

Milford City Council
MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2023

The City Council of the City of Milford convened for their Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023.

PRESIDING: Mayor Arthur J. Campbell

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmembers Daniel Marabello, Mike Boyle, Andrew Fulton, Todd Culotta, Brian Baer, Nirmala Samaroo, Jason James Sr., and Katrina White.

ALSO: City Manager Mark Whitfield, Police Chief Cecilia Ashe, and City Clerk Terri Hudson

COUNSEL: Solicitor David Rutt, Esquire

Per the Limited Public Health Emergency Declaration issued by Governor John Carney on March 1, 2022, and the virtual meeting provisions provided in Senate Bill 94, Milford City Council Meetings and Workshops are being held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with attendees also participating virtually.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Campbell called the Annual Organizational Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The invocation was given by Councilmember Wilson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESULTS OF ELECTION-READING OF REPORT

City Clerk Terri Hudson read the following report into record:

On behalf of the Board of Elections for the City of Milford, I am reporting the certified results of the April 22, 2023 City of Milford Annual Election to be as follows:

Given:

1st Ward Councilperson Daniel Marabello
2nd Ward Councilperson F. Todd Culotta,
3rd Ward Councilperson Nirmala Samaroo
and
4th Ward Councilperson Jason James Sr.

each ran unopposed, an Election for those Offices was not required (pursuant to 15 Del. C. §7555(j)). Each office carries a two-year term beginning the 1st day of May 2023.

After certifying the results of the Annual Election, the Election Board officially declared Councilpersons Daniel Marabello, F. Todd Culotta, Nirmala Samaroo, and Jason James Sr. elected to their respective offices.

Submitted by: City Clerk Teresa K. Hudson

SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

Oaths of Offices were then individually administered by The Honorable Noel Eason Primos of the Superior Court of Delaware to the following individuals:

Councilmember Daniel Marabello - First Ward
Councilmember F. Todd Culotta - Second Ward
Councilmember Nirmal Samaroo - Third Ward
Councilmember Jason James Sr. - Fourth Ward

Family members of Councilmembers Marabello, Samaroo, and James stood aside each Councilmember as they were sworn in individually. Chief Ashe held the bible while Councilmember Culotta was sworn in.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Vice Mayor James opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor 2023/2024.

Councilmember Marabello moved to nominate Councilmember James to serve as Vice Mayor for 2022/2023, seconded by Councilmember Baer.

There were no other nominations.

By a unanimous voice vote, Councilmember James was reappointed by his fellow Councilmembers as Vice Mayor.

REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY SOLICITOR

Councilmember Boyle made a motion to reappoint Solicitor Rutt as the City Solicitor for the City of Milford. Councilmember James seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

The list of the new committee appointments was included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Boyle moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember James. Motion carried.

The Organizational Meeting concluded at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa K. Hudson, MMC
Recorder/City Clerk