

MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATION MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Present: Katie Gallagher
Kevin Tanski
Tom Murphy
Tony DeMarco
Kathy Pucci
Ron Van Kirk
Colleen Gallagher

Absent: None

President DeMarco called the Organization meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Tanski to nominate Councilman Murphy for Council President. **MOTION** by Councilwoman C.Gallagher to nominate Councilwoman Pucci for Council President. **VOTE RESULTED: For Councilman Murphy: Yes: Tanski. Abstain: Murphy. No: K.Gallagher, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. (FAILED) For Councilwoman Pucci: Yes: K.Gallagher, Tanski, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. Abstain: Pucci. No: Murphy, DeMarco. (COUNCIL PRESIDENT PUCCI)**

President Kathy Pucci thanked everyone for their support and pledged to work collaboratively with everyone on Council, the Mayor and Administration.

MOTION by Tanski to nominate Councilwoman K.Gallagher for Council President Pro-Tem. **VOTE RESULTED: Yes: Tanski, Murphy, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. Abstain: K.Gallagher. No: DeMarco. (PRES. PRO-TEM K.GALLAGHER)**

MOTION by VanKirk, second by C.Gallagher for Councilwoman K.Gallagher for Planning Commission representative. **VOTE RESULTED: Yes: Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. Abstain: K.Gallagher. No: None. (PLANNING REP. K.GALLAGHER)**

MOTION by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk for Councilman Tanski for Recreation Board representative. **VOTE RESULTED: Yes: K.Gallagher, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. Abstain: Tanski. No: None. (RECREATION BD. REP. TANSKI)**

MOTION by C.Gallagher, second by Tanski for Councilwoman Pucci for Economic Development Committee representative. **VOTE RESULTED: Yes: K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. No: None. (ECONOMIC DEV. REP. PUCCI)**

MOTION by VanKirk, second by Tanski for Councilwoman C.Gallagher for Domestic Violence Committee representative. **VOTE RESULTED: Yes: K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. No: None. (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMM. REP. C.GALLAGHER)**

President Pucci listed the Council Committee and representative assignments:

- Public Safety and Environmental: Councilmembers Murphy, DeMarco, Van Kirk.
- Public Works: Councilmembers DeMarco, Tanski, K.Gallagher.
- Finance: Councilmembers Pucci, C.Gallagher, Van Kirk.
- Fair Housing: Councilman Van Kirk.
- Legislative Update: Councilwoman K.Gallagher.
- Volunteer Fire Dependents Board: Councilmembers Murphy, Tanski.
- Councilman Tanski will continue with the Sustainability Committee.

There was discussion about the Juvenile Diversion Committee and the need for Council representation as the needs and duties of the program have changed. The program will be looked at and changes made at a later date. **MOTION** by VanKirk, second by Murphy to not fill the representative position on Juvenile Diversion. **VOTE RESULTED:** Yes: K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

President Pucci offered a general suggestion, not for the Rules, but that as soon as minutes are complete that a marked draft set be sent to Council (by e-mail or hard copy) for any revisions. Everyone agreed.

President Pucci said she had a couple of items for the Rules:

Rule 3: delete 'or to be left at the usual place of residence for each member' and replace it with 'or to be left in the Council mailboxes.' And change the 48 hour notification to 24 hour notification.

Reflect the Charter language that explains 'majority' for voting.

MOTION by VanKirk, second by Tanski to accept the changes to the Rules of Council. **VOTE RESULTED:** Yes: K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Council meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m., recessed in July and August unless necessary.

Each Committee will briefly convene to elect a chair following the Council meeting.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by Van Kirk to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED: Adjourn:** Yes: K.Gallagher, Tanski, Murphy, DeMarco, Pucci, VanKirk, C.Gallagher. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Asst. Clerk of Council

President of Council