

On Monday, January 6, 2020, at 10:03 a.m., the Dayton City Commission met in special session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall for the installation ceremonies for Commissioner Joseph and Commissioner Shaw. Mayor Whaley made welcoming remarks.

#### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Whaley called on The Reverend Gerald Haemmerle, to give the Invocation.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Whaley led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Shaw and Fairchild were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present.

**Commissioner Joseph made a motion to authorize the absence of Commissioner Mims from this special meeting. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

Mayor Whaley asked the Clerk of Commission, Ms. Lavender, what is the nature and order of business for this meeting.

Ms. Lavender said, "Your Honor, under Section 39 of the Charter of the City of Dayton, it is provided that a Special Meeting be held to review the results of a Regular Municipal Election and that the Commission shall meet, at which time the newly elected Commissioner shall assume the duties of the office." "Section 40 of the Charter further provides that the City Commission shall be judge of the election and qualification of its members."

Mayor Whaley asked Ms. Lavender if she has a copy of the Certificates of Election for the persons who will assume office today.

Ms. Lavender said, "Yes, Your Honor, I do. The Certificates from the Montgomery County Board of Elections affirm that Mathew Joseph and Christopher Shaw have been elected to the Office of Commissioner; for terms ending January 6, 2024." At this time, I will present the certificates for review.

Following review of the Certificates of Election by the members of the City Commission, the Mayor said, "The Commission is satisfied that the persons, as announced by Ms. Lavender, have been duly elected and do qualify for the offices indicated."

Ms. Lavender said, "Being that the Commission is satisfied with the presentation of the certificates, a record of the certificates will be submitted accordingly."

Mayor Whaley said, "Ms. Lavender, are we ready to proceed with the administering of the Oaths?"

Ms. Lavender said, "Yes. The first Oath will be administered to Commissioner Mathew Joseph. I am advised that Commissioner Joseph wishes his Oath to be administered by his mother Ms. Carolyn Joseph, and accompanied by Mrs. Irena Joseph (wife), Mr. Niko Joseph (son), and Ms. Sara Joseph, (daughter)." The Oath was given and they returned to their seats.

Ms. Lavender said, "The second Oath will be administered to Commissioner Christopher L. Shaw. I am advised that Commissioner Shaw wishes his Oath to be administered by Dayton Municipal Judge, The Honorable Carl S. Henderson, and accompanied by Mrs. Debbie Shaw (wife) and Ms. Gabrielle Shaw (daughter)." The Oath was given and they returned to their seats.

Ms. Lavender said, "Mayor Whaley, the Dayton City Commission is now officially installed. Congratulations to Commissioner Joseph and Commissioner Shaw."

#### **JUDGE CARL S. HENDERSON**

Mayor Whaley invited the Honorable Carl S. Henderson, Dayton Municipal Court, to the podium for remarks.

Judge Henderson declined remarks.

Mayor Whaley thanked Judge Henderson for his presence and for swearing-in Commissioner Shaw.

## **COMMENTS BY CITY COMMISSION**

Mayor Whaley called upon members of the City Commission to make their comments.

### **COMMISSIONER JOSEPH**

“Good morning! Thank you for coming today. I’m humbled and honored that the citizens of Dayton have given me four more years to serve on the Commission. It has been a crazy year, it has been tough, it’s been exciting at the same time. So many bad things have happened this year, so many good things are also happening; it’s been a crazy few years. I’m humbled that in this tumultuous time the citizens have seen fit to give me another four more years, so I thank you all. Thank you to our residents for their confidence.

On the campaign trail the one question that’s always asked is “why are you running?” My answer this time is a complex answer, but the central one is that I’ve been here through the tough times, through 16 years of cuts and prioritizing, and more cuts and re-evaluating. Now that things are turning around. I want to be part of the team, this great team, which is looking to the future to set the course for Dayton for the next 50 years. This is the time where we can invest, this is a time when we’ve done the hard work, and we’ve leaned out the organization. Ms. Dickstein, our City Manager, is thinking of more ways to lean out the organization and that’s good. But as things are turning around, I want to be here to help set the template for the next 50 years, to make sure this recovery touches as many people as possible in ways that earlier recoveries did not.

I’m excited to take on this challenge. I’m lucky to take it on as part of such a great team. I’m sorry Commissioner Mims couldn’t be here, but it really is good working with you all and being part of such a great team, which makes it much more likely we’re going to succeed.

I want to congratulate and thank my running mate and friend Commissioner Shaw. We were a team this year. We knocked on hundreds of doors. Our campaigns communicated very well together and I’m excited that our plans worked, and we have four more years to work together. Congratulations Commissioner Shaw.

Thanks to my Campaign Manager, Mike Brill, he kept things running along with his excellent team: Jen Murphy, Sam Braun, Shannon Welch, Russ Joseph, County Treasurer.

Thank you to the Mayor, who has helped me in a million ways, and thanks to my Commission Colleagues. And of course thanks and congratulations to my running mate, Chris Shaw.

Thank you to our County Chairman Mark Owens and other elected officials.

To my campaign team and supporters, including many good folks like Tommy Owens, Paul Bradley, Caitlin Jacob, Katie Joseph, my campaign treasurer and sister-in-law, Willis Blackshear, Jr. Bryan Stewart, Scott Sliver, Laura Pippenger, Karl Keith, Rev. Darryl and Vanessa Ward, Matt Tepper, Reverend Perry Henderson, Jamie Rippy and Richard Gilbertson and others, thank you for the countless hours of help and support and good advice.

