayor by a majority vote of the Trotwood City Council. Mrs. Staggs moved to approve Vice-Mayor Cameron's selection as Vice-Mayor, and seconded by Mr. Vaughn. Roll call resulted in 6 yes votes, 1 abstention (Vice-Mayor Cameron) and the Motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations Vice-Mayor Cameron.

OATH OF OFFICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE VICE-MAYOR:

Mayor Darreyl D. Davis administered the Oath of Office to Vice-Mayor Joyce S. Cameron.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Trotwood City Council met in their Regular Scheduled Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio. Mayor Darreyl D. Davis asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron, Council Member Bettye L. Gales, Council Member Rap Hankins, Council Member Mary A. McDonald, Council Member Barbara J. Staggs, Council Member Ronald Vaughn, and Mayor Darreyl D. Davis.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager Michael J. Lucking; Law Director Steve McHugh, Public Works Director Thomas Odenigbo, Acting Finance Director Patricia Shively, Fire & Rescue Chief Eugene Lutz, Police Chief Quincy E. Pope, Sr., Planning & Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, Building Program Manager/Code Enforcement Scott Adams, Human Resources Manager Barbara

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Brooks, Recreation Program Specialist Terry M. Lodge, Police Captain Erik Wilson and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

William Krest, C. L. Shaneyfelt (COPP), George Weitendorf (COPP), Ellen Diehl, Theodore C. Fowler, Henry Crist (TPD), S. H. Milliken (TF/R), Mark Johnson (TF/R), G. Rickett (TF/R), Joseph McDonald, Rick Peake (TF/R), Jan Hankins, Mary Johnson (Jefferson Twp Trustee), Willa Bronston (Jefferson Twp Trustee), James D. Williams, Dave Norvell, Mattie M. Clay, James Cameron, Duane Plessinger, Vickie Crase, Janice Chinn, Toni Coleman (Dayton Daily News), Shirley White, John T. Fecke, Bruce Kettelle (Totally Trotwood), Joanne Koesters, George J. Tyler, Marjorie Townes (Parks & Rec Bd), William Richardson, Thomas Clay, and Tom Grady.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Presentation – Spirit of Christmas Awards 2009 – Recreation Program Specialist Terry Lodge: 1ST Prize – 100.00 to George & Shirley White – 650 Olive Road. 2nd Prize – 50.00 to Eugene Crase – 900 Olive Road. 3rd Prize – 25.00 to Alfred Tobe – 5019 Weddington Drive – unable to be present this evening. Congratulations to all of the award recipients.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 10-01: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD REQUESTING AN ADVANCE OF THOSE TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE CITY OF TROTWOOD FOR THE YEAR 2010 FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE: The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said this action allows the Montgomery County Auditor's Office to distribute Trotwood tax proceeds as collected, as opposed to waiting for semi-annual distributions. This method provides better cash flow and interest earnings for the City of Trotwood. This request is made annually at the beginning of the calendar year. Mayor Davis requested a Motion to approve Resolution 10-01. Vice-Mayor Cameron moved to approved Resolution 10-01, and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and Resolution 10-01 was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 10-02: A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE RATIONALE FOR AND AUTHORIZING CITY EMPLOYEE FURLOUGHS, CITY EMPLOYEE WAGE REDUCTIONS, LAYOFF OF CITY EMPLOYEES OR ALL OTHER MEANS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE CITY'S LACK OF FUNDS: The Clerk read the caption. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said the Administration is projecting diminished property tax revenues and flat income tax revenues in 2010. In order to maintain essential City services and staffing levels, City Manager Lucking is recommending the continuation of the City's current furlough practice throughout 2010. The proposed furlough is a 10% reduction of hours during 2010. This amounts to 4 hours per week/8 hours per pay period. The furlough can be unilaterally applied to all non-bargaining unit employees. The furlough is proposed to commence immediately for all non-bargaining unit employees. The City's bargaining unit employees must consent to being furloughed during 2010, and City Manager Lucking is awaiting their responses. For the bargaining units who do not accept furlough during 2010, the recommendation is layoffs within the bargaining units as highly probable as a means to balance the City's budget during 2010.

Mrs. McDonald said we are beginning the budget process, and I have not seen the budget. Additional changes may be necessary. We may have the responses from the bargaining units regarding furlough if we wait until after the budget process. Mrs. Gales said employees maybe laid off right away? Furlough of employees without having seen the budget. I would be more comfortable seeing the budget before passage of this legislation. Mr. Hankins said non-passage of the legislation will not give

the City Manager the flexibility to work with the bargaining units while they determine to furlough or not. Mrs. Gales wants to see the budget. Mrs. McDonald said she has not seen the budget and is not comfortable in passing the legislation at this time. Mayor Davis said passage of the legislation could curtail the hardship on the employees as furlough is recommended for a specific time period. City Manager Michael Lucking said passage of the legislation will give the Administration continuity in delivering services. Mr. Hankins said if furlough is kept in place the City Manager will have the ability to negotiate. Mrs. McDonald concerned with not having the budget. Mr. Vaughn said if you stall for a couple of weeks, it will have a slight accelerated impact. What departments are non-union and what departments are bargaining units. City Manager Lucking named those departments. Mayor Davis asked for a Motion to approve. Law Director McHugh said a subsidiary Motion to Table may also be made and acted on first. Mrs. Gales moved to table Resolution 10-02, and seconded by Mrs. McDonald. Roll call resulted in 4 yes to table Resolution 10-02 (Mrs. Gales, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. Vaughn, and Vice-Mayor Cameron), 3 no votes (Mr. Hankins, Mrs. Staggs, and Mayor Davis). Resolution 10-02 will be tabled to the next meeting.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor:

