

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
OF JULY 27, 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 6:20 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 Mayor Charles Washington, Solicitor David Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, City Clerk Tierra M. Jennings, Sewer Supervisor Tom Gant, Water Supervisor Fred Mucci, Attorney James Katz, Cameron Cagle, Union Representative. Councilwoman Sharon Kellum was absent

**INVOCATION** Councilman Earl Gage

**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 20, 2016; AND (iii) FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

NONE

**RESOLUTION 2016-128  
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.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve Resolution 2016-128. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

After the closed session was concluded, the open public meeting was reconvened. Councilman Hassler made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Johnson to impose the disciplinary penalty regarding the employee, which was discussed in closed session. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before Council, Councilman Hassler motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 9:45pm.