

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF DECEMBER 18, 2017**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order President Karen Roots. 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, Charles Hassler, Horace Johnson Sharon Kellum and Lydia Thompson. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Jennifer Blumenthal-City Administrator, Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO and Tierra M. Jennings-City Clerk.

INVOCATION

LINDA GARRISON, HARVEST TIME WORSHIP CENTER

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to approve bill payments. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt the minutes of November 20 (Open & Closed Session) and December 11 (Open Special Session). All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

APPLICATIONS

NJ STATE FIREMENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR KENNETH GRALLEY

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to approve NJ Firemen's Association Application. All in Favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION- YUENGE GROCE-PRESIDENT, SALEM CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Groce updated to City Council that USDA had finished all repairs for the Salem Middle School and looking to move the students back in on January 2, 2018.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-146**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
REGARDING THE 2016 AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs requires that a corrective action plan addressing the recommendations of the municipal audit be filed with the Division of Local Government Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, State of New Jersey that the attached corrective action plan be approved for submission to the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit the aforesaid corrective action plan.

Adopted: December 18, 2017

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-147**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2018 SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, an agreement made between the SALEM COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, with its principal place of business located at 52 McKillip Road, Alloway, NJ 08001 [hereafter referred to as "SCIA"]; and CITY OF SALEM, with its principal place of business located at 17 NEW MARKET STREET, SALEM, NJ 08079 [hereafter referred to as "Customer"] effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

WHEREAS, SCIA is the owner and operator of the Salem County Solid Waste Division Landfill (hereafter "Landfill") located at 52 McKillip Road, P.O. Box 890, Alloway, New Jersey 08001 in Salem County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Customer is a public entity (Municipality, County, District, Authority, Public School) and hauler and/or generator of solid waste and desires to dispose of its solid waste at the SCIA landfill; and

WHEREAS, both SCIA and Customer desire to memorialize their agreement for the disposal of solid waste at the landfill by Customer during the calendar year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes and empowers the SCIA and other public entities to enter into this Agreement and for SCIA to provide the services contemplated by this Agreement; therefore,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, in the State of New Jersey that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement between the City of Salem and the South County Improvement Authority.

Adopted: December 18, 2017

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-148**

A RESOLUTION SETTING REORGANIZATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual Reorganization of the Common Council of the City of Salem shall be held on January 1, 2018 commencing at Noon at City Hall, 1 New Market St., Salem, N.J. 08079

Adopted: December 18, 2017

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-149**

**A RESOLUTION AWARING CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF VARIOUS
STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized the solicitation of Bids for the Demolition of Various Structures in the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the City rejected the bids so that it could revise the specification and authorized the solicitation of the Bids for Demolition of Various Structures in the City of Salem using the revised specifications which were opened on December 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on December 14, 2017 from five bidders as more fully described on the Bid Summary attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Delphi Contracting; and

WHEREAS, said bid was reviewed by the City Clerk, City Solicitor and City Engineer and the Engineer has recommended an award of the contract to Delphi Contracting for the Base Bid Items 1-6 in the amount of \$266,449.99; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract with Delphi Contracting for the Demolition of Various Structures is approved for the Base Bid, Items 1-6 in the amount of \$266,449.99 13 and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the contract for the same.

Adopted: December 18, 2017 **TABLE**

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Committee went over Master Appointment List for the City of Salem for Reorganization Meeting on January 1, 2018

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

Committee discussed manpower of the Police Department and current crimes within the City.

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

Committee discussed hiring of a Temporary Water/Sewer Director for the City of Salem.

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

Two properties that were discussed with Mr. Hassler and Housing Inspector Carol Wright were taken off the vacant property list

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

Ms. Thompson discussed having a Shredding Event here in the City of Salem. Committee to work on a date and time.

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

Committee went over Demolition Bids that was held on December 14 for various structures within the City of Salem.

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage, Kellum)

No Report

MAYORAL COMMENTS

- Mayor stated that there was a preconstruction meeting with the County in regards to the railroad. The Mayor is looking to have this project done by June 2018.
- Mayor stated that the City committee for the grocery store has a plan in place for the future of the site and will continue to update the public on the progress
- Mayor congratulated Charlie Hassler on a job well done with City Council and wished him well on his newly elected position as Salem County Freeholder. The rest of Council also joined in and congratulated him.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

William Corbin 16 Davis Ave- Mr. Corbin thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the streets and also thanked Council for all of their hard work.

Joy Coleman Van Meter Terrace- Ms. Coleman expressed various concerns regarding the town and City Council

Heather Ashfield City of Salem- Ms. Ashfield stated that the Heart and Soul Committee of Salem would like to meet with City Administration to discuss concerns with the City

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

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to adopt Resolution 2017-150 for Closed Session. Roll Call. Motion carried 8-0

CITY OF SALEM RESOLUTION 2017-150

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. PERSONNEL

B. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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.

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R. Carter			X			
E. Gage			X			
V. Groce			X			
C. Hassler	X		X			
H. Johnson			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
L. Thompson			X			
K. Roots			X			

With a Motion by Councilman Hassler, seconded by Councilwoman Kellum, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 7:15pm.

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

SOLICITATION APPLICATION- REMODELING POWER HOME COMPANY TO GO DOOR TO DOOR TO SOLICIT FREE ESTIMATES TO THE RESIDENTS OF SALEM

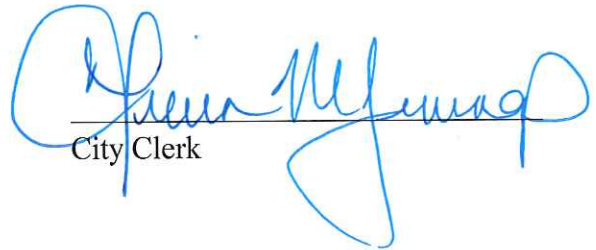
After review of City Council, Motion to deny application was made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Council, Councilman Hassler motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Gage seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: January 16, 2018



City Clerk