

WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY and ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**MINUTES
July 1, 2010**

Following the official Swearing-In Ceremony for Messrs. D. Scott Foster, Jr. and Douglas G. Pons, the biennial Organizational Meeting of the Williamsburg City Council was held at noon on July 1, 2010, at the Courthouse of 1770, Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Attendance

Present in addition to Messrs. Foster and Pons, were Council members Ms. Judith Knudson, and Messrs. Clyde Haulman and Paul Freiling. City Manager Jackson Tuttle, Assistant City Manager Jodi Miller, Retiring City Attorney Joseph F. Phillips, Jr., Newly-Appointed City Attorney Christina Shelton, and City Council Clerk Donna Scott were also present. The Courthouse was filled with family and friends of City Council members, City staff, citizens, and visitors to the Historic Area.

Call to Order

The Sergeant of the City Hustings Court, Mr. Tom Hay, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation called the Swearing-In Ceremony to order in 18th century style at 11:45 a.m. Mr. Hay welcomed everyone and presented a brief history of the Mace of the City of Williamsburg, which was placed on the table in front of the dais. Mr. Hay noted that the Williamsburg City Council has returned to the Courthouse of 1770 since 1998 for the Swearing-In Ceremony and the biennial Organizational Meeting as prescribed by the Williamsburg City Charter.

Mr. Hays introduced Vice-Mayor Clyde Haulman.

Vice-Mayor Haulman thanked the Sergeant of the Court, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and welcomed everyone to the event to witness the transition of power to the 2010 City Council. He introduced returning and recently elected members of City Council and Samuel T. Powell, Circuit Court Judge. Mr. Haulman also recognized two recently retired members of City Council, Robert A. Braxton and Jeanne Zeidler, who were in the audience. He noted the tenure of the returning members of the Council; Councilman Freiling serving his second, four-year term and Councilwoman Knudson beginning the second half of her first term. The two newest members of the Council, D. Scott Foster, Jr. and Douglas G. Pons, were elected in May of this year.

Certificates of Election

Vice-Mayor Haulman introduced Mr. Thomas Mainor, Vice-Chairman of the Electoral Board. Mr. Mainor presented Certificates of Election to Mr. Foster and Mr. Pons, and on behalf of the citizens of Williamsburg, the Electoral Board and the City Registrar, congratulated them on their election to the City Council of the City of Williamsburg.

Oaths of Office

Vice-Mayor Haulman introduced Circuit Court Judge Samuel T. Powell III, to administer the Oaths of Office.

Judge Powell said that the City's Swearing-In Ceremony is one of his favorite judicial functions to perform. He then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Foster and to Mr. Pons who signed their oath, certified by Judge Powell, and witnessed by Ms. Scott.

Mr. Foster thanked his family, the student body at the College of William & Mary and the citizens of the City of Williamsburg for their support. He specifically thanked College of William & Mary President, W. Taylor Reveley, Michael Fox and Mike Young. He said Williamsburg is moving forward and he looks forward with optimism to working on City Council.

Mr. Pons thanked everyone for coming out and being part of this special day for Scott, himself and all of City Council. He said he approaches his tenure with great optimism and a pledge of hard work to make the wonderful City of Williamsburg an even better place than it is today. He said he takes the responsibility with a great deal of respect and appreciates all the support. He specifically thanked his wife Melissa, his daughters Madison and Meredith, and his parents, sister, aunt, uncle and cousin for their love and support.

Vice-Mayor Haulman welcomed and congratulated the new Council members and thanked Judge Powell. He thanked members of the audience for being present and invited them to remain for the Organizational Meeting at noon.

The Swearing-In Ceremony concluded.

At Noon, Retiring City Attorney Phillips, Chairman Pro Tem, called the Organizational Meeting to order. Mr. Phillips congratulated the new Council members and asked for nominations for Mayor to serve for the next two years.

Nominations

Mayor

*Mr. Freiling nominated **Clyde Haulman** for Mayor. There were no other nominations.*

Mr. Haulman was unanimously elected by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

Mayor Haulman took the Chair. He thanked fellow Council members and said he looks forward to the next two years working with everyone to move our great City forward and making it an even better place to live.

Proclamation Honoring Joseph F. Phillips, Jr.

Mayor Haulman asked that Joe Phillips remain at the podium and noted that Joe has just completed his last official act as City Attorney and presented him with a proclamation of commendation and appreciation.

Mr. Phillips is retiring after a long and distinguished career having served the City of Williamsburg as City Attorney with honor and excellence for thirty-six years. He served with eighteen City Councils, six mayors and is one of the longest serving city attorneys in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (A copy of the proclamation presented to Mr. Phillips is attached to these minutes.)

Mr. Phillips said thank you; it has been an honor and a wonderful experience. He said that over the years he has served, Williamsburg has been fortunate to have had people of great integrity serving in leadership, without exception, and it has been a pleasure to serve with them.

There was a standing ovation for Mr. Phillips.

Vice-Mayor

Mayor Haulman opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor.

*Ms. Knudson nominated **Paul Freiling** for Vice-Mayor. There were no other nominations.*

Mr. Freiling was unanimously elected by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

Clerk

*Mr. Foster moved that City Council recognize and confirm the continuation of **Donna F. Scott** as City Council Clerk. Mr. Freiling seconded the motion.*

Ms. Scott was unanimously appointed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

City Attorney

*Mr. Pons moved that City Council recognize and confirm **Christina Workman Shelton** as City Attorney. Ms. Knudson seconded the motion.*

Ms. Shelton was unanimously appointed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

City Manager

Mr. Freiling moved that City Council recognize and confirm **Jackson C. Tuttle** as City Manager. Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Mr. Tuttle was unanimously appointed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

Adoption of City Council's Policies and Procedures Manual, Proposed Resolution #10-04

Mr. Freiling moved that City Council adopt Resolution #10-04, Adoption of Policy and Procedures of the City Council, Revised June 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Ms. Knudson.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

(SEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION #-10-04)

There being no additional business before the Council, at 12:10 p.m., Ms. Knudson moved and Mr. Pons seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Pons, Foster, Haulman, Freiling, Knudson

Nay: None

Approved: August 12, 2010

Clyde A. Haulman, Mayor

Donna Scott, City Council Clerk