

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

July 1, 2016

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Reorganization Meeting at 11:45 A.M.

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE  
ROLL CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Deputy Mayor Russo, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson  
Absent: None

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Swearing In

Municipal Clerk Linda Wanat administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Council members who were joined by family and friends at the dais, and presented them with their Oath of Office.

The Mayor and Council then assumed their seats on the dais.

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COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Schlager thanked the voters for the opportunity to continue to serve her community. She also thanked her fellow Councilmembers and expressed appreciation to the Township staff for their assistance.

Deputy Mayor Hurlock stated that it was both an honor and a privilege to take his seat once again on the podium. He particularly noted the July 1 date and its connection to significant milestones in his life.

Councilor McMahon noted that the past four years have sometimes been interesting, frustrating, challenging, disappointing and rewarding; however his intention, as a fourth generation resident of Montclair is to continue to make it a better place.

Councilor Russo outlined some of the highlights of his past term and sixteen years on the Montclair Township Council. He pledged to continue his role as a “senior statesman” and advocate.

Councilor Spiller thanked his family, the voters and colleagues for their support. He acknowledged that much of the success of this Council was due to the ability to work together in the best interest of the Township and its citizens.

Councilor Baskerville expressed her love for Montclair and stated that “there is no higher calling than the call to public service.” She thanked all of her supporters and said she was humbled, honored and moved to assume her third term on the Council.

Mayor Jackson thanked the Lord, his family, the voters, his colleagues and the Township staff. He outlined a number of positive initiatives accomplished by the 2012 Council and pledged to continue to focus on matters important to all Montclair residents. He concluded with a quote from our sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln: “Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.”

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NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Councilor Russo and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that WILLIAM HURLOCK be and he hereby is appointed Deputy Mayor to act in the place and stead of the Mayor in the event of the absence, disability or illness of the Mayor but the Deputy Mayor shall not make appointments or succeed the Mayor in the event that the Mayor’s office should become vacant. **(R-16-128)**

Councilor Russo offered thanks to his family and all those who supported him during his tenure as Deputy Mayor. His fellow Councilmembers also expressed appreciation for his service.

Newly appointed Deputy Mayor Hurlock remarked that “he had big shoes to fill” as an ambassador for the Montclair community.

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On motion made by Councilor Spiller and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that ROBIN SCHLAGER be and she hereby is appointed to serve as a Class III member of the Planning Board. **(R-16-129)**

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On motion made by Councilor McMahon and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, adopt Roberts Rules of Order to the extent applicable to govern Council procedure. **(R-16-130)**

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On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-180c, the salaries of the Mayor, Council and Directors of Departments of the Township of Montclair, County of Essex, are continued at the same rate as in the present salary ordinance. **(R-16-131)**

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On motion made by Councilor Hurlock and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that COUNCILOR ROBERT RUSSO be and he hereby is designated as the representative of the Township of Montclair to the Second River Joint Meeting effective immediately and continuing at the pleasure of the Township Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Second River Joint Meeting. **(R-16-132)**

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On motion made by Councilor Baskerville and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that COUNCILOR ROBIN SCHLAGER be and she hereby is designated as the representative of the Township of Montclair to the Third River Joint Meeting effective immediately and continuing at the pleasure of the Township Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Third River Joint Meeting. **(R-16-133)**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Haywood Woods, 50 Pine Street, veteran, stated that he was proud of his country and our elected officials. He expressed his appreciation to live in and raise his children in a wonderful community.

Ms. Spears, Montclair Development Corporation thanked Mayor Jackson and Dr. Baskerville for all they do for the 4<sup>th</sup> ward.

Brendan Gill, Essex County Freeholder, congratulated the Council members and looks forward to working with them.

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Councilor Baskerville inquired when it would be appropriate to revisit the Council's salary ordinance. Township Attorney, Ira Karasick stated that the Council could address this matter at any time during this term of office.

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At 1:10 P.M., on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

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ROBERT JACKSON                      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LINDA S. WANAT      MUNICIPAL CLERK