

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OF JANUARY 27, 2015

A Special Budget meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Karen Roots. The meeting took place in the Municipal Building located at 1 New Market Street at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons, Ruth Carter, Charles Hassler, Horace Johnson, and Sherman Hampton. Council President announced that a quorum was present. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., City Solicitor David J. Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Kathleen L. Keen. Councilmen Vaughn Groce, Earl Gage, and James Waddington were absent.

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 ON JANUARY 23RD, 2015 SETTING FOR THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

PUBLIC PORTION: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

CFO Crescenzi spoke of working on the 2015 Budget; noting the dollar amounts for 2014, what can be expected for 2015, and how the actual tax rate is established. There were questions regarding what the cost of the Finlaw Building is to the city. CFO Crescenzi noted he will attend all committee meetings to discuss budget numbers with the individual committees, then bring those numbers to full council for review. Maintaining the police force and the possibility of hiring more officers via the “COPS” grant was discussed, as well as the police budget and the ability to sustain it yearly to fund the police department and officers. The water and sewer budget needs to be looked at also.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Hassler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: September 21, 2015

Kathleen L. Keen
Kathleen L. Keen, RMC City Clerk