

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Fatcher led the flag salute. Mayor Fatcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were David Fatcher, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Larry Alexander, Jeffrey McAllister, Mike Karnofski, and Jim Hill.

OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Brian Butterfield swore in the following individuals to the Kelso City Council:

- Jeffrey McAllister, Council Position No. 1
- Michael Karnofski, Council Position No. 2
- Kimberly Lefebvre, Council Position No. 3

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Approve the Minutes of the 12/19/17 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

City Clerk Butterfield opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Alexander nominated Nancy Malone. Councilmember Lefebvre nominated David Fatcher. City Clerk Butterfield asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. Councilmembers Alexander, Hill, McAllister, and Malone voted for Nancy Malone. **Nancy Malone was elected to the Mayor position.**

City Clerk Butterfield opened the floor for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Alexander nominated Kim Lefebvre. City Clerk Butterfield asked if there were other nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. All Councilmembers voted unanimously for Kim Lefebvre. **Kim Lefebvre was elected to the Deputy Mayor position.**

The Council adjourned for a two-minute recess to reorganize the seating arrangement.

At 6:05 p.m., the Council reconvened into regular session.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association (SKNA) Chairman, spoke about the 'Toys for Joy' event. She updated the Council on SKNA's recent activities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Appointments were made as follows:

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Appoint Star Garcia to the Planning Commission,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Appoint Gary Schimmel to the Library Board,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Appoint Andrea Gebgardt to the Kelso Housing Authority', motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2018 City Council Standing Committee/Board Assignments: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the 2018 Standing Committee/Board Assignments'. The assignments were as follows:

- **SWEDC**
 - Mike Karnofski and Jeff McAllister
- **Airport Authority**
 - David Futcher and Kim Lefebvre (Alternate)
- **CAP Board**
 - Kim Lefebvre and Jeff McAllister
- **CEDC Exec**
 - Steve Taylor
- **CEDC**
 - Jim Hill and Nancy Malone
- **City Audit**
 - Jim Hill, Nancy Malone, and Kim Lefebvre (Alternate)
- **River Cities Transit Authority Board**
 - Larry Alexander, Jeff McAllister, and Jim Hill (Alternate)
- **CWCOG**
 - Mike Karnofski and Kim Lefebvre
- **Disability Board**
 - Nancy Malone
- **911 E-Board**
 - Steve Taylor
- **Cowlitz County 911 Council**
 - Jim Hill and Larry Alexander (Alternate)
- **Fire Pension Board**
 - Nancy Malone, Brian Butterfield and Traci Howard
- **Library Board**
 - Jeff McAllister and Larry Alexander
- **Lodging Tax Advisory**
 - David Futcher

- **Multi-Agency Coordinating Group**
 - Steve Taylor, Nancy Malone (Alternate), and Chief Hamilton (Alternate)
- **Park Board Liaison**
 - Larry Alexander and Jeff McAllister (Alternate)
- **Public Health**
 - Jim Hill
- **Sewer Operating Board (TRRWA)**
 - Mike Kardas and Steve Taylor (Alternate)
- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**
 - Jim Hill
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization**
 - Mike Kardas and Paul Klope
- **Regional Transportation Planning Organization**
 - Mike Karnofski and Nancy Malone (Alternate)
- **'Big Idea'**
 - Larry Alexander and Kim Lefebvre (Alternate)
- **Pathways 2020**
 - Cindy Schimpf
- **Cowlitz County Housing First Coalition**
 - Staff Member
- **TRRWA Oversight Board**
 - Mike Karnofski and Kim Lefebvre

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented that the Association of Washington Cities Days was Jan. 24th & 25th. 2) Commented that a New Councilmember Orientation Special Meeting was scheduled for Jan 22nd.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

David Futcher: Thanked the Council for allowing him to serve as the Mayor for the last decade. No report.

Jim Hill: Thanked the Kelso Police Department for their donation to the Children's Museum. No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Thanked her friends and family for their support. No report.

Jeff McAllister: Thanked everyone that supported him. No report.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Spoke about the recycling stations being too full before the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Nancy Malone: Commented about being excited for this year. No report.

At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Malone announced that the Council would recess for five minutes for a photo session.

At 6:47 p.m., the Council reconvened into regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:47 p.m. Mayor Malone announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss potential litigation. The executive session was expected to last approximately 10 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 7:00 p.m., it was announced that executive session would be extended 5 minutes.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:04 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.



MAYOR



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