



City of Hampton

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Council Approved Minutes - Final City Council Special Session

Mayor Donnie R. Tuck
Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray
Councilmember Chris L. Bowman
Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown
Councilmember Steven L. Brown
Councilmember Michelle T. Ferebee
Councilmember Billy Hobbs

STAFF: Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cheran Cordell Ivery, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

11:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Mayor Tuck called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. All members of the City Council were present.

Present 6 - Councilmember Chris L. Bowman, Councilmember Eleanor Weston Brown, Councilmember Steven L. Brown, Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Councilmember Billy Hobbs, and Mayor Donnie R. Tuck

DONNIE R. TUCK PRESIDED

READING OF THE CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

Clerk of Council, Katherine Glass, read the call for the special meeting.

This meeting has been called by agreement of all members of the City Council for the specific purpose of voting upon the appointee to fill the City Council seat which will be vacated by Chris Snead effective December 31, 2021, and to administer the Oath of Office to the appointee.

INVOCATION - Monsignor Walter Barrett, St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church

Msgr. Barrett gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

1. [22-0028](#) Appointment of Interim City Council Member

A motion was made by Councilmember Steven Brown to appoint Michelle T. Ferebee to serve as a member of the City Council effective today until the qualified voters of Hampton fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councilwoman Chris O. Snead in a special election and the person so elected has duly qualified. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chris Bowman. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Bowman, Councilmember Weston Brown, Councilmember Brown, Vice Mayor Gray, Councilmember Hobbs and Mayor Tuck

ADMINISTERING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE - The Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr., Judge

The Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr., Judge, gave brief remarks sharing his pride that Michelle Taylor Ferebee is his baby sister and they are accompanied by their 94 year old mother as well as knowing that their father, Wilford Taylor, Sr., is looking down upon them. He then administered the Oath of Office to Michelle Taylor Ferebee.

Following the administration of the oath, photographs were taken of the Ferebee family.

Debra J. Carroll, of the Newport News LINKS Incorporated presented a bouquet of flowers to Councilwoman Ferebee.

REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND APPOINTEE

Mayor Tuck remarked that this was his sixth meeting of this type and that there was a special air to today and the day being shared with the Ferebee family. He indicated his happiness that Ms. Ferebee is joining the Council and is glad that she will be a part of great things.

Councilwoman Ferebee shared that she is rarely at a loss for words, but this is one of the rare times when she felt a need to rely upon her notes. She recognized the following guests: Chris Snead, City Treasurer; Msg. Walter Barrett, Pastor of St. Mary's

Star of the Sea Church; Clayton Turner, Director of NASA's Langley Research Center; Gaylene Kanoyton, President of the Hampton Chapter of the NAACP; Debra J. Carroll and Dr. Adrienne Cosby of the Newport News Chapter of the Links, Incorporated; Pam Ponton, Historian of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and her colleagues from NASA: Julie Williams Byrd, Debbie Martinez, and Moshay Simpson.

She also recognized her mother, Zenobia Taylor, who, with her late father, Wilford Taylor, Sr., she credited with teaching her siblings and her the importance of serving God and the community. She said it was an honor to have her big brother, Judge Taylor, swear her in as she was accompanied by her other sibling, Jill. She shared that her brother, the late Dr. James Taylor, and father were watching from heaven. She expressed love to her rock and soul mate, Melvin, and shared that their three children were present: Helen Ferebee; Melvin Taylor, III, Esquire; Dr. Michael Ferebee, and his wife Dr. Annam Abbasi. She stated that two of her five grandchildren were present: Melthias and Jhaviel. She thanked a host of other close friends and family who were watching virtually and thanked them for their love and support.

She also acknowledged other individuals who were present to include Rev. Rodney Green, Marshall and Elizabeth Rouse, sister and brother-in-love, Linda and Donnie Pope and Patrice and Derek.

Councilwoman Ferebee indicated that she was humbled and honored to serve the wonderful City where she was raised, educated, work, was married and raised children. She thanked the Mayor and her fellow City Council members for their confidence and expressed that she was looking forward to working with all of them to realize the City's strategic vision: "We are Hampton, a vibrant waterfront community celebrating and embracing more than 400 years of history and innovation to create an even more dynamic future." She acknowledged that there are great challenges and opportunities, and with the help

of others, Council will meet them and make 2022 the best year in our history.

Mayor Tuck also acknowledged former Councilwoman and current City Treasurer, Chris Snead, who was in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____