

JOHNSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 5, 2026

City Council met in a stated session for reorganization business.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

The Honorable Judge Tamara Bernstein administered the oath of office to Mayor Rev. Sylvia King.

The Honorable Judge Tamara Bernstein administered the oath of office to Council Member Lorraine Brandon-Taylor.

The Honorable Judge Tamara Bernstein administered the oath of office to Council Member Nicholas Spinelli.

The Honorable District Judge Brian Subich administered the oath of office to Council Member Samuel Barber.

The Honorable District Judge Kevin Price administered the oath of office to Council Member Taylor Clark.

Mayor Rev. Sylvia King called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Reverend Brandon King offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members of Council were present for roll call:

Mayor Rev. Sylvia King, Charles Arnone, Samuel Barber, Lorraine Brandon-Taylor, Taylor Clark, Nicolas Spinelli

Arturo Martynuska, City Manager; and Aimee Willett, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Mayor Rev. King noted, on December 31, 2025, City Council held an Executive Session to discuss personnel. She noted there would be an Executive Session held on January 8, 2026, to discuss personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Dustin Greene, 312 Chestnut Street, congratulated the new Mayor and City Council. He welcomed new change to the Council. He shared interactions he had with each of the members. He stated appreciation for diversity on the Council. He

hoped for transparency from the new Council. Mr. Greene referenced an event held in December in which a private swearing-in was held. He felt a private event should have been held after the public swearing-in. He expressed disappointment that Commissioners and the former mayor were not in attendance at the reorganization meeting to witness the public swearing-in of the Mayor and new Council.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mr. Barber nominated Chuck Arnone to serve as Deputy Mayor. Ms. Brandon-Taylor seconded the motion.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Mayor Rev. King, Mr. Arnone, Mr. Clark, Mr. Spinelli,
Ms. Brandon-Taylor, Mr. Barber (6)
Nays: None (0).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NON-AGENDA ITEM

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rev. King noted the next meeting would be January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:21 p.m.