

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 4, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

Mayor Craig called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Cavanaugh.

A moment of silence was observed with Mayor Craig asking that everyone keep Barbara Shaw, Nancy Tessier and Nelson Barriero from DPW in their thoughts and prayers.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, Stewart, Long, Fajardo, T. Sapienza, Sharonov, Trisciani, Levasseur, Heath, Barry, George-Kelly

Absent: Alderman Gamache

Mayor Craig advised that a motion is in order to adopt the rules of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Long stated I am proposing four rule changes well actually three changes and one addition.

Alderman Long moved to amend the rules of the Board to make an adjustment in Rule 1, Regular Meetings, to move the time of the regular Board meeting back to 7 PM and incorporate the provision for public participation within the first 30 minutes of the meeting. ***Alderman Levasseur*** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

Alderman Long moved to amend the rules of the Board to create a new Rule 11, requiring all aldermen to vote when a question is put forth unless they have a personal or financial conflict of interest pursuant to the City Charter and further that when an alderman abstains from a vote they must state the conflict or reason for the abstention.

*This rule would prohibit any Board member with a conflict from participating in the discussion prior to a vote. **Alderman Levasseur** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

***Alderman Long** moved to amend Rule 19, Road Hearing, at the request of the Solicitor's Office for consistency with the recently amended state statute. **Alderman Levasseur** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

***Alderman Long** moved to renumber all rules and remove the need for sub-rules as in Rule 2 and 2A, 16 and 16A and incorporate 20A within rule 20 as both deal with layover nominations. This will result in there being 29 rules of the Board. **Alderman Sharonov** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

Alderman Barry stated on behalf of Alderman Shaw, I move to nominate Alderman Long as Chairman of the Board, term expiring January 2024. Alderman Cavanaugh duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Craig stated congratulations Alderman Long.

Mayor Craig presented the committee assignments with first named as chair.

*This being a special meeting, no further business can be presented and on motion of **Alderman Cavanaugh**, duly seconded by **Alderman Heath**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand".

City Clerk