

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MAY 7, 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: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, Horace Johnson. Also in attendance were Jennifer Blumenthal-City Administrator, Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Tierra M. Jennings-City Clerk. Councilpersons Lydia Thompson and Russell Walker were absent.

**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 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 MINUTES**

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

**COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS**

- ❖ STAND UP FOR SALEM TO HOST A SERIES OF SUMMER CONCERTS FOR VARIOUS DATES FROM JUNE 2018-SEPTEMBER 2018 AT MLK PARK AND FENWICK PLAZA

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve entertainment application. All in Favor. Motion carried 6-0

- ❖ STAND UP FOR SALEM TO HOST A BOO BLAST EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 FROM 8:00AM-8:00PM.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to approve entertainment application. All in Favor. Motion carried 6-0

- ❖ PANTING HART MUSIC TO HOST A MINI GOSPEL CONCERT AT MLK PARK ON JUNE 2, 2018 FROM 3:00PM-4:30PM.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve entertainment application. All in Favor. Motion carried 6-0

**RESOLUTION FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-96**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2018 BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

**WHEREAS**, these two conditions have been met;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget shall be read by title only.

Public Hearing: May 7, 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			

Adoption: May 7, 2018 (TABLE)

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			

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**City of Salem  
Resolution 2018-97**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO GOLDENBERG, MACKLER, SAYEGH, MINTZ, PFEFFER, BONCHI & GILL**

**WHEREAS, the City of Salem has a need to acquire legal services to assist with a receivership action / tax lien services; and**

**WHEREAS, the value of the contract for services rendered is not known at this time, but could exceed \$17,500; and,**

**WHEREAS, Keith Bonchi, Esq. of the firm of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill ( hereinafter “ the firm” ) has submitted a proposal dated April 16, 2018 indicating they will provide the services for the hourly rate of \$250.00 for attorneys, \$125. Per hour for paralegals and \$75.00 per hour for legal assistants; and**

**WHEREAS, the firm has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Salem in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and**

**WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Salem authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract with Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill as described herein; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification remain on file with this resolution. *and,*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of the adoption of this resolution be published pursuant to law.

Adopted: May 7, 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			

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-98**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUDGE DEMETRICA TODD-RUIZ AS  
SIGNER ON THE SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL COURT BANK  
ACCOUNTS RELATED TO THE BAIL AND GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**WHEREAS**, Salem City maintains a bank account related to the office of the Salem City Municipal Court Bail Account fees and disbursements at FRANKLIN BANK under account number 1900018717; and

**WHEREAS**, Salem City maintains a bank account related to the office of the Salem City Municipal Court General Account fees and disbursements FRANKLIN BANK under account number 1900018727; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to have clarified on the records of the Banks that Demetrica Todd-Ruiz, Judge shall be an authorized signer and authorized agent in all respects regarding said accounts; now therefore

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Judge Demetrica Todd-Ruiz are to be denoted as authorized signer and authorized agent in all respects in relation to the aforesaid accounts and all Court Officials are authorized, empowered and directed to execute any and all documents and/or take such other actions as are necessary or required by the said bank to implement the foregoing effective immediately.

ADOPTED: MAY 7, 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			

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-99**

**A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO SIGN ASSEMBLY  
BILL A3724/SENATE BILL S2313 INTO LAW ESTABLISHING THE  
ZERO EMISSION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR NUCLEAR POWER  
PLANTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem recognizes the benefit that the PSEG Nuclear LLC power plant has been to the County of Salem, by contributing millions to the local and regional economy , supporting 5,800 jobs with 1,600 direct jobs at the plants, many of those employed being from the local area; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council recognizes that the power plants have proven to be good neighbors dedicated to safe operations and supporting may volunteer and non-profit organizations within our region’s community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to see the nuclear power plants continue to be viable Zero Emission Energy providers, protecting our environment by supplying more than 90 percent of New Jersey’s carbon free electricity for 3 million homes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that it does hereby urge Governor Phil Murphy to sign the Zero Energy Emission Certificate Program for nuclear power plants legislation

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney and Salem County municipalities.

May 7, 2018 (TABLE)

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 2018-100**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE REHABILITATION OF ELKINTON POND**

**WHEREAS**, the City is in need of a licensed engineer to perform an assessment and engineering services related to the rehabilitation of the Elkinton Pond Dam.