To the staff of the City Commission office, especially Maggie Schaller, Darius Beckham, and Ariel Walker who did a great job in helping me get city business done. Special thanks to Bryan Stewart.

To Ms. Dickstein and the whole City staff, who continue to amaze me with your commitment to the City and also how creative you are in getting things done. We have given you tons of difficult challenges this year and in the past few years and you have come through and the City is better for it, and I appreciate everything you do for the city and for our citizens.

Thank you to my friends in labor who strongly supported me this year and have done so throughout my political career. Tom Ritchie, Diane Walsh, John Hayes, Shawn, Ted Baker, Jonathon White, Steve Dunham, Bill Benner, Greg Gust, Marcia Knox, Ann Sulfridge, Stacey Benson-Taylor, Scotty Thomasson, and many other strong supporters. These Folks know better than anyone how important it is to make sure the recovery underway right now includes all workers, that everyone has a fair chance to benefit from the good things that are happening in the city right now, and I look forward to working with them to make sure it happens.

Thank you to my Mom and Dad, who I try my best to be like. You might know that Dad made it through the primary but left us this summer. His big shoes are still there for me and my brothers to fill and I will continue to keep trying. It won’t come as a surprise to anyone who knows my parents that any good work I do is a result of how I was raised. Mom, I will keep trying to make you and dad proud as you know.

Thank you to my brother Russ (our County Treasurer who I'm very proud of) and sister-in-law Katie, my campaign treasurer, and my nephew Eli. Thank you to my brother Brad and his family in California and all extended family.

To my wife Irena and our kids Niko and Sara, any profession, any calling comes at a cost, a sacrifice, and in the case of politics the price is paid in large part by our families, paid in time and effort. Irena, I really appreciate all you do and I couldn't do it without you. I will continue to do my best to make sure Dayton is a prosperous City to hand off to our kids someday. That is the best repayment I think I can give you for that sacrifice. I love you.

Voters overwhelmingly said they like our approach, they want a welcoming city, they want a merciful city, they want a successful prosperous city for all the citizens so Chris, let's get back to work.

Thank you all!"

### **COMMISSIONER SHAW**

"Thank you Commissioner Joseph for those remarks. My remarks will be brief. Matt summed it up, we had a strong and connected campaign staff this year. We worked together, and I think it showed out there on the campaign trail how connected we are to the community as a team. I think it's just so important that we maintain that relationship. There is a lot of work to do in the City and I am ready to get started with that work.

The work that we will all do together, moving this city forward. It's very important that we make sure the development work spreads throughout the entire city. Touching folks that have been underserved, disinvested neighborhoods on both sides of our river. The work that we will do over these next four years, will start to tie all of the pre-work together and folks will actually be able to reach and touch and see the work that we've been doing.

I want to thank first my family, my wife Debbie, my daughter Gabrielle, my Father Joe, my brother Joe, and my aunt Lynette, who have been there with me from the very beginning. Their support has allowed me to do this work.

Second, our team here at City Hall, we get a lot of the credit for the work we do in this community, but it's our staff that really shines which in turn enables us to shine. The City staff in general who is so committed to the improvement of our city. They do work behind the scenes every day and this past year really demonstrated their commitment to service in our community and I want to thank them. We would not be able to advance the city the way that we have been doing without their commitment.

Third, I want to thank our team the Dayton City Commission which is strong, and we will continue to that work.

Thank you Mayor Whaley for your hard work over what has been an incredibly trying time over the past year. Thank you for your leadership. It's by your example which enables me to push forward and continue to do this work.

Our partners in labor have been so helpful in connecting our citizens with the workforce. There is a lot of work to do in that space, and I think many of you know about my commitment to this kind of connectivity. It's so important not just for the individuals that we touch, but for the opportunities that will come to our city in the future.

Thank you Maggie Schaller, Jordan Lewis, and former Legislative Aide Bryan Stewart who is doing great work in this community.

Thank you all very much for your trust in me for these next four years, I will not let you down. I look forward to your continued support as we do this work of moving our city forward together.

Thank You All!"

### **Commissioner Fairchild**

Commissioner Fairchild congratulated his new and re-elected colleagues.

Commissioner Fairchild said they have led with the Mayor during these difficult challenges this past year. He said it's a pivotal moment for our city not only this moment but in many ways we are creating the city that will be here for the whole 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

He congratulated Commissioner Joseph and Shaw and said he looks forward to both meeting the challenges and opportunities they have together.

**Mayor Whaley**

Mayor Whaley thanked everyone for attending and asked all elected officials to stand to be recognized. She recognized the Dayton Public School Board members and staff. Mayor Whaley recognized Colonel Sherman, Wright Patterson Airforce Base.

Mayor Whaley congratulated Commissioner Joseph and Shaw and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Whaley thanked city staff for their work. She thanked everyone for helping them move forward.

Mayor Whaley said, “Ms. Lavender is there any further order of business to come before this body?”

Ms. Lavender responded that there was none.

Mayor Whaley thanked those in attendance and invited everyone to reception in the lobby of City Hall. She called on the Reverend Sherry L. Gale, Ph.D., Grace United Methodist Church, for the benediction.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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**Nan Whaley, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk of Commission**