

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

**MINUTES OF
JANUARY 3, 2023**

**REORGANIZATION MEETING
GARY COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
401 BROADWAY, GARY, INDIANA 46402**

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
Councilman 1st District

THE HONORABLE DAVID FOSSETT
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 LORI LATHAM
Councilwoman-At-Large,

THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON
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 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, 2023** at **5:00 pm**, 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 LINDA BARNES-CALDWELL
THE HONORABLE DAVID FOSSETT
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GODWIN
THE HONORABLE LORI LATHAM
THE HONORABLE DARREN WASHINGTON
THE HONORABLE DWIGHT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

The meeting was opened at 5:10 p.m. by the Chair (William Godwin) with a moment of prayer led by Councilman Washington, and followed by the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked for Roll Call.

Roll Call showed 9 present 0 absent. The Chair declared this duly a quorum in order to elect officers for the Year 2023.

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 2023.

The Chair extended a New Year's greeting to everyone and congratulated the new councilmembers; Councilwoman Lori Latham (Councilwoman-At-Large) and Councilman David Fossett, Councilman 2nd District.

The Chair opened the floor to accept nominations for the position of President of the Common Council for the Year 2023.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to nominate Councilman William Godwin for President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to close the nominations for President of the Common Council for the Year 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

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 2023.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. **Councilman William Godwin was declared President of the Common Council for the Year 2023.**

Clerk Raggs swore the newly elected President William Godwin into office, extended congratulations, and then relinquished the Chair to 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 2023.

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to nominate Councilwoman Tai Adkins as Vice-President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2023. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

Councilman Brewer moved to close the nominations for Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2023. 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 2023.

Roll Call showed a vote of 8 ayes 1 abstention (Washington). **Councilwoman Tai Adkins was declared Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2023.**

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

The Chair requested that Clerk Raggs swear Councilwoman Tai Adkins into office.

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

Councilman Brewer extended a New Year's greeting and spoke in regards to public safety and new development within the City of Gary for the year 2023. He welcomed new councilmembers Councilwoman Lori Latham (Councilwoman-At-Large) and Councilman David Fossett (Councilman 2nd District); and congratulated President Godwin and Councilwoman Adkins as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Common Council for the year 2023.

Councilwoman Brown extended a New Year's greeting and welcomed new councilmembers Councilwoman Lori Latham (Councilwoman-At-Large) and Councilman David Fossett (Councilman 2nd District) and indicated how she looks forward to an exciting year.

Councilwoman Adkins welcomed new councilmembers Councilwoman Lori Latham (Councilwoman-At-Large) and Councilman David Fossett (Councilman 2nd District) and expressed appreciation to the citizens of the 4th district for their support.

Councilman Fossett expressed appreciation to the Councilmembers for the warm welcome and extended a New Year's greeting.

Councilwoman Latham expressed appreciation to the Councilmembers for the warm welcome and stated how she looks forward to an exciting year.

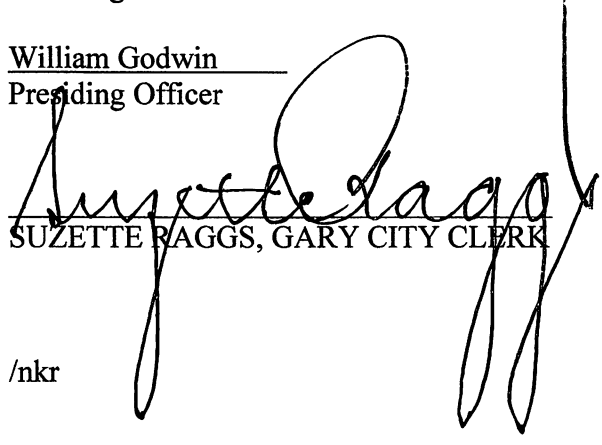
President Godwin welcomed new councilmembers Councilwoman Lori Latham (Councilwoman-At-Large) and Councilman David Fossett (Councilman 2nd District) and acknowledged former Councilmembers - Michael Brown (Lake County Clerk), Atty. Clorius Lay (Lake County Councilman) and Cozey Weatherspoon (Calumet Township Assessor). He further stated that he looks forward to having more efficient and timely meetings for the year 2023.

(G.C.C. Minutes 1/3/2023 Reorganization Meeting Cont.)

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED THIS MEETING DULY ADJOURNED AT 5:39 P.M. 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 29, 2022
Re: 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm. The nature, object and purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers for the 2023 calendar year.

You are requested to govern yourselves accordingly.