

MINUTES OF THE 162nd MEETING (1ST MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2011) OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH HELD ON 1.1.2011 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR, SENIOR DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR.

The following were present:

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| 1. Brig. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (Retd.) | Presiding Officer |
| 2. Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, M.P. | Ex-Officio Member |
| 3. Dr. Roshan Sunkaria, IAS | Commissioner |
| 4. Sh. Brijendra Singh, IAS | Deputy Commissioner |
| 5. Sh. Arshad Khan | Councillor |
| 6. Sh. M. P. S. Chawla | Councillor |
| 7. Dr. A.P. Sanwaria | Councillor |
| 8. Ar. P.K. Mukherjee | Councillor |
| 9. Dr. Amrit Bolaria | Councillor |
| 10. Dr. Pam Rajput | Councillor |
| 11. Sh. Resham Chand Jakhu | Councillor |
| 12. Sh. Kuldip Singh | Councillor |
| 13. Smt. Harjinder Kaur | Councillor |
| 14. Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh | Councillor |
| 15. Sh. Manjit Singh | Councillor |
| 16. Smt. Anu Chatrath | Councillor |
| 17. Sh. Pardeep Chhabra | Councillor |
| 18. Sh. Chander Mukhi Sharma | Councillor |

19. Sh. Surinder Kumar Jagota	Councillor
20. Smt. Kamlesh	Councillor
21. Smt. Sheela Devi	Councillor
22. Sh. Harphool Chand	Councillor
23. Smt. Rita Sharma	Councillor
24. Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang	Councillor
25. Sh. Bhupinder Singh	Councillor
26. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Councillor
27. Smt. Anju Beniwala	Councillor
28. Sh. Devinder Singh Babla	Councillor
29. Smt. Sarita Devi	Councillor
30. Smt. Raj Kumari	Councillor
31. Sh. Vijay Singh Rana	Councillor
32. Jatinder Bhatia	Councillor
33. Ram Sumer Morya	Councillor
34. Sh. Ram Lal	Councillor
35. Sh. Anil Kumar	Councillor
36. Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala	Councillor
37. Smt. Sunita	Councillor
38. Sh. Lalit Siwach, HCS	Secretary

At the outset, the Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India-cum-ex-officio member, Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, all the members of the House, Media persons and all the persons present in the House and wished Happy New Year to all. He apprised the House that the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Prescribed Authority, Chandigarh has appointed Brig. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (Retd.) as Presiding Officer for conducting the election of Mayor. He then requested Brig. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (Retd.), to take over the seat of Presiding Officer.

Brig. K.S. Chandpuri (Retd.) took over the seat of Presiding Officer and wished a Happy New Year to all members of the House and others present in the House and welcomed Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India-cum-ex-officio member, Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, all the members of the House, Media persons and all the persons present in the House. He thanked the Chandigarh Administration and the Deputy Commissioner to nominate him the Presiding Officer for the election of the Mayor fourth time and hoped that all the members will cooperate to conduct the election smoothly. He said that some representations have been received in the office requesting that mobile phones with cameras should not be allowed while casting votes as some members resort to photograph the ballot paper. He suggested the members to put their mobiles in an envelope, which will be provided to them. He also requested all the persons present in the House to put their mobiles in silent mode and keep silence for smooth functioning of the House. He said that raising slogans in the House are not allowed. He further informed that three candidates namely Sh. Jagjit Singh, Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Ravinder Pal Singh filed nomination for election of Mayor, which were found valid. The Presiding Officer then asked the contesting candidates that if anybody wanted to withdraw his candidature, he could do so before the start of election process/voting. He apprised the members about various provisions of the Act and conditions under which votes can be declared invalid and other dos' and

don'ts. He requested all the members not to carry mobile phones while going to cast vote. He read out the contents of the anonymous letter received by him at his residence, which was regarding misuse of mobile phones with cameras.

At this juncture, Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal raised an objection to the said suggestion and said, he does not want to show disrespect to anyone but he will not deposit his mobile and carry the same while casting the vote as there is no such Provision/Rule in the Act. However, he requested everybody not to photograph the ballot.

The Presiding Officer asked the candidates if anybody wishes to withdraw his nomination, he can do so before the voting process starts.

Sh. Rajesh Gupta submitted a letter regarding withdrawal of his candidature to the Presiding Officer, which was accepted.

The Presiding Officer announced that Sh. Rajesh Gupta has withdrawn his name for the election of Mayor which has been accepted and therefore only two candidates namely Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang and Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh are in the fray for the election of Mayor. He informed the members how to mark the stamp and fold the ballot papers and also told them that in case a person mark stamp against the names of both candidates, the ballot will be declared invalid.

Then the Secretary announced for elections of Mayor.

