



## ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Monday, January 4, 2023  
Special Session  
Council Chambers, City Hall

Approved: January 30, 2023

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### Recognition of Outgoing Councilors

**6:00 p.m.**

City Manager Peter Troedsson gave an overview of the night's proceedings and spoke about outgoing councilors Stacey Bartholomew, Bessie Johnson, and Dick Olsen, thanking them for their service. He and Mayor Alex Johnson II presented shadowboxes to Bartholomew and Johnson. Olsen was not present.

#### Oaths of Office

**6:08 p.m.**

Troedsson noted that the incoming city councilors had already had their official oaths of office administered at the end of 2022 and the following oaths were for ceremony.

City Clerk Allison Liesse administered the oaths of office to Steph Newton for the office of councilor for Ward 1, Jackie Montague for the office of councilor for Ward 2, Ramycia McGhee for the office of councilor for Ward 3, and Alex Johnson II for the office of mayor. The incoming councilors took their places on the dais.

#### Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

**6:14 p.m.**

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski, Ramycia McGhee, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None.

Mayor Alex Johnson II led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Election of Council President

**6:16 p.m.**

NOMINATION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski nominated Councilor Marilyn Smith for the office of Council President. Hearing no other nominations, Smith was elected to the office of Council President 6-0.

#### Mayor's Message, Closing Remarks

**6:16 p.m.**

Johnson II spoke from written remarks\* thanking the old city council, welcoming new councilors, and sharing his thoughts about the needs of the city and his vision for the next council term.

#### Business from the Council

**6:23 p.m.**

None.

#### City Manager Report

**6:28 p.m.**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd  
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

*\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing [cityclerk@cityofalbany.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofalbany.net).*