

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 13, 2015**

A regular 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 Annex located at 17 New Market Street at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons, Ruth Carter, Vaughn Groce, Horace Johnson, Lydia Thompson, and James Waddington. Council President announced that a quorum was present. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Solicitor David Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Kathleen L. Keen. Councilmen Earl Gage and Charles Hassler were absent.

**STATEMENT OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

NOTICE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING 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”, WAS PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT ON OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Michael Galante of Remington & Vernick Engineers explained the 2016 NJDOT Road Grant application to Council. Several different locations were discussed as Mr. Galante explained the milling and overlay process that will be done. Council all agreed the east end of Grieves Parkway should be finished, and instructed Mr. Galante to submit the application on behalf of the City. There is no match required for this grant; the application must be submitted by October 28.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

CFO Crescenzi previously distributed the Best Practices Checklist on October 5<sup>th</sup> to Council for their review. At this time the CFO addressed each line item and led the discussion of the checklist.

With no further business before public, Councilman Waddington motioned to convene into Executive Session, Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and all were in favor. The regular portion of the meeting ended at 6:15pm.

**RESOLUTION 2015-144  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SALEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

a. ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE-NEGOTIATIONS

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage						X
V. Groce			X			
C. Hassler						X
H. Johnson		X	X			
L. Thompson			X			
J. Waddington	X		X			
K. Roots			X			

With a Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Groce, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 6:45.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Council President Roots seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: October 19, 2015

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