

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

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, Sharon Kellum, and Russell Walker. 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. Councilman Horace Johnson and Councilwoman Lydia Thompson were absent.

**INVOCATION**

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 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018 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 Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Carter to approve payment of bills. All in favor. Motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to adopt the minutes of January 16, 2018 (Open and Closed Session). All in favor. Motion carries.

**COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS**

**PRESENTATION**

SWEARING IN OF SALEM CITY POLICE OFFICERS- PRESENTED BY MAYOR CHARLES WASHINGTON AND CHIEF JOHN PELURA

Mayor Washington swore in Robert Klein, Marcus Kidd, and James Riley to the position of Salem City Police Officers. As they were sworn in, they went by and shook each Councilpersons hand. They were received with a standing ovation by all.

THANK YOU CARDS- City Council received thank you cards from Arleen Maiden and Tom Gant that were read aloud by the City Clerk. They thanked City Council for the awards that were presented to them.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**1802** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AREA

**Introduced: February 20, 2018**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
L. Thompson						X
R. Walker			X			
K. Roots			X			

Review and approval of Redevelopment Plan by Planning Board will be set forth at their meeting on February 22, 2018 at 6:30pm.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed at the meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem on February 20, 2018 and further said Council will hold a hearing and consider said ordinance for final passage at a meeting to be held at a later date at the Salem City Municipal Building at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

**1803** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Introduced: February 20, 2018**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
L. Thompson						X
R. Walker			X			

K. Roots			X			
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**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-68**

**A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF  
GRIEVES PARKWAY, PHASE 3 AND AUTHORIZING CLERK TO  
ADVERTISE FOR NEW BIDS**

**WHEREAS**, bids were solicited for the Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway, Phase 3 project; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received and opened on February 13, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Remington and Vernick , the City’s Engineers have reviewed the bids and advised the City Council that the bids exceed the amount estimated for the project by letter and report dated February 13, 2018 attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the bids received on February 13, 2018 for the Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway Phase 3 are rejected in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-13.2 for the reasons set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk is authorized to re-advertise for bids for the project.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-69**

**A Resolution Authorizing Contracts for the Purchase of Certain Chemicals  
from USALCO**

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2018;

**WHEREAS**, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that USALCO is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:  
Aluminum Chlorohydrate Solution (ACH) 4400 Gal Delivery @\$2430 per lb; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with USALCO for the purchase of the above chemical for the proposed price.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-70**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN  
CHEMICALS FROM COYNE**

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2018;

**WHEREAS**, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that Coyne is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:

Sodium Hypochlorite Solution (12.0-16.0%) 8-53 gallon drum delivery @\$1.822 per gallon;  
 Sodium Bisulfite (FCC Gr 38-40% solution) 5-55 gallon drum delivery @.267903 per gallon;  
 Sodium Bisulfite (FCC Gr 38% solution) 300-350 gallon delivery @ \$2.524 per gallon, and  
 Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets, 10-55 lb pail delivery @ 2.5760 per lb.; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with Coyne for the purchase of the above chemicals for the proposed prices.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
 RESOLUTION 2018-71**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN  
 CHEMICALS FROM UNIVAR**

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2018;

**WHEREAS, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid  
 summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that Univar is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:

Sodium Hypochlorite Solution- NaOCL 3,300 gallon delivery @ \$0.94 per lbs.  
 Liquid Caustic Soda (50% dia.gr) 4500 gallon delivery @ \$2.344 per gallon;  
 Citric Acid Anhydrous, 10-50 bag delivery 2\$1.255 per pound @\$1.32 per pound;  
 Liquid Sulfuric Acid (93% WW Grade), 1,000 Gallon delivery @\$2.385 per gallon; and  
 Liquid hydrochloric Acid 20 BE (muriatic) 4-55 Gallon delivery @\$3.74 per gallon; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with Univar for the purchase of the above chemicals for the proposed price.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-72**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE  
OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS FROM SHANNON CHEMICALS**

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2018;

**WHEREAS**, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that SHANNON CHEMICALS is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:

Liquid Zinc Pyrophosphate Corrosion Inhibitor and Sequestrant Min. 100 Gal Delivery @\$10.47 per gallon; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with USALCO for the purchase of the above chemical for the proposed price.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			

H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
L. Thompson						X
R. Walker			X			
K. Roots			X			

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-73**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF WATER BIDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of water meters for the year 2018;

**WHEREAS**, there were two bidders who responded; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to review the specifications for the water meters and re-bid;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the bids for the water meters are rejected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 11-13.2.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Solicitor and Water Superintendent shall review the specifications and upon revision, have the Clerk re-advertise the bids for the water meters.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-74**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH SICKELS AND ASSOCIATES TO PERFORM EVALUATION AND REPORT OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem is in need of evaluation and assessment of the water and sewer department operations; and

**WHEREAS,** Sickels and Associates is qualified to perform said services and has provided a proposal for consulting and management services; and

**WHEREAS,** the City would like to engage Sickels and Associates to perform the evaluation and assessment services for a thirty (30) day period.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Sickels and Associates of \$107. Per hour for no more than 35 hours per week for the assessment and evaluation of the water and sewer department to be performed and completed in a 30 day period .

