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REGULAR SESSION MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NUMBER 30, SEPTEMBER 18, 1974
(ORGANIZATIONAL)

PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY W. KELLEY
COUNCILMAN PURNELL
COUNCILMAN GORDY
COUNCILMAN FRAME
PRESIDENT-ELECT CROPPER
COUNCILMAN TRIMPER
COUNCILMAN RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN POWELL

IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney Dale Cathell, City Solicitor; Sheldon Dietert, Clerk-Treasurer;
(Mrs.) Charlotte Cathell, Clerk Circuit Court, Worcester County, Maryland.

Councilman Frame gave the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Outgoing President Powell then turned the meeting over to Mayor Kelley for the swearing in ceremonies.

MAYOR KELLEY

Gentlemen, I would like to first off congratulate the incumbent Councilmen Newt Cropper, Warren Frame being re-elected, and we certainly welcome Mr. Chip Gordy the newest member of the City Council. Our first order of business this evening will be to elect a president of this Body. The Mayor will also appoint a City Solicitor, Secretary and Clerk-Treasurer. The meeting after an election of a President of the City Council will be turned over to that new President. I am sure that all of you have considered well and diligently and I feel that this is a responsibility of the Council. For that reason the Mayor has not interfered, offered any suggestions or done any politicking concerning this position. It's your decision and I am sure that you have thought it out well, who you want to sit here beside the Mayor. You all are going to work harder then you have ever worked in your lives and you are going to think your Mayor is Simon the Greek.

At this point Charlotte Cathell, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland swore in the following candidates:

Harry W. Kelley, Mayor
Elbridge "Newt" Cropper, Councilman
Warren Frame, Councilman
Harold "Chip" Gordy, Jr., Councilman

These written oaths were repeated after Mrs. Cathell and the copies of same are filed in the Official File of the minutes. The Mayor and Members of Council signed the Official Test Book presented by the Clerk of Circuit Court.

The first order of business was the election of a President to the City Council. Councilman Richardson nominated Elbridge "Newt" Cropper; this required no second. Councilman Frame nominated William Purnell; this required no second. The vote was then taken. For William Purnell, 2 votes. For Elbridge "Newt" Cropper, 5 votes. (Show of hands) Mayor Kelley then declared Mr. Newt Cropper President of the City Council.

President Cropper then chaired the meeting.

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President Cropper: I would like to thank all the Councilmen and everyone, for all of their considerations. I want to say to you that I will abide and fulfill the obligation of this seat, to the best that I know how, for the duration of my term. I also would like to say that we all owe a thanks to our past President "Fish" Powell, for the wonderful job he has done for us while serving as our President. Thank you "Fish".
Councilman Powell: Thank you "Newt".

President Cropper announced that Roland Powell would be our next County Commissioner to represent us in the 10th Election District as there was no opposition.

Mayor Kelley: Room Tax for the month of August is \$212,682.30. Last year it was one hundred and eighty and we have more to come in so it is going to go over two hundred and fifteen thousand. We have a \$45,000.00 increase over last August which is tremendous. We will be able to use those monies this winter.

Councilman Purnell: Forty five just in August alone?

Mayor Kelley: \$45,000.00 increase just for August alone. What was July was One hundred and seventy five and it went to one hundred ninety seven twenty two. That is a \$67,000.00 increase in those two months. June was six of seventy three, May was thirteen so we are talking about \$86,000.00 increase in those 4 months in Room Tax. At this time I would like to make the appointments subject to Councils' approval. In the past 4 years that I have been Mayor, Chief Executive, Mr. Purnell has very kindly served as Secretary and done a tremendous job. I have not discussed it with you Bill but, I would very deeply appreciate it if you would continue in that post.

Councilman Purnell: All right, thank you.

Mayor Kelley: Mr. Sheldon Dietert is doing an outstanding job as Clerk-Treasurer for the City. He is a most conscientious individual and I would like to reappoint him as Clerk-Treasurer for the City. The last appointment that we come to, and I hope that I can embarrass him, is Mr. Dale Cathell. I think he is one of the greatest things that have ever happened to this City. Mrs. Thomas, Sheldon and Dale have been most dedicated to me, in fact, no one can be critical about the Mayor around those three people. The important thing is that he is available. If you check the records, at this particular point, this man has not given us a bad decision. Even the Court case we lost, he told me riding up the road that we were going to lose. I have nothing but the highest regard and respect for Dale Cathell and it is with a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude that I reappoint that man City Solicitor for this City. (All of the above appointments had the full concurrence of the Council)

Councilman Gordy: Mayor I would like to say that as a professional, sharing Mr. Cathell's profession, that I admire him and I know he has done an outstanding job for the City.

Mayor Kelley: Chip you will learn what he has done. We had probably, at the best, 4 ordinances in one desk when we came in office. We didn't know what ordinances were or anything else and this man played catch-up ball. He has given of himself plus the fact I know that his bills, I am the one that has to O.K. them, that he gives us small bills in comparison to what some of you lawyers give us....We will have a meeting with the State Roads with respect to the lighting up the beach, the bike paths and so forth in the near future. Prior to that, as soon as we get over the hump and get some of this work load caught up we are going to try to have a meeting of all of the Councilmen in the office to get all of the Liaison Council running the Departments and to get all of our programs rolling. This includes restrooms, pavilions, I have caught more heck and if the Mayor has his way we are going to have a dog catcher next summer. I think we need to look at our retirement program and we need to look at our death benefits, job protection, there is a lot of things and we have to do it from this Council. These things have to work so you can get ready to do a lot of work.

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President Cropper asked if anyone in the audience had any business to bring before the Council. There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Kathy V. Cropper

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Secretary

Approved Reg. Session #34 - 11-4-74

Approved meeting as dated above

*Motion - Frame
Second - Trumper*

"I, Elbridge Hunt Cropper, do swear that

I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, and without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Councilman, according to the Constitution and laws of this State."

Elbridge Hunt Cropper

Sworn to, before me, on this 18th day of September, 1974.

Charlotte K. Bethell
Deputy Clerk

"I, Harry W. Kelley, do swear that

I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, and without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of Mayor, according to the Constitution and laws of this State."

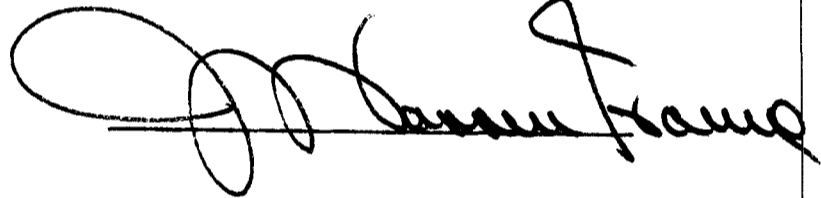
Harry W. Kelley

Sworn to, before me, on this 18th day of September, 1974.

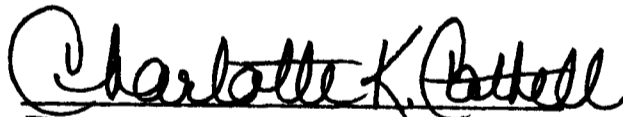
Charlotte K. Cottell
Deputy Clerk

"I, J. WARREN FRAME, do swear that

I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, and without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of COUNCILMAN, according to the Constitution and laws of this State."



Sworn to, before me, on this 18th day of September, 1974.


Deputy Clerk

"I, HAROLD B. GOEDY, JR., do swear that

I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, and without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of COUNCILMAN, according to the Constitution and laws of this State."

Harold B. Goedy Jr.

Sworn to, before me, on this 18th day of September, 1974.

Charlotte K. Battell
Deputy Clerk