

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by President Karen Roots. The meeting took place at the 17 New Market Street at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Councilpersons Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, 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. Councilman Hassler 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 AUGUST 23, 2017 AND (iii) FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-119**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED 2017 BUDGET FOR
THE CITY OF SALEM**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the attached is hereby adopted as the City's 2017 Amended Budget.

Public Hearing: September 6, 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 close public hearing. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

Adoption: September 6, 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 adopt Resolution 119. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

Resolution 120 has been finally adopted by Council and shall be provided for public inspection on the City of Salem's website

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

1620 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 23, LOT 7, 286 PEARL STREET to KYMO (KEEPING YOUNG MINDS OCCUPIED)

Amendment: September 6, 2017

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

Amendment- Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to amend Ordinance 1620. Roll Call. Motion carried 6-1

Public Hearing: September 6, 2017

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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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 close public hearing. Roll Call. Motion carried 6-1

Adoption: September 6, 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 adopt Ordinance 1620 as amended. Roll Call. Motion carried 6-1

Ordinance 1620 has been finally adopted by Council and will become effective after final publication according to the law

PUBLIC PORTION

No one spoke in public portion. Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to close public portion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-120**

**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, the Common Council of the City of Salem 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. LITIGATION- CITY OF SALEM WATER/SEWER PLANT

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.

Adopted: September 6, 2017

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

After Closed Session has ended, the following business took place:

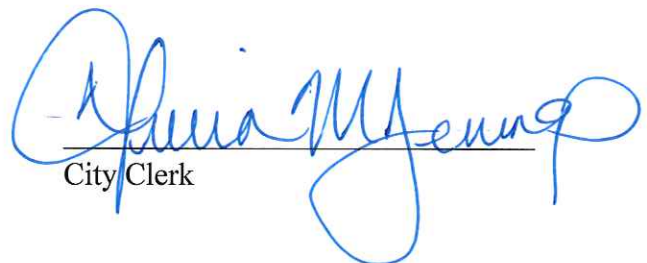
Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to proceed with complaint for Litigation. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Council, Councilman Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Gage seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: October 16, 2017


City Clerk