

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MAY 1, 2017**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order Council Pro-Tempre Charles Hassler. The meeting took place at the 1 New Market Street at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Councilpersons Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Horace Johnson, Sharon Kellum and Lydia Thompson. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Andrea Rhea, City Solicitor, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Tierra M. Jennings. Council President Karen Roots was absent.

INVOCATION PASTOR EVERETT DICKINSON

STATEMENT OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ., THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT", HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT AND POSTING AT THE MUNICIPAL ANNEX OF A SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON JANUARY 2ND, 2017 SETTING FORTH THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF ALL THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Gage and by Councilwoman Carter to adopt the minutes of APRIL 17, 2017 OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

APPLICATION- NJ STATE FIREMEN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS SUBMITTED FOR WILLIAM SEDDON AND CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to approve NJ State Firemen applications. All in Favor. Motion carries.

PRESENTATION- Salem County Freeholder Deputy Director Ben Laury spoke about Countywide Code Enforcement agreement with the County of Salem to establish and participate in a mutually beneficial Construction Code Office. There is no cost for said services. If there is money given back, it has to be spent on that purpose. Looking into doing all 15 municipalities in Salem County.

UPDATE- Dr. Patrick Michel, Superintendent of Salem City School District gave a brief update on the Salem Middle School. He stated that he had a phone conference on Wednesday but no changes at this time. Stated that it is not a good situation as the kids are cramped. Looking into having a 10 day review as opposed to a 30 day review for status. Per conversation

with Councilman Groce, Dr. Michel suggested petitioning the 3rd Legislative for help with the Salem Middle School issue.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1616 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 83 HEDGE STREET

Introduced: May 1, 2017

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter		X	X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
C. Hassler			X			
H. Johnson			X			
S. Kellum			X			
L. Thompson			X			
K. Roots						X

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Carter to introduce Ordinance 1616 for first reading. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

1617 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 81 HEDGE STREET

Introduced: May 1, 2017

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
C. Hassler			X			
H. Johnson		X	X			
S. Kellum			X			
L. Thompson			X			
K. Roots						X

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to introduce Ordinance 1617 for first reading. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

1618 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 73 7TH STREET

Introduced: May 1, 2017

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
C. Hassler			X			
H. Johnson		X	X			
S. Kellum			X			
L. Thompson			X			
K. Roots						X

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to introduce Ordinance 1617 for first reading. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Next meeting will be May 8, 2017 at 1:00pm.

Public Safety: (Gage, Groce, Hassler, Carter)

Councilman Gage stated that they had a meeting regarding the crossing guards

Public Works: (Groce, Roots, Hassler, Gage)

Next meeting will be Friday, May 12, 2017 at 7:00am

Human Services: (Hassler, Gage, Kellum, Thompson)

Next Meeting with Future Systems will be March 9, 2017 at 10:00am

Neighborhood Initiatives/ Community Service: (Thompson, Johnson, Roots, Carter)

Next meeting will be May 8, 2017. Pool work to begin shortly. Sandblasting to start on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

City Property/Capital: (Carter, Hassler, Kellum, Roots)

Had a meeting with Remington and Vernick regarding the Oak Street Project. Project will commence on Monday, May 1, 2017. Also next meeting with Future Systems will be May 9, 2017 at 10:00am

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage, Kellum):

No report

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Stated that the draft has been submitted regarding the Neighborhood Transmission Initiative.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Groce stated that they need funds for the screw pumps in the Water/Sewer Department

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

No one spoke in Public Portion

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Carter to close public portion. All in Favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to adopt Resolution 2017-93 for Closed Session. All in Favor. Motion carries

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-93**

**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 as follows:

- (1) ***Matters required by law to be confidential:*** Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- (2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.
- (3) ***Matters involving individual privacy:*** Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned .
- (4) ***Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement:*** Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any

collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

(5) ***Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or investment of public funds:*** Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) ***Matters of public protection:*** Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.

(7) ***Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege:*** Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Board is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.

(8) ***Matters relating to the employment relationship:*** Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of , promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.

(9) ***Deliberations after public hearing.*** Deliberations by the Board occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Common 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 Common Council of the City of Salem and 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. CONTRACTS- MONITOR UPDATE

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.

With a Motion by Councilman Gage , seconded by Councilman Johnson, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 8:05pm.

After the Closed Session of the meeting, the following matters took place,

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-94**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT TO PERFORM A WATER AND
WASTEWATER OPERATIONS EVALUATION IN THE CITY
OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem seeks to review its water and wastewater sewer system of operations to identify operational costs and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Water Resource Management, a subsidiary of Remington and Vernick, the appointed Township Engineer, is qualified to perform said services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Water Resource Management, under the direction of Remington and Vernick shall conduct a water and wastewater sewer system evaluation in accordance with the proposal attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt Resolution 2017-94. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Council, Councilman Gage motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Groce seconded . Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: May 15, 2017



City Clerk