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**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Ritz Theatre and Museum, 829 North Davis Street

**In attendance:** Council Members Sam Newby (President), Terrance Freeman (President-Designate), Ron Salem (Vice President-Designate), Danny Becton, Aaron Bowman, Michael Boylan, Matt Carlucci, Kevin Carrico, Reggie Gaffney, Nick Howland, Joyce Morgan, Ju’Coby Pittman, Randy White

**Excused:** Council Member LeAnna Cumber

**Also:** Peggy Sidman – Council Secretary/Director; Kim Taylor and Phillip Peterson – Council Auditor’s Office; Merriane Lahmeur, Sharonda Davis, Maritza Sanchez – Legislative Services Division; Jason Teal, Paige Johnston and Mary Staffopoulos – Office of General Counsel; Steve Cassada and Eric Grantham – Information Support Services

**Meeting Convened:** 6:02 p.m.

Masters of Ceremonies James Coleman and Chris Porter opened the proceedings with greetings to the attendees, including the current and former elected officials. Bishop Frank Reid III delivered the invocation. President-Elect Freeman’s daughters led the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem was sung.

Outgoing President Sam Newby gave parting remarks and presented the Council President’s annual awards: Melody Starr Bishop Award (to a worthy community organization) – LISC Jacksonville; Charles Webb Award (outstanding City Council member) – Aaron Bowman; Mary Singleton Award (outstanding committee chair) – Ron Salem. Mr. Newby thanked his council colleagues for an outstanding year of service and his wife and late mother for all their support. He briefly reviewed some of the highlights of the council year and thanked everyone for their contributions.

Council Member Ron Salem was sworn in as Council Vice President and delivered brief remarks, thanking outgoing President Newby for a job well and reviewing some of the most important actions of the Council over the last 3 years of the current term.

Council Member Terrance Freeman was sworn in as Council President and presented outgoing President Newby with a gift on behalf of his council colleagues. Following several musical performances, Mr. Freeman delivered remarks outlining his intended goals for the upcoming year. During his term as President, he intends to focus on compassionate and fair leadership, public safety, building a vibrant downtown, fulfilling the promises of consolidation, particularly in the area of infrastructure, and building a workforce ready to meet the economy's future needs, including a new apprenticeship program in conjunction with the Kids Hope Alliance. He urged his council colleagues to leave a legacy of leadership and inclusivity as their term comes to an end next year.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kamal Al-Rahil delivered the benediction.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:11 p.m.

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