

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE
GARY COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF
GARY, INDIANA**

**MINUTES OF
JANUARY 3, 2022**

REORGANIZATION MEETING

VIA HYBRID ZOOM CONFERENCE

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
Councilman 1st District

THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON
Councilman 2nd District

THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN
Councilwoman 3rd District

THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS
Councilwoman 4th District

THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
Councilwoman 5th District

THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS
Councilman 6th District

THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER
Councilman-At-Large

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN
Councilman-At-Large

THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY
Councilman-At-Large

**THE HONORABLE JEROME PRINCE, MAYOR, CITY OF GARY
THE HONORABLE SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Common Council of the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana met in Special Session (hybrid meeting) pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana in the Municipal Building, 401 Broadway, on the 3rd Day of **January, 2022** at **5:00**, with the **Honorable William Godwin** and the **Honorable Suzette Raggs**, presiding, respectively, and the following Council members present/absent:

PRESENT:

THE HONORABLE TAI ADKINS
THE HONORABLE RONALD BREWER
THE HONORABLE MARY BROWN
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BROWN
THE HONORABLE LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
THE HONORABLE CLORIUS LAY
THE HONORABLE COZEY WEATHERSPOON
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT:

The meeting was opened at 5:00 pm by the Chair (William Godwin) with a moment of prayer led by Councilman Godwin, and followed by the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll Call showed 9 present 0 absent (Councilman Brown). The Chair declared this duly a quorum in order to elect officers for the Year 2021.

The Chair asked the Clerk to read the Call of the Meeting. (see attached)

President Godwin relinquished the Chair to Clerk Raggs for the election of Council President for the Year 2022.

The Chair extended a New Year's greeting to everyone.

The Chair opened the floor to accept nominations for the position of President of the Common Council for the Year 2022.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to nominate Councilman William Godwin for President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

The Chair asked if there were any other nominations for President of the Common Council for the Year 2022?

Councilman Weatherspoon moved to nominate Councilman Ronald Brewer for President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2022. It was seconded by Councilman Williams.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to close the nominations for President of the Common Council for the Year 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Roll call on the motion to close the nomination showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

The Chair asked for Roll Call on the nomination of Councilman Godwin for President of the Common Council for the Year 2022.

Roll call showed a vote of 5 ayes 3 nays (Brewer, Weatherspoon, Williams) 1 abstention (Lay). **Councilman William Godwin was declared President of the Common Council for the Year 2022.**

Clerk Raggs swore the newly elected President William Godwin into office and congratulated him.

President Godwin thanked the members of the Common Council for their support.

The Chair opened the floor to accept nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2022.

Councilman Lay moved to nominate Councilwoman Tai Adkins as Vice-President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2022. It was seconded by Councilman Brown.

The Chair asked if there were any other nominations for Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2022?

Councilman Brewer moved to close the nominations for Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2022. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Roll call on the motion to close the nominations showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. The Chair declared this motion duly passed.

The Chair asked for Roll Call on the nomination of Councilwoman Tai Adkins as Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2022.

Roll Call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. **Councilwoman Tai Adkins was declared Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2022.**

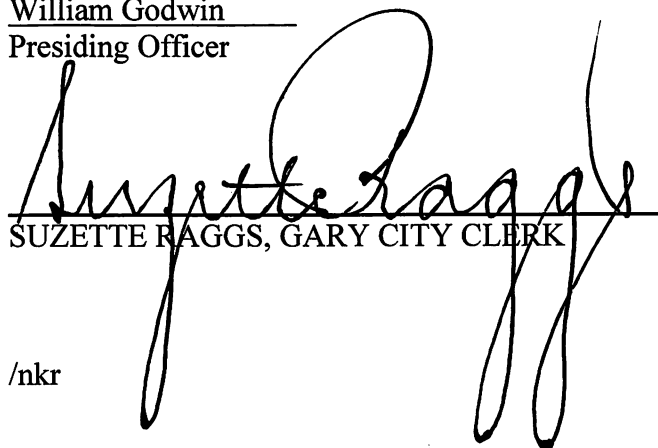
Clerk Raggs swore the newly elected Vice-President Tai Adkins into office and congratulated her.

Vice-President Adkins thanked the members of the Common Council for their support.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING DULY ADJOURNED AT 5:35 PM SO ORDERED.

Suzette Raggs
Presiding Officer

William Godwin
Presiding Officer


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK

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Memo

To: The Gary Common Council
From: Gary City Clerk Suzette Raggs
Date: December 28, 2021
Re: Hybrid Reorganization Meeting

In accordance with policy and procedure, the Common Council of the City of Gary is hereby officially notified of its Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm (via zoom meeting). The nature, object and purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers for the 2022 calendar year.

You are requested to govern yourselves accordingly.