

  
**NORTON**  
NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**  
Performed by the  
**Honorable Judge Todd McKenney**  
**Barberton Municipal Court**

Doug DeHarpert, Ward 1  
Jamie Lukens, Ward 2  
Donald Harbert, Ward 3  
Paul Tousley, Ward 4

**COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL**

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Council Rules - Rule 102: Within 10 days from the commencement of the term, Council shall hold an organizational meeting. This shall be the first regularly scheduled meeting of the term or a special meeting called for organizational purposes. The Council shall elect from its membership a President of Council and a Vice President of Council who shall serve until the next Organizational Meeting of Council.

- (a) The presiding President of Council shall call the meeting to order and begin the nomination process by accepting nominations from the floor for the position of President of Council. Any member may nominate another member; no second shall be required. When no further nominations are offered, the presiding President will close the nominations.
- (b) The Clerk of Council shall call for a voice vote from each Council Member as to the candidate of their choice from the slate of nominated candidates.
- (c) A majority of the votes cast from members elected and appointed to Council shall be required to elect the President of Council. The first candidate to receive a majority of the votes shall gain the position for which they were nominated. In the case that no election results from the first vote, the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes from the first round shall be dropped from the list of nominees. The same procedure shall be followed with each voice vote until an election results. In the event that no member receives a majority vote, the voice vote shall be repeated until the office is filled.

(d) After the newly elected President of Council takes the chair, they shall repeat the nomination process noted above for the election of the Vice President of Council.

## **REMARKS FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT**

A. Appoint Committees Council Rules - Rule 109: It shall be the duty of the President of Council at the first meeting of Council to appoint regular standing Committees consisting of at least three members for organizational purposes (City Charter Section 3.04).

B. Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule - City Charter Section 3.12: Meetings may be held at such time and place as may be prescribed by its rules, regulations or by-laws, or by resolution or ordinance, except that it shall hold regular meetings at least once during each calendar month.

C. Review-Approve Council Rules - Council Rule 103: In January, or as soon thereafter as possible, the current version of Council Rules may be reviewed and voted on for amendments, if necessary.

## **ADJOURN**

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