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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – LEADERSHIP VOTE MINUTES-AMENDED

May 26, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chamber, City Hall

In attendance: Council President Carrico, Council Vice President Howland, Council Members Arias, Diamond, Freeman, Lahnen, Carlucci, J. Carlucci, Salem, Johnson, Gay, Amaro, Peluso, Pittman, Miller, Gaffney Jr., White, Boylan and Clark-Murray

Also: Mary Staffopoulos, Shannon MacGillis, Carla Schell, Office of General Counsel; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

Meeting Convened: 4:00 p.m.

Council President Carrico convened the meeting and called for introductions. A quorum was established with 19 members present. Jason Teal, Council Secretary/Director, explained the council leadership nomination process.

CP Carrico opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council President-Designate. Council Member Johnson moved to nominate Council Vice President Howland for the position and spoke in endorsement of his qualifications for leadership. The nomination motion was seconded by Council Member Lahnen. Council Member Peluso asked to be recognized but the request was denied.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and by written ballots the council elected Council Vice President Howland by a vote of 18-0-1 as the Council President-Designate. Council Member Peluso did not vote. Council President-Designate Howland thanked his colleagues for their support and spoke briefly about the priorities for the upcoming year.

Council President Carrico opened the floor to nominations for the position of Council Vice President-Designate. Council Member White moved to nominate Council Member Joe Carlucci for the position, seconded by Council Member Arias. Council Members White and Arias spoke in support of Council Member J. Carlucci's qualifications for leadership.

Council Member Gay moved to nominate Council Member Miller for the position of Council Vice President-Designate, seconded by Council Member Boylan. Council Members Gay and Boylan spoke in support of Council Member Miller's qualifications for leadership.

Council Member Freeman moved to nominate Council Member Amaro for the position of Council Vice President-Designate, seconded by Council Member Lahnen. Council Members Freeman and Lahnen spoke in support of Council Member Amaro's qualifications for leadership.

Council Member Pittman moved to nominate Council Member Johnson for the position of Council Vice President-Designate, seconded by Council Member Arias. Council Members Pittman and Arias spoke in support of Council Member Johnson's qualifications for leadership.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and the members submitted written ballots. In the first round of voting, Nominee J. Carlucci received 6 votes of support from CMs Salem, Carrico, Arias, White, J. Carlucci and Carlucci. Nominee Miller received 7 votes of approval from CMs Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gay, Howland, Lahnen and Miller. Nominee Amaro received 2 votes of approval from CMs Boylan and Amaro. Nominee Johnson received 4 votes of approval from CMs Gaffney Jr., Pittman, Peluso and Johnson.

Mr. Teal explained that there would be a second round of voting between the nominees that received the most votes, CMs J. Carlucci and Miller.

In the second round of voting, Nominee J. Carlucci received 10 votes of approval from CMs Salem, Gaffney Jr., J. Carlucci, Carrico, Arias, Pittman, White, Johnson, Peluso and Carlucci. Nominee Miller received 9 votes of approval from CMs Boylan, Clark-Murray, Diamond, Freeman, Gay, Howland, Lahnen, Miller and Amaro.

The council elected Council Member Joe Carlucci by a vote of 10-9 as the Vice President-Designate. Council Vice President-Designate J. Carlucci spoke in acceptance of the nomination and expressed appreciation for the support of his colleagues.

Council Member Diamond noted a point of order due to CM Peluso's lack of vote in the Council President vote. Per Council Rule 4.602, each Council Member present at any meeting of the Council shall vote on each question unless they have a specific voting conflict, and any member refraining from casting a vote when required to do so shall be deemed to have given their vote in the affirmative. Council Member Peluso changed his vote to the affirmative for the Council President-Designate Howland vote, in lieu of doing a new ballot, so the final vote tally was 19-0.

Council Member Carlucci spoke in support of the new leadership. Council Member Peluso spoke about the importance of fairness and protocol.

Council President-Designate Howland announced that the Council Leadership installation ceremony will be held on June 25th in the Council Chamber, with the reception to be held at the JU Law School.

Meeting adjourned: 4:50 p.m.

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