

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF JANUARY 17, 2017**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order President Karen Roots. The meeting took place at the 1 New Market Street at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Councilpersons, Ruthann Carter, Earl Gage, Charles Hassler, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, and Lydia Thompson. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Andrea Rhea, City Solicitor, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Tierra M. Jennings. Councilman Horace Johnson was absent

INVOCATION PASTOR JOHNSON

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 2ND, 2017 SETTING FORTH THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF ALL THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1612 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF SALEM, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Hassler to table Ordinance 1613 for further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-56**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE
SITE REMEDIATION FUND PUBLIC ENTITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW
JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of up to \$6,109 from the Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund Municipal Program through the Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the Preliminary assessment along with the report preparation of the North Bend Fire Company No. 4 property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Salem that the above referenced grant is hereby accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute grant documents as an authorized representative thereunder, as the representative for the City of Salem

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilwoman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-56. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-57**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF HARRON JEFFRIES AS A
LABORER FOR THE CITY OF SALEM WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem has determined there is a need for a Laborer in the Water/Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem, hereby wishes to appoint Harron Jeffries to the position of Laborer effective February 6, 2017 at the salary set forth in the Union Contract of \$35,139 per year; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and employment with the City of Salem is subject to Civil Service Regulations and contingent upon the passing of a physical and substance abuse screening.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, that Harron Jeffries is hereby appointed as a Laborer for the Water/Sewer Department.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilwoman Carter to adopt Resolution 2017-57. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-58**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JAMAR THOMPSON AS A
LABORER FOR THE CITY OF SALEM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem has determined there is a need for a Laborer in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem, hereby wishes to appoint Jamar Thompson to the position of Laborer effective February 6, 2017 at the salary set forth in the Union Contract of \$35,139 per year; and

WHEREAS, said appointment and employment with the City of Salem is subject to Civil Service Regulations and contingent upon the passing of a physical and substance abuse screening.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, that Jamar Thompson is hereby appointed as a Laborer for the Public Works Department.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-58. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-59**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GLOBAL
INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT (GISI) TO PROVIDE CONSULTING
SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SALEM FOR YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, this Contract made between the Global Institute for Strategic Investment “CONSULTANT” and the City of Salem “CLIENT” shall commence on January 1, 2017 and continue in effect until January 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, the parties on a mutual basis may decide ninety-days (90) prior to the end of this agreement, in writing, to extend this period for an indefinite number of six (6) month increments. In addition, this AGREEMENT may be modified or amended if all parties agree in writing. Any party may terminate this AGREEMENT at any time with at least ninety-days (90) written notice to the other party and

WHEREAS, the Consultants shall use its best efforts to provide consulting services to Client in matters of Policy Planning and development, Government Affairs, Research, Business, and Public-Private Partnerships development, strategic advice on ongoing client matters, and other related matters as the client shall reasonably request

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey that the Mayor and Council President are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Agreement between the City of Salem and the Global Institute for Strategic Investment (GISI), of 113 Reveille Road, Wayne PA 19087 to provide Consulting Services for planning and development to the city at a cost of \$15,000.00 for a term of one (1) year starting January 1, 2017 until January 1, 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that final authorization and execution of said agreement is hereby contingent upon final approval by the Director of Local Government Services.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-59. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-60**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FUTURE SYSTEMS TO
PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the Contract between the City of Salem “CLIENT” and Future Systems “Consultant” shall be effective January 1, 2017 and continue until December 31, 2017 at will or as services dictate, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Professional Service Request

WHEREAS, the “Consultant” shall perform services described in the proposal, which is attached hereto and the scope of services may be adjusted in future by mutual written consent of both parties and

WHEREAS, the “Consultant” is retained as an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of Client and Consultant shall be responsible for all obligations and reports covering Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Worker’s Compensation, Income Tax and other reports and deductions required by any applicable State or Federal Law

WHEREAS, for satisfactory completion of the services authorized by “Client” shall pay “Consultant” in accordance with the rates of the cost proposal included in this agreement between the City of Salem and Future Systems; “Consultant” shall invoice “Client” monthly with invoices due within thirty (30) working days after receipt by “Client”

