

**Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**  
**January 3, 2012**

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Easton, Pa.  
Tuesday  
January 3, 2008  
6:18 P.M.

The Re-organization meeting of City Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers, One South Third Street, Easton, Pa., in accordance with Article 9, Transition and Severability, Section 9.05 (3), of the City of Easton Home Rule Charter, which specifies that the organization of Council shall be held on the first business day of January.

Certificates of Election were received prior to the meeting certifying the number of votes received by the below-named officials and that they were duly elected to their respective offices:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Numbers of Votes Received</u>
Salvatore J. Panto Jr.	Mayor	2549
Tony Bassil	City Controller	2375
Kenneth Brown	City Council	2253
Elinor H. Warner	City Council	2115
Jeffrey Warren	City Council	2066

NOTE: The oath of office was administered immediately prior to the organization meeting to the following elected officials, and Mayor Panto read his Inaugural Address, (see attachment).

- (a) Salvatore J. Panto Jr. - By Magisterial Judge Daniel Corpora
- (b) Kenneth Brown - By Magisterial Judge Daniel Corpora
- (c) Elinor Warner - By Judge Gay. Elwell
- (d) Jeffrey Warren - By City Clerk Thomas Hess
- (e) Tony Bassil - By Magisterial Judge Daniel Corpora

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Panto.

The invocation was offered by Councilman Ruggles, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Kenneth Brown  
Michael Fleck  
Roger Ruggles

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Sandra Vulcano  
Elinor Warner  
Jeffrey Warren  
Salvatore J. Panto, Mayor (7)

Absent: None (0)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, Rita Messa, Assistant City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor, Beth Knickerbocker, Assistant City Solicitor, Tony Bassil, City Controller, and W. Glenn Steckman City Administrator. There were approximately one-hundred persons present in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Warren the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Vulcano, Ruggles, Warren, Panto, Warner, Brown, Fleck (7)  
Nays: None (0)

**REMARKS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor Panto introduced State Representative Robert Freeman and Magisterial Judges, Gay Elwell and Daniel Corpora and welcomed them to the meeting.

Tony Bassil, City Controller, thanked the public for showing their confidence in him by his reelection.

Kenneth Brown thanked his family for their patience and allowing him to serve on Council, and thanked the public for their confidence and vote.

Elinor Warner said that it was an honor to serve on Council, and thanked the public for bestowing the honor on her again by electing her to a second term. She also thanked Council for working together towards their goals.

Jeffrey Warren said that he was very honored and humbled to be able to take his oath once again to serve the citizens of Easton, thanked his wife and family for their patience and support over the last four years, and thanked the City Staff and Directors for their support and help.

Salvatore Panto echoed all the comments that the other persons had made, thanked the citizens who have volunteered over the last four years, people who have become

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residents of Easton who have showed their interest in the City by becoming business owners, to the longtime residents who have remained in the City and who have worked to make their neighborhoods and the City a better place, Council for working together, and to the City Staff for their dedication to the City and for their untiring work.

Sandra Vulcano said that she was humbled to be a member of Council, to be able to work with the other members of Council, and to serve the citizens of Easton.

Roger Ruggles said that it was pleasing to see the progress that the City has made, and thanked Council, the City staff and the citizens for their work and dedication and work for the City.

Michael Fleck thanked the voters for keeping the present members of Council together.

**ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR**

Mayor Panto called for nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

Mr. Fleck nominated Kenneth Brown for the position of Vice Mayor.

There were no other nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

On motion of Mrs. Vulcano and Mr. Fleck the nominations for the position of Vice Mayor were closed by the following vote:

Yeas: Vulcano, Ruggles, Warren, Panto, Warner, Brown, Fleck (7)  
Nays: None (0)

Mr. Brown was elected as the Vice Mayor by the following vote:

Yeas: Fleck, Brown, Warner, Panto, Warren, Ruggles, Vulcano (7)  
Nays: None

Mr. Brown thanked Council for their nomination and for electing him to serve them and the citizens as Vice-Mayor.

**APPOINTMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEES BY MAYOR**

Mayor Panto said that all Committees would remain as they have for the past two years.

**CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD – Regarding any other matters**

There were no comments or remarks from the audience.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. on motion of Dr. Ruggles and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

Yeas: Vulcano, Ruggles, Warren, Panto, Warner, Brown, Fleck (7)

Nays: None (0)

Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk