

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MARCH 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, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, and James Smith. Also in attendance were Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Anita Garcia-City Clerk. Our Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., was absent.

INVOCATION

Rev. Gary Cecil

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 7, 2019 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 Kellum to approve payment of bills. All in Favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Kellum to adopt the minutes of January 22, 2019 and February 4, 2019. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

Council President Roots presented Wendy Dublin with a certificate of recognition and a gift for her volunteer initiatives for the senior and youth programs.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-58

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE
N.J. STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Salem Firemen’s Relief Association has requested the Common Council of the City of Salem to approve the application of Charles S. Finlaw, Jr. for membership in the N.J. State Firemen’s Association; and

WHEREAS, Charles S. Finlaw, Jr. is an active member of the Salem Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the application of Charles S. Finlaw, Jr. for membership in the N.J. State Firemen’s Association is approved.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: March 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			

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 a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on March 4, 2019.

Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-59**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ELECTION OF RAYMOND GRALLEY
AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the election of Raymond Gralley as Fire Chief of the Washington Fire Department has been reported to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinances of the City of Salem provide for the Council to confirm the election of a Fire Chief.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the election of Raymond Gralley as Fire Chief of the Washington Fire Department is hereby confirmed.

ATTEST:

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Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: March 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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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-60**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL PELURA AS DEPUTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that Michael Pelura is approved to be appointed as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator without compensation.

ATTEST:

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Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: March 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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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-61**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
AMENDED CERTIFICATION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF WELL
NO. 9**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is in need of constructing a new well to supply water to the City of Salem residents (hereafter known as Well No. 9); and

WHEREAS, there have been some modifications that need to be certified to the USDA in conjunction with its funding of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has submitted a RUS certification which requires the Mayor's signature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the Mayor is authorized to execute the attached RUS certification page associated with the project.

ATTEST:

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Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: March 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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Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-62**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SOIL EROSION
AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN FOR THE WELL NO. 9 PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is in need of constructing a new well to supply water to the City of Salem residents (hereafter known as Well No. 9); and

WHEREAS, the Engineer handling the project has advised that a soil erosion and sediment control plan permit application is required with an application cost of \$625.00

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available to make the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the filing fee of \$625.00 is authorized to be paid with the application for the soil erosion and sediment control plan and the Mayor is authorized to execute the application for the same.

ATTEST:

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Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: March 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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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-63**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BETSY DAVIS AND JANICE
CRAWFORD TO THE SALEM CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that **BETSY DAVIS and JANICE CRAWFORD** be and hereby is appointed to serve as board members to the City of Salem Free Public Library Board for a five (5) year term of service ending December 31, 2023.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Adopted: March 4, 2019

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R. Carter		X	X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce			X			

S. Kellum			X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter)

Karen Roots presented minutes from last meeting held, February 20, 2019.

Public Safety (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

Meeting next Monday evening at 6:00 pm.

Public Works (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

Meeting Thursday at 6:00 pm

Human Services (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Gregory)

Councilman William Corbin met with the Mayor and Carol Wright to talk about Carpenter Village - the trash pile-up and dumpsters being overloaded with trash. Dumpsters have been removed. Also discussed surveillance cameras. Working closely with Carol Wright to continue with clean up.

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

Councilwoman Ruth Carter is looking into private properties

Neighborhood Initiatives/Community Services

(Roots, Corbin, Carter, Gregory)

Council President Roots would like to meet next Monday, upon availability. Clerk will notify.

Redevelopment (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage)

Meeting next week or two weeks from now

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Mayor was absent

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Gage spoke on the sink hole. Mr. Angelastro stood and shared two (2) bids they received. Out of the two, Morris Excavating seems to be the better fit.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION

Lou Perry – he spoke of the fire that happened on March 3rd at his home. He thanked a list of people including the Fire Department, Engine 13, Salem City Police Department., Mr. Gralley, Officer Michael Pelura and his partner and the neighbors for all their help and concern.

Madji Youssef of VanMeter Terrace - is concerned about the huge tax lien on his property. Does not want it to go into foreclosure.

Wendy Dublin – Employee of the Salem City School District. She expressed her love for what she does. She will be retiring this year.

Daffione Moore – Ninth Street, Salem, NJ – as a neighbor, Mrs. Moore commended the fire dept. for their professionalism and quick response and job well done on the fire that occurred on March 3rd. In addition she congratulated Ms. Dublin on her recognition for her volunteerism.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Earl Gage.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 18, 2019