

**CITY OF SALEM****JANUARY 1, 2018****INAUGURATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held at the Peabody Essex Museum 161 Essex Street on Monday, January 1, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of organizing city government for the year 2018.

Councillor McCarthy was recorded as absent.

Presentation of the Colors by the Police and Fire Department Color Guard.

City Clerk Cheryl A. LaPointe called the meeting to order, and Councillor Thomas H. Furey., Senior Member, assumed the Chair.

Senior Member Furey then called upon The Youth Commission to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Witch Pitch singing the National Anthem.

Senior Member Furey called upon Reverend Jeffrey Barz Snell for the invocation.

Senior Member Furey called upon City Clerk Cheryl A. LaPointe to administer the oath of office to Mayor Kimberley Driscoll.

City Clerk Cheryl A. LaPointe then administered the oath of office to the members of the City Council.

**#1 - ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Councillor Turiel introduced the following Order, which was adopted.

Ordered: That the City Council proceed to organize for 2018 by the election of a president.

Councillor Turiel nominated Councillor Gerard

Councillor Madore seconded the nomination.

Councillor Flynn moved that nominations be closed. It was so voted.

Councillor Beth Gerard was elected President of the City Council for the year 2018 by a roll call vote of 10 votes for Councillor Gerard, and 1 member recorded as absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Furey, Gerard, Madore, Milo, Peterson,

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Sargent and Turiel were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor McCarthy was recorded as absent.

Newly elected President Gerard took the rostrum.

President Gerard thanked the City Council for electing him President.

**#2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Councillor Milo introduced the following order, which was adopted.

ORDERED: That the rules and regulations of the City Council for the year 2017 be adopted as the rules and regulations for the year 2018, and that the same be suspended for this meeting.

Following the organizational meeting of the School Committee, the City Council reconvened.

**#3 - MAYOR ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Councillor Peterson introduced the following Order, which was adopted.

ORDERED: That her Honor the Mayor be invited to address the members of the City Council at this session.

President Gerard then introduced Mayor Driscoll, who gave her Inaugural Address. Following the Mayor's inaugural address, President Gerard thanked her for her informative address.

President Gerard then called upon Father Robert Murray for Benediction.

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President Gerard called for the retiring of the Colors.

Following Benediction, President Gerard called upon Councillor Dominguez, who moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 A.M. It was so voted.

ATTEST:

CHERYL A. LAPOINTE  
CITY CLERK