

CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Planning Board of the City of Salem was called to order by James Dickerson in the Municipal Building, One New Market St., at 6:30 PM. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reading of The Open Public Meeting Act: Notice of the regular meetings of the Planning Board of the City of Salem as required by Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act" has been provided by the Public advertisement of a schedule adopted by Resolution on January 19, 2017 setting forth the time, date and place of all regular meetings of the City of Salem.

Roll call:

Members present were: James Smith, Earl Gage, Cathy Lanard, James Dickerson, Benjamin Ford came in 6:48, Robert Lanard, William Sumiel, and Crystal Walker

Members absent were: Mayor Charles Washington Jr. and John Pankok

Staff present were: Edgar Hathaway – Solicitor, Uzo Ahirakwe – Planner, Carol Wright – Secretary.

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and William Sumiel to approve the meeting minutes for January 19, 2017. All were in favor.

Application #17-001 – 413 E. Broadway – Surinder Bindra – Bindra Investments LLC (Sunoco)

Mr. Bindra stated he is the sole owner, 2009 the office forgot to include the car wash on the Business License. The car wash has been there for 30 years.

Surinder Bindra was sworn in everything thus far has been true. Mr. Bindra stated he will operate 24 hours a day with eight employees. He stated he has been sick and he owns a lot of gas stations, his daughter took care of the businesses. The car wash needed a compressor, business is bad and he would like to open the carwash. Mr. Bindra stated he is going to run the automatic carwash maybe with one extra person. There will be no exterior changes.

It was moved and seconded by James Smith and Robert Lanard to approve the Business License with limitations that the carwash run from dawn to dusk. All were in favor.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Mr. Edgar Hathaway Esq. stated Lamont Johnson came before the Historic Preservation Commission and was given an update on United Way. Lamont Johnson will come back before the board next month on how quickly the matter can be resolved. Benjamin Ford joined the meeting. William Sumiel stated he is on the United Way Board of Directors.

Earl Gage informed the board that Dave Bailey of Ranch Hope may be moving his operation of collecting used clothing out of Pilesgrove and partnering with Mid Atlantic to bail and ship overseas.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and James Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. All were in favor.