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

Let the record reflect that Ms. Lydia Thompson came into the meeting at 7:10pm

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administration: (Roots, Gage, Johnson, Carter)**

Met on February 12. Had an issue with businesses regarding dumpsters on property. Council President Roots spoke with owner regarding same.

**Public Safety: (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)**

Swore in 3 new officers tonight. Also will discuss issue with Chief Pelura in Closed Session.

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

Reviewed and discussed potential Temporary Director of Water/Sewer Department

**Human Services: (Walker, Gage, Kellum, Thompson)**

Mr. Russell spoke events upcoming including Spring Cleanup

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

Spring Cleanup will be on March 24 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Ms. Thompson also stated that she would like to hold a shredding event. Mr. Groce will find a company to do event.

**City Property/Capital: (Carter, Walker, Kellum, Roots)**



Met February 12. Had a meeting with Future Systems regarding contract and what they have done thus far.

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

None

**MAYORAL COMMENTS**

- Mayor stated that RFP for Feasibility Study was sent out and awaiting to come back.
- SJTPO- Mayor had a meeting with them regarding railroad and Salem Port. They have reached out to the City of Salem to inquire of funding for port and railroad. They will be present at Commerce Department meeting on February 27.
- Mayor stated that the City is petitioning Governor Murphy as a distressed community for assistance.
- Communication was also sent to Commissioner Oliver regarding the Finlaw Building deficient.
- Mayor stated that Senator Sweeney is looking into funding for the dredging of the port

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**James Butler 6/8 Elm Street-** Inquired about 10 Elm Street wanting to own same and rent out. City Property stated that they will get back with him in 10 days or less.

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

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to adopt Resolution 2018-75 for Closed Session. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-75**

**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. 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.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
L. Thompson			X			
R. Walker			X			
K. Roots			X			

With a Motion by Councilman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Kellum, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 8:20pm.

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-76**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INSTALLMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BROOKLYNDS, NJ, LLC AND THE CITY OF SALEM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-19**

**WHEREAS,** the Tax Collector has advised that there is a delinquency of taxes on property known as 23 S. Front Street, Salem and designated as Block 46, Lot 5.01 on the City of Salem Tax Map which is scheduled for tax sale; and

**WHEREAS**, by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, such unpaid taxes may be omitted from sale upon an agreement where the unpaid taxes are paid in regular equal month installments in amounts large enough to satisfy in full all delinquent taxes, assessments and other municipal liens held by the municipality in not more than five years from the date of the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the unpaid taxes subject to the tax sale are \$59,000 and the owner has agreed to make a payment no later than March , 2018 of \$20,500, along with 24 equal monthly installments each month commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 1, 2020 along with the applicable interest that accrues.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the Collector is authorized to remove from tax sale scheduled for February 21, 2018 the delinquent taxes and municipal liens accrued on property known as Block 46, Lot 5.01 pursuant to a written agreement with the property owner that the said delinquent taxes shall be paid to the City as follows:

1. \$20,500. No later than March 1, 2018;
2. Twenty four (24) Equal monthly installments, payable on the first of every month commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 1, 2020 of the balance due with applicable interest .

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the removal from tax sale of the delinquent taxes is conditioned upon the prompt payment of the installments of taxes for the current year in which such agreement is made and all subsequent taxes, assessment and other municipal liens imposed or becoming a lien thereafter, including all installments thereafter payable on assessments theretofore levied and also the prompt payment of all installments of arrears as hereinbefore authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event that the installments of arrears or any new taxes, assessments or other liens are not promptly paid within thirty days after the date when the same is due and payable, then such agreement shall be void and the Collector shall proceed to enforce such lien by selling in the manner prescribed by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement in accordance with this Resolution.

Adopted: February 20, 2018

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

K. Roots			X			
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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before Council, Councilman Gage motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Kellum seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 8:20pm.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Approved: March 19, 2018

  
City Clerk