- 1) Mayor Darreyl D. Davis Office Hours – please call the Clerk of Council at 854-7212 or e-mail Mrs. Singleton at lsingleton@trotwood.org to schedule a meeting at any time that is convenient.
- 2) Motion of the Trotwood City Council to move the Monday, January 18, 2010 Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 19, 2010 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: Mrs. Gales moved to schedule the Monday, January 18th Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 19th due to the holiday, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Cameron. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion was approved unanimously.
- 3) Mayor Davis administered the Oath of Office to Acting Fire Chief Richard Wagner. Mayor Davis invited Acting Fire Chief Richard Wagner's family to join him, spouse Linda and son.
- 4) Mayor Davis introduced dignitaries in the audience. Representative Roland Winburn – 40th House District. Two newly elected Jefferson Township Trustees Mary Johnson and Willa Bronston. Welcome.

CITY MANAGER:

- 1) Reminder – website is updated - www.trotwood.org
- 2) Appointment of Acting Fire Chief Richard Wagner: City Manager Michael J. Lucking said he is appointing Acting Fire Chief Richard Wagner this evening. Acting Chief Richard Wagner said he is honored to be asked. I have big shoes to fill. I welcome the opportunity.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Members – Representative Designations and Reports

- First Tier Suburbs Committee - Council Member Staggs and Council Member Hankins.
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission -Council Member Hankins and City Manager Lucking.

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- Trotwood Planning Commission - Vice-Mayor Sutton Cameron or Council Member Davis.
- Trotwood Board of Zoning Appeals - Council Member Staggs or Council Member Gales.
- Trotwood Civil Service Commission - Council Member Vaughn or Mayor Davis.
- Trotwood Parks and Recreation Board /Council Member Staggs, McDonald and Gales.
- West Third Street Corridor Committee - Mayor Davis.
- Trotwood-Madison City School Board Rep – All of Council to schedule a meeting to attend.
- Trotwood-Madison Educational Foundation Trustee - Council Member McDonald or Mayor Davis.
- Public Relations Committee – to be defined.
- Salem Avenue Vision Coalition - Council Member Staggs or Council Member Hankins.
- Tree Preservation Committee - Vice-Mayor Sutton Cameron or Council Member Staggs.
- Trotwood Firefighters Volunteer Dependent Fund - Council Member Staggs and Council Member Vaughn.
- Trotwood Finance Committee – Mayor Davis and Vice-Mayor Cameron. (Council named are members of this committee).
- Trotwood Public Safety Committee – Mayor Davis and Council Member Vaughn. (Council Members named are members of the committee).

Mayor Davis asked for volunteers to attend the Trotwood-Madison School Board Meetings. Vice-Mayor Cameron and Council Member Hankins volunteered. Mayor Davis asked if there are any other changes to be made to the Meeting schedule for 2010. Mrs. McDonald asked that her name be removed as a representative to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Davis requested a Motion to approve the meeting schedule for Council for 2010 with those exceptions noted. Vice-Mayor Cameron moved to approve the meeting schedule for 2010 with the exceptions noted, and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

STAFF:

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

JAMES D. WILLIAMS, II – 4538 FREUDENBERGER AVENUE 45417 0 WARD 4: Good luck Chief Lutz. We will miss you.

JANICE CHINN – 5213 WEIGOLD COURT 45426 – WARD 2: I am disappointed that 4 of you voted to tax lottery winnings. As of December 30, 2009, Congress has passed legislation to allow the lottery winner to deduct their losses on the day of they win the lottery. Mrs. Chinn thinks it unfair to tax lottery winnings to those playing, and asked that Council consider taxing the winnings at \$5,000.00. Mayor Davis asked Mrs. Chinn to share the December 30th Congressional legislation with the City. Mrs. Chinn will do so.

WILLIAM KREST – 2488 DIAMOND MILL ROAD 45309 – WARD 3: I will miss Chief Gene Lutz.

JOANNE B. KOESTERS – 7849 POST TOWN ROAD 45426 - WARD 3: Talked about Precious Blood distribution of Christmas Baskets on December 19th. There were 99 baskets distributed, and 85 of

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those were to those in our community. Mrs. Koesters read a couple of the Thank you notes received. Precious Blood has been doing this in the community for many years and the need is increasing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lois M. Singleton, Clerk of Council

Darreyl D. Davis, Mayor