

## **SPECIAL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL - JANUARY 4, 2016**

A special meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held Monday, January 4, 2016, in Council Chambers, Lancaster City Hall Annex, 120 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at 7:30 p.m., with President Graupera presiding.

City Council led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present - Mr. Reichenbach, Mr. Roschel, Ms. Sorace, Mr. Soto, Ms. Williams, Ms. Wilson and President Graupera - 7

Invocation was conducted by Pastor Kevin Brown, Kingdom of Life International Assemblies and Ecclesial Center of Lancaster.

The Music for Everyone String Ensemble performed two musical selections.

City Council approved the minutes of December 15, 2015 by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mayor J. Richard Gray administered the oaths to the recently re-elected John E. Graupera, James D. Reichenbach and Barbara J. Wilson and presented them with their Certificates of Election.

President Graupera thanked the residents of the City of Lancaster for providing him with another opportunity to serve the City. He said it had been a pleasure to serve with Mayor Gray and his administration and a privilege to serve with his fellow City Council members. He also thanked his wife and daughters for their support.

Ms. Wilson thanked the citizens for putting their trust in her for another term in office. She looks forward to continuing to work with fellow Council members and the administration. Ms. Wilson said her first term was a learning experience. She looks forward to opportunities which will allow her to use her experience to help citizens in her second term. And, she asked God to continue to guide her steps and help her to do the best that she can, to the best of her abilities.

Mr. Reichenbach said he felt blessed to be here serving the City. He was thankful for the friendships he has made in the past four years. He said his service on Council has been a life-changing experience. It is an amazing feeling to be accepted in the City in which he grew up, and he felt gratified to be re-elected. He pledged to work even harder for those who had elected him.

President Graupera adjourned the meeting.

Acting President Williams called the organizational meeting to order.

The City Clerk called the roll of members:

Present - Mr. Graupera, Mr. Reichenbach, Mr. Roschel, Ms. Sorace, Mr. Soto, Ms. Wilson and Acting President Williams - 7.

Mr. Soto made a motion to nominate John E. Graupera to be president of Council. Mr. Reichenbach seconded the nomination. City Council then approved the nomination of John E. Graupera by a unanimous roll-call vote.

President Graupera took his seat and thanked Council members for their vote of support and confidence. He hopes they will continue to work together to make Council more efficient and productive. He pledged to continue to work with the mayor and his administration and to continue to be the conduit for the residents of the City of Lancaster.

President Graupera then named the members of the standing committees and Ms. Wilson to the vice presidency of Council.

Ms. Williams moved to reappoint Allison Smithgall-Gehron and Gail Keller to the Board of Health and Gary Horning to the Historical Commission. Mr. Reichenbach seconded the motion. City Council approved the reappointments by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Pastor Brown gave the benediction.

President Graupera adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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John E. Graupera, President

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Bernard W. Harris Jr.  
City Clerk