

COUNCIL MINUTES  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

December 6, 2011

The Swearing-In Ceremony/Organizational meeting of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville was held Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

WELCOME

Mr. Richard Woodruff, City Manager, welcomed everyone to the Swearing-In Ceremony/Organizational Meeting.

INVOCATION

Pastor Richard A. Sutherland, Sr., Fellowship Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fernando Schiefelbein, City Veteran Liaison, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The Honorable Charles H. Henry, Superior Court Judge, Fourth Judicial District, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Sammy Phillips.

The Honorable Charles H. Henry, Superior Court Judge, Fourth Judicial District, administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Michael Lazzara.

The Honorable Paul A. Hardison, District Court Judge, Fourth Judicial District, administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Angelia Washington.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the organizational meeting to order.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Phillips welcomed each of the Council Members. He welcomed Ms. Washington to her first term as City Council Member and congratulated Mr. Lazzara for his third term with the Council.

Mayor Phillips stated that the new Council's relationship needed to be built on trust and respect for one another. Even though the Council has not been agreeable on every issue, they have shown mutual respect and have listened to everyone's opinions even if they weren't their own opinions.

Councilwoman Washington, Councilman Lazzara, and Mayor Phillips expressed their gratitude to their families, the citizens for their vote of confidence and conveyed how honored and privileged they each felt to be able to serve the citizens of Jacksonville.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilman Bittner nominated Michael Lazzara to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. There were no other nominations. Councilman Willingham moved that nominations be closed and that Councilman Lazzara be elected to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem by acclamation. The motion was second by Councilman Bittner and carried unanimously.

#### ADVISORY BOARD LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Phillips announced that normally the Council Liaison Advisory Board appointments would be made at this time; however, Council was reviewing recommendations made by staff regarding the reorganization of the Advisory Boards. He asked each City Council Member to continue with their current committee assignments and asked Councilwoman Washington to take over the appointments held by Council Member Coleman for the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities and the Trails and Greenways Commission.

#### RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Phillips stated he could not say enough about Fannie Coleman. Ms. Coleman was the first woman of African-American descent to serve on the Jacksonville City Council. Mayor Phillips stated that when Ms. Coleman had something to say, she would say it in no uncertain terms. She lived by her actions. This was evident of the many projects and improvements that she had been involved in including the Land Application Site and Expansion, Highway 17 Bypass, the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Complex, designation of Jacksonville as an "All-American City", construction of Trails and Greenways, Wilson Bay and New River Restoration Project, Sturgeon City, Downtown Revitalization, City Gateways and Beautification Efforts, Riverwalk Park, Public Service Complex, New Water Treatment Plant, City Hall Expansion, Jack Amyette Rehabilitation, creation of the Jacksonville Tourism Development Authority to which she serves as a Board Member, Center for Public Safety and the Freedom Fountain. Mayor Phillips stressed this was just a "few" of the major projects during her tenure.

Mayor Phillips presented a plaque to Ms. Coleman along with a bouquet of red roses and thanked her on behalf of the City of Jacksonville for all that she had done.

Ms. Coleman thanked the citizens for having elected her to the Council for over 14 years and having confidence in her. She also thanked her family for being there for her and with her all the way.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Jacksonville City Council, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lazzara, seconded by Councilman Thomas, and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM.

\*Official Election Abstracts and Oaths of Office incorporated herein and are hereby made a part of the December 6, 2011 City Council Minutes.

Adopted by the Jacksonville City Council in regular session this 3rd day of January, 2012.

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Sammy Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carmen K. Miracle, City Clerk