#1...THE SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. following the regular City Council meeting with the announcement that there appeared to be a quorum present.

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., Vice Mayor Bob Iverson, Aldermen Brenda Brown, Michael O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Rick Strebing, Aaron Troglia, Robert Williams, and Darren York. Absent were Aldermen R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, Eve Ludwig, and Sharon McMahon. Mayor Williams stated Alderman Ludwig was excused due to illness.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Corporation Counsel James Simon, Construction & Maintenance Manager David Ruwe, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Police Chief Chris Yates, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter. There were also seventeen audience members and three news media in attendance.

#2...CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
Vice Mayor Iverson, Chairman of the 2021 Credentials Committee, reported that he, Alderman Brenda Brown, and Alderman Sherry Pickering, met after the regular City Council meeting this evening and after review of all the documentation, there being no reason to believe anyone was ineligible, found that those elected April 6, 2021, were all qualified and eligible for elective municipal office to which each were elected, per State Statute, being:
- Alderman Ward 1: Robert Williams
- Alderman Ward 2: Carolyn Wands
- Alderman Ward 3: Heidi Pertell
- Alderman Ward 4: Tricia Teague
- Alderman Ward 5: Michael Puhr
- Alderman Ward 6: James Poshard
- Alderman Ward 7: Darren York

Alderman Strebing moved to accept the report and place on file, seconded by Alderman Puhr. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#3...SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS
Mayor Williams announced it was his pleasure to swear in the newly elected officeholders. Mayor Williams administered the Oath of Office to the following Officials duly elected April 6, 2021:
- Alderman Ward 1: Robert Williams
- Alderman Ward 2: Carolyn Wands
- Alderman Ward 3: Heidi Pertell
- Alderman Ward 4: Tricia Teague
- Alderman Ward 5: Michael Puhr
- Alderman Ward 6: James Poshard
Alderman Ward 7: Darren York

After the Oaths of Office were administered to each individually, each addressed the audience and spoke a few words.

#4...ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., Aldermen Brenda Brown, Bob Iverson, Michael O'Kane, Heidi Pertell, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Rick Strebing, Tricia Teague, Aaron Troglio, Carolyn Wands, Robert Williams, and Darren York. Alderman Eve Ludwig was absent. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Corporation Counsel James Simon, Construction & Maintenance Manager David Ruwe, Information Technology Administrator Agnel D'Silva, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Police Chief Chris Yates, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter. There were also seventeen audience members and three news media in attendance.

#5...Proclamation – A Day of Fasting and Prayer, May 5, 2021
Mayor Williams presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 5, 2021 as “A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER”. Alderman Strebing moved to concur on the approval, seconded by Alderman Puhr. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams then read the proclamation and announced a community gathering will be held starting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 5th at Lincoln Park.

#6...ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR
Mayor Williams asked for nominations for Vice-Mayor for a two-year term. Alderman Puhr nominated Alderman Bob Iverson, seconded by Alderman Poshard. Alderman Iverson enthusiastically accepted the nomination and stated he hopes there will be not be a pandemic this year. There being no further nominations, Alderman Puhr moved that nominations for the office of Vice Mayor be closed, seconded by Alderman Strebing. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams announced there should be a roll call vote. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Troglio, Puhr, Poshard, York, Brown, Wands, Pertell, Teague
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Ludwig
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

Bob Iverson was elected Vice Mayor for a two-year term. Mayor Williams extended congratulations to Vice Mayor Iverson. Vice Mayor Iverson stated he is impressed listening to the newly elected aldermen as their enthusiasm and their emotion speaks well to what we are trying to do as a City Council. We are trying to be enthusiastic, forthcoming, and leaders and hopefully he can help Mayor Williams out when he is unavailable for various activities. He thanked the Aldermen for their support.

#7...ANNOUNCEMENT OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES
Mayor Williams announced the following Oversight Committee members:
Public Works Committee: Aldermen Brenda Brown, Carolyn Wards, Heidi Pertell, Mike O’Kane, Michael Puhr, James Poshard, Bob Iverson
Public Services Committee: Aldermen Robert Williams, Rick Strebing, Sharon Pickering, Tricia Teague, Eve Ludwig, Aaron Troglia, Darren York

Alderman Strebing moved to accept the Committee assignments, seconded by Alderman York. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#8…A RECESS was called at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Williams in order for each Committee to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

#9…RESULTS OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN
Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order at 7:18 p.m. and asked for results of the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each Oversight Committee. Alderman Puhr announced Public Works Committee Chairman Mike Puhr and Vice-Chairman Mike O’Kane. Alderman Strebing announced Public Services Committee Chairman Rick Strebing and Vice-Chairman Sherry Pickering.

#10…AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

#11…ITEMS OF INFORMATION
• Mayor Williams announced the swearing-in of three probationary police officers will take place tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.
• Alderman Poshard announced there is a Holiday Hills Neighborhood Association meeting on May 13, 2021. Fire Chief McMasters will be the guest speaker.
• Alderman Williams asked for an update on the Seminary Street closing. Mayor Williams stated Norfolk-Southern who have three of the four tracks on the trellis have completed all of their work. Unfortunately, CSX has not completed their work. Engineer Cole stated CSX had a crew onsite yesterday to begin accessing what exactly they need to do, but he does not have a concrete timeframe yet. He believes the work is more extensive than what they are anticipating.
• Alderman Teague stated it was brought to her attention by a constituent that the east end is now trapped in tracks and in case of an emergency, does the City have contingency plans in place for emergency personnel. Mayor Williams responded the firefighters and EMT’s have created possible alternate routes.
• Alderman Pickering welcomed the new City Council members and she suggested when constituents call them with a problem or complaint to make sure they return the call. Even if we cannot fix the problem we need to let them know we hear them and we owe them that courtesy as they are the ones that put us here.
• Mayor Williams asked the Division Heads to introduce themselves for the new City Council members and state the number of years they have been employed with the City.

#12…ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:32 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Strebing and a second by Alderman Pickering.
I, Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk of the City of Danville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting held May 5, 2021, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Approved: 05/18/21
Posted Publicly: 05/19/21