

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Karen Roots. The meeting took place at 1 New Market Street at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present:** Councilpersons Ruth Carter, William Corbin, Earl Gage, Timothy Gregory, Sharon Kellum. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Anita Garcia-City Clerk. Council Member James Smith and Vaughn Groce were absent.

INVOCATION

Sheila Palmer, CLP

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 7th, 2019 SETTING FORTH THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF ALL THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

NONE

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

CITY OF SALEM

ORDINANCE NO. 1810

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37
HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, AUTHORIZING A HANDICAPPED
PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 71 HEDGE STREET**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Salem that Chapter 225, Section 17, Schedule “11” be amended as follows:

A Handicapped Parking Sign shall be placed at 71 Hedge Street, the residence of Lila Coley.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Introduced: February 04, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

I, Anita Garcia, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Common Council of the City of Salem on February 4, 2019. Public Hearing shall take place on March 4, 2019.

Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-54**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONFLICT OR BACK UP
PROSECUTOR(S) TO ACT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MUNICIPAL
PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, Andrea Rhea, Esq. was appointed municipal prosecutor for the City of Salem for 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that a conflict or back up prosecutor is authorized to act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4 et seq. within the Municipal Court of the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the municipal prosecutor’s firm member, Matthew Weng was proposed to serve as municipal prosecutor in her absence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that Matthew Weng, Esq. and / or any of the municipal prosecutors on the attached

list are authorized to serve in the capacity of municipal prosecutor in the Salem City Municipal Court in the absence of the regularly appointed municipal prosecutor.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: February 4, 2019

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R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-55**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALEM
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:3-4(b)**

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SALEM desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its review and/or approval of the issuance of qualified bonds to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SALEM
believes:

- (a) It is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit or units;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;

(d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit or units and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit or units;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Chief Financial Officer, Auditor, and Bond Counsel, along with other representatives of the City, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the City in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Clerk of the City is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of the proposed bond ordinance and maturity schedules with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: February 4, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-56**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TAX COLLECTOR TO
HOLD A TAX LIEN SALE**

WHEREAS, there remains on the records and books of the City of Salem delinquent taxes, water and sewer utility assessments and other municipal charges outstanding as of December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5 et seq., provides for the enforcement and collection of such delinquencies through a Tax Lien Sale; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is empowered by statute to conduct and preside over the sale of liens;

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 Tax Collector is authorized to conduct a Tax Lien Sale March 20, 2019 for 2018 delinquent taxes, utility assessments and other municipal charges.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: February 4, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-57**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF WATER AND
SEWER BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the following Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund budget appropriation balance remain unexpended:

Salaries and Wages	\$99,000.00
Other Expenses	\$76,000.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the council of the City of Salem, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund be canceled.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: February 4, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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Date

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-58**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMINGTON & VERNICK
ENGINEERS TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT TO STABILIZE
SINKHOLE AND REPLACE CULVERT PIPE**

WHEREAS, the City’s Engineer has reported his findings regarding a sinkhole that has developed below 3rd Street near Grieves Parkway intersection; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to remediate the situation to prevent further damage and potential hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has commenced the process with the DEP for emergency permitting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the Remington and Vernick Engineers, Inc. is authorized to proceed with remediation and repair of the sinkhole/culvert pipe as recommended in the letter to Council of December 11, 2018.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: February 4, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-59**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIR OF
SINKHOLD AND CULVERT PIPE AT 3RD STREET**

WHEREAS, the City’s Engineer has reported his findings regarding a sinkhole that has developed below 3rd Street near Grieves Parkway intersection ; and

WHEREAS, imminent failure of the structure or roadway is apparent from the weather conditions that have existed and it is necessary to remediate and repair the situation without delay and as an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that Remington and Vernick is authorized to proceed with remediation and repair of the sinkhole/culvert pipe as an emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 upon certification of funds by the CFO.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: February 4, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter)

Karen Roots briefed on the list of Committee Minutes provided that took place on 1/28/19.

Performance evaluations due

Vehicles for sale

Approved vendor list

Future systems – water & sewer

Direct report – meeting was set up

Waste management supervisor

Public Safety (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

NONE

Public Works (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

John Liu, Superintendent – presented the council body with an activity log (initial presentation was presented on February 2, 2019)

Three (3); five (5) and ten (10) years (divided stage by stage)

Activity Log filed

Councilman Gage thanked John Liu for his 3 year game plan.

Mayor Washington also thanked Mr. Liu. It is refreshing to have our employees talk with enthusiasm for our city. We need more outside of the box thinkers. We will support your efforts.

Human Services (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Gregory)

Councilman Williams expressed the illegal dumping on city property as well as parked vehicles with no tags.

Council woman Ruth Carter suggested that pictures be taken of any abandoned vehicles on city property.

It was also suggested that Carol Wright has a lot on her plate and needs assistance.

Council President Roots suggested that the police be contacted

City Property /Capital (Carter, Smith, Kellum, Roots)

Will schedule meeting for next week

Neighborhood Initiatives/Community Services

(Roots, Corbin, Carter, Gregory)

Council President Roots will hold a meeting on February 11, 2019

Redevelopment (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage)

Councilman Timothy Gregory mentioned about the meeting held on January 28. He learned about the history of redevelopment and is looking forward to moving ahead.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Mayor asked council to allocate more funds to assist with the demolishing of vacant homes.

Regarding the arsons, we are moving forward with offering a reward. Finances will come out of the police force. Mayor commended our Chief Pelura, our fire Chief, and all other agencies regarding the standoff. Lastly, he mentioned an extension for the well from USDA.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Anthony (from Remington & Vernick) introduced Michael Angelastro (project manager). He spoke on a resubmitting a proposal that was originally submitted in November. Also spoke on Grieves Parkway (report submitted in December). He expressed about permits needed even with it being an emergency situation. Councilman Gage motioned to move forward with the bidding process; Councilwoman seconded the motion, all of council body in favor, motion carried. Resolution 2019-58 “Going out to Bids” and Resolution 2019-59” Emergency.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Earl Gage.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.