

**MINUTES OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. IN CITY HALL**

Present: Commissioners Postma, Symonds, Bennett, Klooster, Fisher, Timmons, and Moes

Absent: None

City Administrator White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

ITEM #3 Election of Mayor

Administrator White opened the floor to nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Klooster nominated Commissioner Postma with support from Commissioner Symonds.

Commissioner Timmons nominated Commissioner Bennett with support from Commissioner Fisher.

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Klooster, to close the nominations for mayor.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES  
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Administrator White conducted a roll call vote to appoint Commissioner Postma as Mayor.

ROLL CALL VOTE  
AYES: SYMONDS, BENNETT, KLOOSTER AND POSTMA  
NAYS: FISHER, TIMMONS AND MOES

Administrator White asked Commissioner Postma to assume the Mayor's seat and conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Bennett questioned the vote regarding his nomination as Mayor and stated he thought the vote was being conducted individually.

White stated he could conduct a roll call vote for Commissioner Bennett's nomination.

Administrator White conducted a roll call vote to appoint Commissioner Bennett as Mayor.

ROLL CALL VOTE  
AYES: MOES, BENNETT, TIMMONS AND FISHER  
NAYS: KLOOSTER, POSTMA AND SYMONDS

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Clerk Campbell stated there was now a tie vote for Mayor.

Administrator White again opened the floor to nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Symonds nominated Commissioner Postma with support from Commissioner Klooster.

Commissioner Timmons nominated Commissioner Bennett with support from Fisher.

Attorney Beatty stated the slate included two nominations for mayor and the vote is on the slate with each Commissioner allowed one vote.

White questioned the need for a paper ballot.

Beatty stated a show of hands with a recording in the minutes would be appropriate.

Beatty clarified for the Commission that there are two candidates nominated and the vote is conducted as an election with each person allowed one vote.

White asked Commissioners in favor of Commissioner Bennett as mayor to raise their hand.

Commissioners Fisher, Timmons, Bennett and Moes raised their hands.

White asked Commissioners opposed to Commissioner Bennett as mayor to raise their hand.

Commissioners Symonds, Klooster and Postma raised their hands.

Beatty stated the votes for Commissioner Postma were, Commissioner Symonds, Klooster and Postma.

Mayor Bennett received his oath of office and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

ITEM #4 Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Bennett opened the floor to nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Commissioner Symonds nominated Commissioner Postma with support from Commissioner Klooster.

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Commissioner Postma nominated Commissioner Klooster with support from Commissioner Timmons.

Motion offered by Postma, second by Fisher, to close the nominations for Deputy Mayor.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES  
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Bennett asked the Commissioners individually their choice for Deputy Mayor, Mark Postma or Ron Klooster.

Commissioner Moes stated Ron Klooster.

Commissioner Klooster stated Mark Postma.

Commissioner Postma stated Ron Klooster.

Commissioner Timmons stated Ron Klooster.

Commissioner Fisher stated Ron Klooster.

Commissioner Symonds stated Mark Postma.

Bennett stated Ron Klooster.

Commissioner Klooster received his oath of office for Deputy Mayor.

ITEM #5 Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates

Motion offered by Postma, second by Klooster, to set the regular meeting date and time as the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES  
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Commissioner Moes questioned the length of normal meetings.

Mayor Bennett stated meeting length varies but are normally complete before 10:00 p.m. He noted that during budget discussions the meetings are longer.

ITEM #6 Rules of Order and Agenda Items

Motion offered by Klooster, second by Postma, to adopt the current rules of order.

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BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ITEM #7 Appointment to Appointments Committee

Commissioner Moes questioned if the appointments committee has been a success in the past and if they were able to find people willing to serve.

Mayor Bennett stated there have been times when it has been difficult.

Clerk Campbell stated the Appointments Committee is a requirement of the Charter.

Nominations were received for Commissioners Symonds, Postma and Klooster.

Motion offered by Fisher, second by Symonds, to close the nominations for the Appointments Committee and appoint Commissioners Symonds, Postma and Klooster.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES  
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ITEM #8 Other Business

Commissioner Fisher questioned the meeting agenda and format.

Attorney Beatty stated the regular agenda will contain a consent agenda, in which all items are passed with one motion, as well as a regular agenda for items requiring discussion.

Commissioner Fisher questioned how a citizen would address the Commission.

Administrator White stated the agenda allows time for speaker requests for items not listed on the agenda.

Commissioner Timmons questioned Attorney Beatty on the process to remove items from the consent agenda for discussion and requesting additional information.

Clerk Campbell stated the agenda would be placed in Commission boxes by noon two business days prior to the meeting.

Mayor Bennett asked Commissioner Postma to review the Charter with the Commission.

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Postma noted the Commission is prohibited from requesting information directly from city staff, the Commission employs the City Administrator and all information requests should be directed through him. He encouraged everyone to thoroughly review the Charter.

Motion offered by Symonds, second by Postma, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED ALL AYES  
BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully,

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Daniel G. Bennett  
Mayor

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Lori M. Campbell, CMC  
City Clerk