



County Council

Meeting Date: November 14, 2022

Submitted by: Marci Ivanic, Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

Subject: 2022 Inaugural Meeting of Middlesex County Council

BACKGROUND:

The Rules of Procedure state as follows:

The date of the Inaugural meeting of County Council each year shall be established by Council by the October Session preceding such Inaugural meeting.

The date of the 2022 Inaugural was set in late 2021 with the publication of the County meeting calendar. The Inaugural date is Thursday, December 8, 2022 followed by one County Council meeting - Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

ANALYSIS:

Middlesex County Council amended and approved the Rules of Procedure on January 9, 2007 which outlined the procedure. A copy of the "Election of Warden as Head of Council" from the Rules of Procedure is attached for your review.

Also attached are copies of the draft resolutions to appoint the Chair and Scrutineers, and the motion to elect the Warden for December 2022 to December 2023. I have also attached a copy of the Declaration of Office of the Warden.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the program for the Thursday, December 8, 2022 Middlesex County Council Inaugural Meeting be approved as follows:

3:00 p.m. - Reception in the Middlesex Meeting Room, Middlesex County Building

4:00 p.m. - Music Program presented by Medway Madrigal Choir

4:30 p.m. - Inaugural Meeting of County Council to elect the Warden
(using the Rules of Procedures, approved by Middlesex County Council
January 7, 2007, as amended)

5:15 p.m. - Reception in the Middlesex Meeting Room

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

SCHEDULE "A"
RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

- 1(H) The Warden as the head of the Council shall be appointed pursuant to the following procedures:
- (i) A Councillor seeking nomination for Head of Council shall announce his/her intention to let his/her name stand for the position of Warden on or prior to the second Tuesday of November, or by such other time as may be specified by the Clerk.
 - (ii) Where only one Councillor announces his/her intention to let his/her name stand for the position of Warden by the date set out in sub-paragraph (i), Council may forego the procedures set out in sub-paragraphs (iii) to (xxi) of this Section (H) and declare the Head of Council for the upcoming term at the Inaugural.
 - (iii) The Clerk shall be the Presiding Officer.
 - (iv) By motion(s) a Past Warden will be appointed as Chair and two (2) Past Wardens will be appointed as scrutineers.
 - (v) The Chair and the scrutineers will be called to the dias.
 - (vi) The Clerk will exit the dias.
 - (vii) Voting will be by secret ballot.
 - (viii) A nomination ballot will be circulated to each Councillor to nominate a candidate(s).
 - (ix) The Chair will announce the names of the nominees in alphabetical order.
 - (x) Each nominee, in alphabetical order, will be given the opportunity to address the caucus.
 - (xi) A majority of the total votes of Councillors will be required to appoint a candidate for the position of Warden. The exception will be in Item (xii) where a successful candidate will be picked having only 50% of the votes.
 - (xii) Each member of Council who is present will have one vote.
 - (xiii) If there are more than two candidates and if, following a vote, the candidate with the most votes does not have a majority then the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated. A subsequent vote(s) will be taken until on candidate has a majority of votes.
 - (xiv) If there are more than two candidates and no candidate has a majority of the votes, but there is a tie between candidates with the least number of votes, there will be a vote including only the candidates with the least number of votes, to eliminate one of them. In the even that this vote results in a tie, the Chair will by lot pick a candidate to be eliminated.
 - (xv) If there are three or more candidates and the result of the vote is a tie, there will be another vote, and if the result remains a tie, the Chair will by lot pick a candidate to be eliminated.
 - (xvi) If there are two candidates and the result of the vote is a two-way tie, there will be another vote, and if the result remains a two-way tie, the Chair will by lot pick the candidate for the position of Warden.

- (xvii) A candidate may voluntarily withdraw his/her name at any time during the process.
 - (xviii) By motion, the ballots will be destroyed.
 - (xix) The successful candidate shall be appointed the Warden as the Head of Council for the Corporation of the County of Middlesex pursuant to Section (I).
 - (xx) The chair and scrutineers will exit the dias.
 - (xxi) The Clerk assumes the Chair, and is the Presiding Officer.
- 1(I) With the Clerk presiding the successful candidate, as determined in Section (H), shall be appointed as the Head of Council, of the Corporation of the County of Middlesex, by resolution and by-law of Council.

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Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That _____ be appointed as Chair of the
Meeting to elect the Middlesex County Warden for the term of
December 2021 to December 2022.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That _____ and _____ be

appointed as scrutineers.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

That the ballots be destroyed by the County Clerk.

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Moved by_____

Seconded by_____

That_____be

declared Warden, County of Middlesex for the term December 2,
2021 to December 8, 2022.