

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
OF JULY 11, 2016**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Karen Roots. The meeting took place in the Municipal Building located at 17 New Market Street at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons, Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Charlie Hassler, Horace Johnson, and Lydia Thompson. Also in attendance were Solicitor David Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, City Clerk Tierra M. Jennings and Tom Gant-Water/Sewer Supervisor. Mayor Charles Washington and Councilwoman Sharon Kellum were absent

**STATEMENT OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

THE MINUTES SHALL REFLECT THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM WAS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT BY: (i) POSTING A NOTICE OF THIS MEETING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE SALEM MUNICIPAL BUILDING ANNEX; (ii) MAILING NOTICE OF THE MEETING TO SOUTH JERSEY TIMES AND ELMER TIMES ON OR ABOUT JULY 7, 2016; AND (iii) FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

**INVOCATION** Councilman Earl Gage

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**RESOLUTION 2016-121**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SALEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

**a. PERSONNEL**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists

A motion was made by Councilman Charlie Hassler and seconded by Councilman Horace Johnson to approve the above resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

At 6:15pm, Councilman Hassler made a motion to end the closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. End closed session and resume with regular meeting.

**PRESENTATION BY SALEM CITY CFO**

- IN Rem Foreclosures- Multiple Attorneys
- Letters- 5 letters until end of year, 2 from City Solicitor
- Receivership- Income producing properties- Need solicitor- Superior Court
- Water Shut-off- All charges including taxes must be paid for those properties that have a municipal lien on a property. All charges must be paid. Can NOT take payments. State rules/guidance.
- Bankruptcy- Program and Legal Consulting
- Sell properties that the City owns.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before Council, Councilman Gage motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Hassler seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 7:00pm.