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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 2nd Day of **January, 2024** at **5:00 pm**, the **Honorable Tai Adkins** and the **Honorable Suzette Raggs**, presiding respectively, with 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 DWAYNE HALLIBURTON
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ABSENT

The meeting was opened at 5:05 p.m. by the Chair (Tai Adkins).

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

President Adkins relinquished the Chair to Clerk Raggs for the election of officers for the year of 2024.

The Chair extended a New Year's greeting to everyone and opened the floor to accept nominations for the position of President of the Common Council for the Year 2024.

Councilman Washington requested that the prayer be included at this point of the meeting.

The Chair requested Councilman Washington to offer prayer, which was 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 2024.

(Due to audio issues, at this point, the Chair called for a recess.)

The Chair opened the floor afterwards to accept nominations for the position of President of the Common Council for the Year 2024.

Councilwoman Brown moved to nominate Councilwoman Adkins for President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2024. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Brewer moved to close the nominations for President of the Common Council for the Year 2024. It was seconded by Councilman Washington.

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 Councilwoman Adkins for President of the Common Council for the Year 2024.

Roll call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. **Councilwoman Tai Adkins was declared President of the Common Council for the Year 2024.**

Clerk Raggs swore the newly elected President Tai Adkins into office, extended congratulations, and then relinquished the Chair to her.

President Adkins 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 2024.

Councilman Washington moved to nominate Councilwoman Lori Latham as Vice-President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2024. It was seconded by Councilwoman Caldwell.

Councilman Williams moved to nominate Councilman Ronald Brewer as Vice-President of the Gary Common Council for the Year 2024.

Councilman Brewer expressed appreciation to Councilman Williams but declined the nomination for Vice-President of the Gary Common Council for 2024.

Councilwoman Caldwell moved to close the nominations for Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2024. It was seconded by Councilwoman Brown.

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 Lori Latham as Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2024.

Roll Call showed a vote of 9 ayes 0 nays. **Councilwoman Lori Latham was declared Vice-President of the Common Council for the Year 2024.**

The Chair requested that Clerk Raggs swear Councilwoman Lori Latham into office.


Clerk Raggs swore the newly elected Vice-President Lori Latham into office and congratulated her.

Vice-President Latham 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 5:41 P.M. SO ORDERED.

Suzette Raggs
Presiding Officer

Tai Adkins
Presiding Officer


SUZETTE RAGGS, GARY CITY CLERK