The Secretary called the Councillors one by one and issued ballot papers against their signatures and they cast their votes. After the election process was over, the ballot box was emptied before the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer asked the contesting candidates to send

their representatives to supervise the counting process and accordingly Sh. Vijay Singh Rana & Sh. Surinder Kumar Jagota represented both the candidates during the counting of votes.

After counting of votes, Brig. K.S. Chandpuri (Retd.) inadvertently announced that Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang has got 17 votes. On which, nominee of Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh, Sh. Vijay Singh Rana immediately raised an objection that the figure is otherwise and requested that re-counting of votes be done, which was accepted by the Presiding Officer. The Commissioner & Secretary also intervened and asked the Presiding Officer to correct himself and rectify the mistake. Subsequently, the re-counting was done by the Presiding Officer, the Deputy Commissioner, the Commissioner, M.C. and the Secretary, in the presence of Sh. S.K. Jagota and Sh. Vijay Singh Rana, representatives of the candidates for the Mayoral election and up to their satisfactions.

After recounting of votes and rectifying the error, Brig. K.S. Chandpuri (Retd.) declared Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh elected as Mayor having secured 17 votes and apologized to the House for this inadvertent mistake on his part.

The Presiding Officer further announced that out of the total 35 votes polled, 2 have been found invalid and the break-up of the votes of the Mayor election is as under :-

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Votes secured</u>
1.	Sh. Jagjit Singh Kang	16
2.	Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh	17
	Invalid vote	2
	Total Votes cast	35

Brig. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (Retd.), Presiding Officer declared Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh elected as Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year, 2011.

The Presiding Officer thanked the members of the House for their co-operation in conducting the election in a peaceful, smooth & democratic manner. He congratulated the newly elected Mayor Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh and requested him to take Mayor's seat and preside over the proceedings for the election of Sr. Dy. Mayor & Dy. Mayor.

Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh took over the seat of the Mayor and thanked Sh. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Cabinet Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Sh. B.B.Behl, President, Chandigarh Territorial Congress Committee other leaders of Congress Party, Municipal Councillors including Nominated Councillors, all the officers of the Corporation, people sitting in the guest gallery & media persons & wished all of them a Happy New Year and thanked them for reposing confidence in him. He assured them that they will work unitedly keeping aside the party line and endeavour for the development of the city with the co-ordination of officers of the Corporation and Chandigarh Administration.

Then the Secretary announced for elections of Senior Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor informed the House that there are two candidates for election of Sr. Deputy Mayor; namely Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey & Sh. Kuldip Singh and requested the contesting candidates if anyone wanted to withdraw his candidature, he could do so, otherwise the election process would start. As none of the candidates withdrew, the Mayor asked the Secretary to start the process of voting.

The Secretary called the Councillors one by one and issued ballot papers against their signatures and they cast their votes. After the election process was over, the ballot box was emptied before the Mayor. The Mayor asked the contesting candidates to send their representatives

to see the counting process and accordingly Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kala & Sh. Davinder Singh Babla represented both the candidates during the counting of votes.

After counting the votes, the Mayor declared that 35 votes were cast and all votes are valid and declared the result of Senior Deputy Mayor as under :-

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Votes secured</u>
1.	Sh. Anil Kumar Dubey	15
2.	Sh. Kuldip Singh	20
	Invalid vote	-
	Total Votes cast	35

The Mayor declared Sh. Kuldip Singh being elected as Senior Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year, 2011.

Thereafter, the Mayor informed the House that there were two candidates for the post of Deputy Mayor namely Smt. Sarita Devi & Smt. Sheela Phool Singh and he requested the contesting candidates that if any candidate wanted to withdraw her candidature she could do so before the start of the election process, but none of them withdrew and the Mayor asked the Secretary to start the process of election. The Secretary called the Councillors one by one and issued the ballot papers under signatures to cast their votes secretly.

After the process was over the Mayor asked the candidates to send their representatives and Sh. Davinder Singh Babla & Sh. Ram Sumer Morya acted as observer of the candidates. The ballot box was emptied before the Mayor and the counting process began. The Mayor declared that 35 valid votes were cast and two votes were invalid and he accordingly declared the result as under :-

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Votes secured</u>
1.	Smt. Sarita Devi	16
2.	Smt. Sheela Phool Singh	17
	Invalid vote	2
	Total Votes cast	35

The Mayor declared Smt. Sheela Phool Singh being elected as Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh for the year, 2011.

In the end, the Mayor extended good wishes for the New Year to all the Councillors, Officers, Staff and the media persons and thanked for their co-operation for the smooth & democratic conduct of elections. He assured the House that development of the whole city will be his motto irrespective of the party affiliations.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Secretary

Brig.Kuldip Singh Chandpuri(Retd.)

Mayor

M.C.C.

Presiding Officer

M.C.C.