



**CITY OF LEOMINSTER
CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022
JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Call to order by City Clerk

The City Clerk opened the meeting at 7:51 PM.

Roll Call of Members

Councillor Bodanza, Councillor David Cormier, Councillor Pauline Cormier, Councillor Arding, Councillor Angelini, Councillor Brady, Councillor Chalifoux Zephir, Councillor Deacon, Councillor Freda.

Others Present: Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk and Dianne Reardon, Assistant City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Election of Council President

City Clerk, Katelyn Huffman opened nominations for Council President.

Councillor David Cormier was nominated by Councillor Mark Bodanza and seconded by Councillor Angelini.

Motion made by Councillor Bodanza, seconded by Councillor Pauline Cormier to close the nomination. Roll Call Vote 9-0.

Councillor David Cormier was elected Council President by a Roll Call Vote of 7-2 (Councillor Chalifoux Zephir and Councillor Freda voting NAY).

Council President David Cormier took the chair.

Election of Council Vice-President

Council President David Cormier opened nominations for Vice President.

Councillor Pauline Cormier was nominated by Councillor Angelini, seconded by Councillor Bodanza.

Motion made by Councillor Bodanza, seconded by Councillor Ardinger to close the nominations. Roll Call Vote 9-0.

Councillor Pauline Cormier was elected Council Vice-President by Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

Adoption of Council Rules

Council Vice-President Pauline Cormier moved that the City Council Rules of Procedure be adopted, seconded by Councillor Bodanza. Roll Call Vote: 9-0.

Appointment of Legal Counsel

Council President David Cormier would like confirmation of legal counsel Stephen Madaus of Mirrick O’Connell as the City Council’s Legal Counsel for 2022. Council Vice-President and Ways and Means Chairperson, Pauline Cormier, will receive confirmation and this will be an item for vote on the agenda of January 10, 2022.

Naming of President’s Committees

The 2022 Committees are as follows:

WAYS & MEANS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Pauline Cormier	Chairperson
Thomas Ardinger	Clerk
Todd Deacon	3 rd member

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Peter Angelini	Chairperson
Mark Bodanza	Clerk
Pauline Cormier	3 rd member

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mark Bodanza	Chairperson
Pauline Cormier	Clerk
Peter Angelini	3 rd member

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Todd Deacon	Chairperson
Susan Chalifoux Zephir	Clerk
Thomas Ardinger	3 rd member

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Susan Chalifoux Zephir Chairperson
Claire Freda Clerk
William Brady 3rd member

CITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thomas Ardinger Chairperson
Todd Deacon Clerk
Mark Bodanza 3rd member

PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

William Brady Chairperson
Peter Angelini Clerk
Claire Freda 3rd member

**SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Claire Freda Chairperson
William Brady Clerk
Susan Chalifoux Zephir 3rd member

Councillor Freda stated that she hopes this year the Council can have inclusion and teamwork. She feels there has been misinterpretation of the Charter as far as the two-year presidential appointment goes. She has been on the Council for 28 years and no one has asked for her vote in the last 8 years. She stated that this does not feel like inclusion. She hopes the Council can get back to Finance Subcommittee Meetings. The taxpayers deserve more transparency from this Council. She hopes to use people’s strengths in committees.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Bodanza, seconded by Councillor Ardinger to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Katelyn Huffman
City Clerk