**WHEREAS**, Cherry, Webber has submitted a proposal to perform said services; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that funds are available.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem that an agreement with Cherry, Webber for services outlined in the Engineer’s proposal is authorized in a form approved by the Solicitor and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Adopted: May 7, 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			

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-101**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM AND THE CITY OF SALEM BLUE COLLAR WORKERS ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the agreement between the City and the City of Salem Blue Collar Workers Association provides for a title of Ass't W/S Superintendent in the salary guide; and

**WHEREAS**, the above position is not a listed title with the Civil Service Commission and it is necessary to clarify the title within the contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Collective Negotiations Agreement Between the Common Council of the City of Salem and the City of Salem Blue Collar Workers Association shall be amended to provide for the position of Ass't W/S Utilities Superintendent in place of Ass't W/S Superintendent with no change in the salary progression or any other provision in the current contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute Addendum # 1 to the Contract to provide for the above.

Adopted: May 7, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-102**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF JARED BACON  
TO POSITION OF ASS'T W/S UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Jared Bacon is provisionally appointed to the position of Ass't W/S Utilities Superintendent and shall be paid a contractual annual salary of \$68,603 with longevity and overtime in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a monthly stipend of \$2,000. Shall be payable to the employee while he is designated as licensed operator of record on a temporary basis.

Adopted: May 7, 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	X			
S. Kellum			X			
L. Thompson						X
R. Walker						X
K. Roots					X	

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-103**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CITY  
ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE BACK UP LICENSED OPERATOR FOR  
WATER TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, Remington and Vernick were appointed Engineer for the City of Salem commencing January 1, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the City is in need of licensed operator for the licensed water distribution system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer through its subsidiary, WRM has proposed to provide a Licensed T-3 and W-2 Operator for the City, along with the necessary services related to the position for the sum of \$1,200 per month for 10 hours per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that funds are available for a contract through December 31, 2018.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem that an agreement with WRM, Inc, a subsidiary of Remington and Vernick for services outlined in the proposal dated April 27 is authorized in a form approved by the Solicitor.

Adopted: May 7, 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	

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

Met on May 7 prior to Council Meeting. Ms. Roots stated that interviews will be conducted for Municipal Court on May 10. Also discussed purchase order processing and the installation of security cameras. Other matters were also discussed but are confidential.

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

Mr. Gage met with fire chief concerning funding through the State. He also stated that they are investigating some matters involving the EMS.

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

Mr. Groce stated there were 2 major positions in the City of Salem (Water/Sewer Dept) where the individuals have retired and are looking for replacement of same. Made provisional appt for Jared Bacon as Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent. He stated that it has been a lot but looking forward to success with the plant.

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

Mr. Johnson went out to assess the pool and stated that nothing major needs to be done. Stated that a few spots need to be done concerning the concrete. There is paint left over from last year that will be used. Ms. Roots is looking to have more recreational events for the kids at the pool site.

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

Sean from Remington and Vernick stated that they are waiting for a schedule for the next demos to be done. Awaiting information from the contractor. Mr. Dilks from library board stated that they would like to own property next door to the library. Has been in contact with owners and has come to a verbal agreement. Discussion will be made by the committee at a later date. In addition, Ms. Roots stated that she is looking to open pool around Jun 28, 2018.

Lastly, Spring Cleanup will commence on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00am-12:00pm. Mr. Johnson will also discuss bulk drop at next meeting.

**MAYORAL COMMENTS**

- Mayor went over budget and stated that it has not been finalized
- On May 15, Jody Velor will be doing a presentation on homeownership which will include the Mayor's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative NTI Program

- The second edition of the newsletter will be going out next week for all residents
- The grocery store timeline can be located on the website and is updated frequently.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Heather Ashfield Apt G4- Wants to have a dialogue between Council and the community. Also inquired who owns the track around the field if it shall be the City or School.

Joy Coleman VanMeter Terrace-

Inquired about the Court Administrator.

Asked if there is a new housing director.

Inquired if Salem Manor and other apartments are part of Salem Housing Department

Asked who oversees the Landlords and/or tenants

Asked if the Salem Port is owned by the City of Salem

Inquired if the 2 businesses are paying taxes through the City

Stated that the zoning area should not have heavy equipment.

Inquired about distillery in town and asked if they are hiring

Asked if there is a track for the school

Cheryl Turner- Stated that she would like to see the children use the track for their benefit. Council Roots addressed her question.

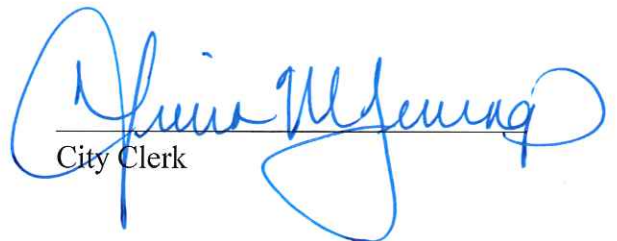
Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to close public portion. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Approved: May 21, 2018

  
City Clerk