

Council

Tuesday, 1st June, 2010

ANNUAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in Belfast City Council on Tuesday, 1st June, 2010
at the hour of 6.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Long) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Lavery);
the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford); and
Councillors Adamson, Attwood, Austin,
D. Browne, M. Browne, W. Browne, Brownlee,
Campbell, Cobain, Convery, Crozier, Cunningham,
Cush, Ekin, Empey, Hartley, Hendron, Humphrey,
Jones, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, Kingston, Kirkpatrick, Kyle,
A. Maskey, C. Maskey, McCabe, McCann,
McCarthy, McCausland, McGimpsey, McKenzie,
McMillen, Mac Giolla Mhín, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Mullaghan,
Newton, O'Neill, O'Reilly, L. Patterson, R. Patterson,
Robinson, Rodgers, Rodway, Smyth and Stoker.

Reading of Scriptures

In accordance with Standing Order 9, the Lord Mayor read a passage from the Scriptures.

Summons

The Chief Executive submitted the summons convening the meeting.

Filming and Recording of Proceedings

The Chief Executive reported that requests had been received from a number of broadcasting companies for permission to film and record the election and installation of the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor. He asked that the Council indicate whether it wished to accede to those requests.

The Council granted the permission sought.

Expression of Thanks

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Long) reviewed her year in Office and expressed her appreciation for the support she had received from her husband Michael, the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Lavery), the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford) and the former High Sheriff (Councillor McCoubrey). She thanked also the staff who had assisted her during the previous year and placed on record her appreciation of the support which she had received from the Members of the Alliance Party.

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Lavery) reviewed his year in Office and expressed his gratitude for the support which he had received from the Lord Mayor. He placed on record his thanks for the support which he had received from all Members throughout his term and for the advice and assistance of all staff.

Tributes

Representatives of each of the Party Groupings on the Council paid tribute to the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had fulfilled their duties during their year in Office.

Election of Lord Mayor

Nominations were invited for the Office of Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Convery was proposed by Councillor McCarthy and seconded by Councillor B. Kelly.

A division was demanded. A poll having been taken on the nomination, there voted for Councillor Convery thirty-seven Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Long); the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Lavery); the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford); and Councillors Attwood, Austin, M. Browne, W. Browne, Brownlee, Campbell, Convery, Crozier, Cunningham, Cush, Ekin, Hartley, Hendron, Humphrey, Jones, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, Kingston, A. Maskey, C. Maskey, McCabe, McCann, McCarthy, McKenzie, Mac Giolla Mhín, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Mullaghan, Newton, O'Neill, O'Reilly, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson and Rodway; whilst no Members voted against. Eleven Members, that is, Councillors Adamson, D. Browne, Cobain, Empey, Kirkpatrick, Kyle, McGimpsey, McMillen, Rodgers, Smyth and Stoker, did not vote.

Accordingly, it was

Resolved – That Councillor Pat Convery be and is hereby elected Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2011.

Councillor Convery, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors McCarthy and B. Kelly, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Councillor Convery, in the Chair.)

Councillor Convery expressed his gratitude to the Members for the honour which they had bestowed upon him by electing him to the Office of Lord Mayor and paid tribute to the previous Lord Mayor and to the Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had carried out their duties.

Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the post of Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Humphrey was proposed by Councillor Crozier and seconded by Councillor D. Browne.

There being no other nominations, it was accordingly

Resolved – That Councillor William Humphrey be and is hereby elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in June, 2011.

Councillor Humphrey, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors Crozier and D. Browne, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He then thanked the Members for his election.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery),
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey) and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 4th May be taken as read and signed as correct.

(The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Humphrey, in the Chair.)

Appointment of Members to Standing Committees

The Council considered the appointment of Members to the Standing Committees and it was

Resolved – That the Standing Committees as set out below, having been constituted in conformity with Acts of Parliament, Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Council, be and they are hereby appointed for the period to end on the date of the Local Government Elections to be held in May, 2011:

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

SF Seats 5

Councillor Austin	Councillor M. Browne
Councillor Hartley	Councillor Lavery
Councillor McCann	

DUP Seats 6

Councillor W. Browne	Councillor Crozier
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Newton
Councillor Robinson	Councillor Rodway

UUP **Seats 4**

Councillor Adamson	Councillor D. Browne
Councillor Rodgers	Councillor Stoker

SDLP **Seats 4**

Councillor Attwood	Councillor McCarthy
Councillor N. Kelly	Councillor O'Reilly

ALL **Seats 1**

Councillor Hendron

PUP **Seats 0**

Development Committee

SF **Seats 6**

Councillor M. Browne	Councillor Lavery
Councillor A. Maskey	Councillor C. Maskey
Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín	Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín

DUP **Seats 5**

Councillor Campbell	Councillor Crozier
Councillor Humphrey	Councillor McCausland
Councillor Rodway	

UUP **Seats 4**

Councillor Kirkpatrick	Councillor McGimpsey
Councillor Rodgers	Councillor Stoker

SDLP **Seats 3**

Councillor B. Kelly	Councillor Mallon
Councillor Mullaghan	

ALL **Seats 1**

Councillor Ekin

PUP **Seats 1**

Councillor Kyle

Health and Environmental Services Committee

SF **Seats 6**

Councillor Austin	Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Cush	Councillor Mhic Giolla Mhín
Councillor McCabe	Councillor O'Neill

DUP **Seats 5**

Councillor Campbell	Councillor Kingston
Councillor Humphrey	Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Rodway	

UUP **Seats 3**

Councillor Adamson	Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor McCoubrey	

SDLP **Seats 3**

Councillor Attwood	Councillor B. Kelly
Councillor Mullaghan	

ALL **Seats 2**

Councillor Hendron	Councillor Jones
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PUP **Seats 1**

Councillor Kyle

Licensing Committee

SF Seats 5

Councillor Austin	Councillor Brownlee
Councillor Lavery	Councillor C. Maskey
Councillor O'Neill	

DUP Seats 5

Councillor Campbell	Councillor Crozier
Councillor McKenzie	Councillor Rodway
Councillor Stalford	

UUP Seats 4

Councillor Kirkpatrick	Councillor McGimpsey
Councillor McMillen	Councillor Rodgers

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Attwood	Councillor N. Kelly
Councillor McCarthy	

ALL Seats 2

Councillor Ekin	Councillor Jones
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PUP Seats 1

Councillor Smyth

Parks and Leisure Committee

SF Seats 6

Councillor Cush	Councillor Hartley
Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín	Councillor C. Maskey
Councillor McCabe	Councillor McCann

DUP Seats 5

Councillor Humphrey	Councillor McKenzie
Councillor L. Patterson	Councillor Robinson
Councillor Stalford	

UUP Seats 4

Councillor D. Browne	Councillor Adamson
Councillor Rodgers	Councillor Stoker

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Mallon	Councillor McCarthy
Councillor O'Reilly	

ALL Seats 1

Councillor Ekin

PUP Seats 1

Councillor Kyle

Town Planning Committee

SF Seats 5

Councillor Brownlee	Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Lavery	Councillor McCabe
Councillor O'Neill	

DUP Seats 5

Councillor Kingston	Councillor L. Patterson
Councillor R. Patterson	Councillor Robinson
Councillor Rodway	

UUP Seats 4

Councillor Cobain	Councillor Empey
Councillor McCoubrey	Councillor Kirkpatrick

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor B. Kelly	Councillor McCarthy
Councillor Mullaghan	

ALL Seats 2

Councillor Hendron	Councillor Jones
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PUP Seats 1

Councillor Smyth

**Appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen
of Standing Committees**

The Council considered the appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Standing Committees and it was

Resolved – That, in accordance with Standing Order 42, the Chairmen and the Deputy Chairmen of the Standing Committees as set out below are hereby appointed for the period to end on the date of the Local Government Elections to be held in May, 2011:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairmanships</u>	<u>Deputy Chairmanships</u>
Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	DUP <i>Councillor Ian Crozier</i>	UUP <i>Councillor Jim Rodgers</i>
Development Committee	SF <i>Councillor Maskey</i> <i>Conor</i>	DUP <i>Councillor William Humphrey</i>
Health and Environmental Services Committee	UUP <i>Councillor Adamson</i> <i>Ian</i>	ALL <i>Councillor Mervyn Jones</i>
Licensing Committee	DUP <i>Councillor Christopher Stalford</i>	SDLP <i>Councillor Niall Kelly</i>
Parks and Leisure Committee	SDLP <i>Councillor O'Reilly</i> <i>Peter</i>	SF <i>Councillor Tom Hartley</i>
Town Planning Committee	SF <i>Councillor Brownlee</i> <i>Briege</i>	SF <i>Councillor Danny Lavery</i>

Change of Membership on Outside Body

The Council was advised that notification had been received from the Democratic Unionist Party grouping indicating that it wished Councillor R. Patterson to replace Councillor Stalford on the Membership of the Belfast District Policing Partnership.

The Council approved the aforementioned change.

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Moved by Councillor Crozier,
Seconded by Councillor Rodway and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21st May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

(The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Councillor Convery, in the Chair.)

Parks and Leisure Committee

Moved by Councillor O'Reilly,
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Parks and Leisure Committee of 13th May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

Development Committee

Moved by Councillor C. Maskey,
Seconded by Councillor N. Kelly,

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 12th and 24th May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

Amendment

St. George's Market

Moved by Councillor Newton,
Seconded by Councillor Stalford,

That the decision of 12th May under the heading "St. George's Market" in so far as it relates to the Sunday opening of the market be rejected and accordingly that a report on the strategic future operation of the market be submitted to the Committee as soon as practicable.

A division on the amendment was demanded. A poll having been taken on the amendment, there voted for it thirteen Members, viz., the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Humphrey); the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford); and Councillors W. Browne, Campbell, Crozier, Kingston, McCausland, McKenzie, Newton, L. Patterson, R. Patterson, Robinson and Newton; and against it twenty-eight Members, viz., the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Convery); and Councillors Adamson, Attwood, Austin, D. Browne, M. Browne, Brownlee, Cunningham, Ekin, Hartley, Hendron, Jones, B. Kelly, N. Kelly, Kyle, Lavery, Long, C. Maskey, McCabe, McCann, McCarthy, Mac Giolla Mhín, Mhic Giolla Mhín, Mullaghan, O'Neill, O'Reilly, Rodgers and Stoker.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the proceedings of the Development Committee of 12th and 24th May were thereupon approved and adopted.

Health and Environmental Services Committee

Moved by Councillor Adamson,
Seconded by Councillor Jones and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Health and Environmental Services Committee of 10th May be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

Licensing Committee

Moved by the High Sheriff (Councillor Stalford),
Seconded by Councillor Lavery and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Committee of 19th May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

Town Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Brownlee,
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Planning Committee of 20th May, omitting matters in respect of which the Council has delegated its powers to the Committee, be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

Lord Mayor
Chairman