

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 1, 2008

Upon Conclusion of Board of School Cmte. Mtg.

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

Mayor Guinta called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Sullivan.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen M. Roy, Gatsas, Sullivan, J. Roy, Osborne, Pinard,
O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Ouellette, Domaingue

Rules of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Alderman Ouellette moved to adopt the same rules as the previous Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Gatsas stated I'd like to bring forward to this Board the same rule change that I attempted to make, and maybe I'll make it at the next full Board meeting. But to change the process of the positions going from HR to Bills on Second Reading and then back to the full Board. So I will at least let everybody know that that will come before this Board because I think it's a procedural change that needs to be changed so that we enhance the process of people moving along in City government. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Guinta stated so noted.

Alderman Lopez stated I think it's very important at this time to keep the rules of the Board and suspension of the rules, rule 25 in place. I'm willing to work with the Aldermen to see if there's some issues that we can change that particular rule. But at this time I'd like to keep it in place.

There being none in opposition, the motion to adopt the same rules as the previous Board of Mayor and Aldermen carried.

Nominations for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

Alderman Shea nominated Alderman Mike Lopez as Chairman of the Board, term January 2010. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to close nominations.

Alderman Lopez stated I want to thank my colleagues for appointing me as Chairman of the Board. The only comment I have at this time is fight like hell, but when the vote is taken, let's walk away, be friends, and come back another day and fight for another problem.

Mayor Guinta presented Committee assignments with first named as Chair as follows:

Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration

SULLIVAN, Lopez, DeVries, M. Roy, Ouellette

Administration

O'NEIL, Garrity, Osborne, Pinard, Domaingue

Bills on Second Reading

OSBORNE, DeVries, M. Roy, Pinard, Domaingue

Finance

GARRITY (Vice-Chair)

Community Improvement

GARRITY, Shea, O'Neil, Gatsas, Smith

Human Resources & Insurance

GATSAS, Shea, Lopez, Garrity, Pinard

Lands & Buildings

SMITH, Gatsas, M. Roy, J. Roy

Public Safety & Traffic

SHEA, O'Neil, Sullivan, J. Roy, Ouellette

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to appoint Aldermen M. Roy, J. Roy and Sullivan to the Committee on Joint School Buildings.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk