

Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Held in the City Hall on Monday, 2nd June, 2014
at the hour of 4.00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to Notice.

Members present: The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
(Councillor Ó Muilleoir) (Chairman);
the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford);
the High Sheriff (Councillor L. Patterson);
Aldermen Browne, M. Campbell, Ekin, McCoubrey,
Robinson, Rodgers and Stoker; and
Councillors Attwood, Austin, Beattie, M. E. Campbell,
Carson, Clarke, Convery, Corr, Cunningham, Curran,
Garrett, Groves, Haire, Hanna, Hargey, Hendron, Hussey,
Hutchinson, Jones, Keenan, Kelly, Kennedy, Kingston,
Kyle, Mac Giolla Mhín, Magee, Mallon, McCabe, McCarthy,
McKee, McNamee, McVeigh, Mullan, Ó Donnghaile, Reynolds,
Spence, Thompson, Verner and Webb.

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.

Apologies

Apologies for inability to attend were reported from Alderman R. Patterson and Councillor Newton.

Filming and Recording of Proceedings

The Chief Executive reported that requests had been received from a number of broadcasting companies seeking 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.

Expressions of Sympathy

Several Members expressed their deepest sympathy to the family of Alderman Hugh Smyth and highlighted the significant contribution which he had made to the Council and the citizens of Belfast as an Elected Member since 1972.

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The Lord Mayor expressed his regret at the recent death of the father of Alderman R. Patterson and, on behalf of the Council, extended to the Alderman and her family circle his condolences and deepest sympathy.

Expressions of Thanks

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Ó Muilleoir) reviewed his year in Office and expressed his appreciation for the support which he had received from his family, the Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford), the High Sheriff (Councillor L. Patterson) and the former High Sheriff (Councillor Kingston). He thanked also the staff who had assisted him over the course of the year and expressed his appreciation for the support which he had received from the Members.

The Deputy Lord Mayor (Alderman Stalford) reviewed his year in Office and thanked the Lord Mayor, the High Sheriff (Councillor L. Patterson) and the former High Sheriff (Councillor Kingston) for their support during that time. He placed on record his appreciation for the support which he had received from his family and the Members throughout his term and for the advice and assistance which had been provided by staff.

Tributes

Representatives of each of the Political Parties 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 remainder of the Council term.

Councillor Mallon was proposed by Councillor Attwood and seconded by Councillor Hanna.

Accordingly, it was

Resolved – That Councillor Nichola Mallon be and is hereby elected Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on 31st March, 2015.

Councillor Mallon, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors Attwood and Hanna, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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

Councillor Mallon thanked the Members for the honour which they had bestowed upon her by electing her to the Office of Lord Mayor and paid tribute to the previous Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the manner in which they had undertaken their duties.

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Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor invited nominations for the post of Deputy Lord Mayor for the remainder of the Council term.

Councillor Hendron was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Accordingly, it was

Resolved – That Councillor Maire Hendron be and is hereby elected Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Belfast for the period to end on 31st March, 2015.

Councillor Hendron, having been conducted to the dais by Councillors Jones and Kelly, was installed in Office and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. She then thanked the Members for her election.

Appointment of Aldermen

The Council considered the question of the election from amongst the Members to fill the vacancies of up to three Aldermen which had arisen due to the death of former Alderman Smyth and the resignation of former Aldermen Humphrey and Newton.

It was

Moved by Councillor Reynolds,
Seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hendron) and

Resolved – That Councillors Kingston, L. Patterson and Webb be elected as Aldermen for the period to end on 31st March, 2015.

Minutes

Moved by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Councillor Mallon),
Seconded by Councillor Keenan and

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Council of 1st May be taken as read and signed as correct.

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 to conform with Acts of Parliament, Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Council, be and they are hereby appointed for the period to end on 31st March, 2015:

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Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

DUP Seats 7

Alderman M. Campbell	Alderman R. Patterson
Alderman Robinson	Councillor Haire
Councillor Kennedy	Councillor Newton
Councillor Reynolds	

SF Seats 7

Councillor Carson	Councillor M.E. Campbell
Councillor Clarke	Councillor Corr
Councillor Hargey	Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín
Councillor McVeigh	

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Attwood	Councillor McCarthy
Councillor Mullan	

ALL Seats 2

Councillor Hendron	Councillor Jones
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UUP Seats 1

Alderman Browne

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Development Committee

DUP Seats 7

Alderman M. Campbell	Alderman Kingston
Alderman Stalford	Councillor Kennedy
Councillor Reynolds	Councillor Spence
Councillor Verner	

SF Seats 6

Councillor Beattie	Councillor Hargey
Councillor Magee	Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín
Councillor Ó Donnghaile	Councillor Ó Muilleoir

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Convery	Councillor Keenan
Councillor Kelly	

ALL Seats 2

Alderman Ekin	Alderman Webb
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UUP Seats 1

Alderman Stoker

PUP Seats 1

Councillor Kyle

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Health and Environmental Services Committee

DUP Seats 6

Alderman Kingston	Alderman McCoubrey
Alderman L. Patterson	Councillor Hussey
Councillor McKee	Councillor Thompson

SF Seats 6

Councillor Austin	Councillor M.E. Campbell
Councillor Clarke	Councillor Corr
Councillor Garrett	Councillor Magee

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Keenan	Councillor Kelly
Councillor McCarthy	

ALL Seats 3

Councillor Curran	Councillor Jones
Councillor McNamee	

UUP Seats 1

Alderman Stoker

PUP Seats 1

Councillor Kyle

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Licensing Committee

DUP Seats 6

Alderman McCoubrey	Alderman R. Patterson
Alderman Stalford	Councillor Hussey
Councillor Reynolds	Councillor Spence

SF Seats 6

Councillor M. E. Campbell	Councillor Clarke
Councillor Cunningham	Councillor Groves
Councillor Magee	Councillor Ó Donnghaile

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Attwood	Councillor Keenan
Councillor Mullan	

ALL Seats 2

Alderman Ekin	Alderman Webb
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UUP Seats 2

Alderman Browne	Alderman Rodgers
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PUP Seats 1

Councillor Hutchinson

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Parks and Leisure Committee

DUP Seats 6

Alderman Robinson	Councillor Haire
Councillor Hussey	Councillor McKee
Councillor Thompson	Councillor Verner

SF Seats 6

Councillor Beattie	Councillor Corr
Councillor Cunningham	Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín
Councillor McCabe	Councillor O'Donngaile

SDLP Seats 4

Councillor Attwood	Councillor Convery
Councillor Hanna	Councillor Mullan

ALL Seats 2

Councillor Hendron	Councillor McNamee
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UUP Seats 1

Alderman Rodgers

PUP Seats 1

Councillor Kyle

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Town Planning Committee

DUP Seats 6

Alderman M. Campbell	Alderman McCoubrey
Councillor L. Patterson	Alderman R. Patterson
Councillor Haire	Councillor Newton

SF Seats 6

Councillor Austin	Councillor Beattie
Councillor Carson	Councillor Cunningham
Councillor Garrett	Councillor McCabe

SDLP Seats 3

Councillor Hanna	Councillor McCarthy
Councillor Mullan	

ALL Seats 3

Councillor Curran	Councillor Hendron
Councillor Jones	

UUP Seats 1

Alderman Rodgers

PUP Seats 1

Councillor Hutchinson

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**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 31st March, 2015:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairmanships</u>	<u>Deputy Chairmanships</u>
Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	DUP Councillor Reynolds	SF Councillor Carson
Development Committee	SF Councillor Hargey	DUP Councillor Spence
Health and Environmental Services Committee	SF Councillor Corr	SDLP Councillor Keenan
Licensing Committee	All Alderman Ekin	SF Councillor M. E. Campbell
Parks and Leisure Committee	DUP Councillor McKee	SF Councillor Mac Giolla Mhín
Town Planning Committee	SDLP Councillor Hanna	DUP Alderman M. Campbell

Mr. P. McNaney

The Members were informed that this would be the last meeting of the Council which would be attended by Mr. Peter McNaney, Chief Executive, as he would be leaving the Council at the end of the month after twenty-nine years of service.

Representatives of each of the Political Parties highlighted the contribution which he had made to the Council and the City during that time and wished him well in the future.

The Chief Executive thanked the Members for their kind remarks.

Lord Mayor
Chairman