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Agreement between the City of Salem and Future Systems of 409 South Street #72 Eatontown, NJ 07724 to provide Professional Services to the City of Salem at a cost of \$43,000.00 for a term of one (1) year starting January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2018.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-60. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-61**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AIDAN HASSLER TO THE SALEM
MUNICIPAL PORT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:68A-32 Municipal Port Authority members shall be appointed by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem wishes to reappoint **AIDAN HASSLER** to Seat 5 of the Salem Municipal Port Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that **AIDAN HASSLER** is hereby reappointed as a Member of the Salem Municipal Port Authority for a term ending January 31, 2022.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt Resolution 2017-61. Roll Call. Motion carried 6-0. Councilman Hassler abstained from voting.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-62**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATRINA ISRAEL TATUM TO THE
SALEM MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40a:12A-17 the City of Salem wishes to appoint **KATRINA ISRAEL TATUM** to the position of Board Member, which is a Mayoral Appointment, to the Salem Municipal Housing Authority

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey that **KATRINA ISRAEL TATUM** is hereby appointed as Board Member for the Salem Municipal Housing Authority for a term ending December 31, 2021

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-62. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Next meeting to be held February 13, 2017

Public Safety: (Gage, Roots, Hassler, Carter)

Ambulance had \$1,125 worth of runs. 94% 4 minutes less

Public Works: (Groce, Roots, Hassler, Gage)

Will have a meeting Friday, January 20, 2017

Human Services: (Hassler, Gage, Groce, Thompson)

Have not met. Will meet February 13, 2017

Neighborhood Initiatives/ Community Service: (Thompson, Johnson, Roots, Carter)

Next meeting will be held February 13, 2017

City Property/Capital: (Carter, Hassler, Thompson, Roots)

Next meeting will be February 13, 2017

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage)

Had a meeting January 9, 2017. Discussed disposition for vacant properties.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Mayor stated that he and Council President Roots met with Senator Sweeney for support with funding for the city. There will be a Roundtable discussion on same in the near future..

Mayor also stated that he had a meeting on 1/11/17 regarding Empire Blended. There will be funding available for the rail-line. Salem City looks to be in the spotlight and is confident with matters moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

No one spoke in public portion. Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage. All in favor. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION 2017-63
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. CONTRACTS

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.

With a Motion by Councilman Hassler, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 7:30pm.

After Closed Session meeting was concluded, the following business took place:

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-64

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
SALEM AND INVENTIVE DEVELOPMENT, INC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, this Agreement made as of this 28th day of November, 2016 between Inventive Development, Inc., of Rosemont, PA (IDI) and the City of Salem, New Jersey and

WHEREAS, IDI and the City of Salem are considering entering into a business transaction between them involving the long term leasing of land for trade related port and industrial development. The twenty (20) acre parcel of land envisioned by this agreement for use as a combination enclosed and open air large warehousing, storage, and distribution center with adjacent Solar generation field and

WHEREAS, IDI hereby covenants and agrees that during the Standstill Period, IDI will secure the necessary financing, packaging, formation of special purpose entities and develop partners to carry out projects and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall commence on the date written above and shall continue in full force and effect for a period of eighteen (18) months and will continue past the initial period until either party delivers to the other party written notice terminating this agreement, not less than seven (7) days prior to the effective date of termination (the Standstill Period)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Agreement between the City of Salem and Inventive Development, Inc. (IDI), of 222 Bailey Road, Rosemont, PA 19010 to provide professional services to the City of Salem

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-64. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-65**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO ENTER INTO
AGREEMENT WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR
NJDCA SMALL CITIES PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO EMERGENCY WATER WELL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, after engaging in the Fair and Open Process, on or about January 2, 2017 the City of Salem entered into an Agreement with TRIAD ASSOCIATES for grant writing services for the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the City requested TRIAD ASSOCIATES to assist in the preparation and filing of an application under the existing Professional Service Agreement (FY2016 General Services Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Principal desires to engage the professional services of Consultant as described in “Exhibit A-Description of Project and Scope of Services” (the “Services”) attached and made part of this agreement and

WHEREAS, TRIAD ASSOCIATES has agreed that for all services rendered by TRIAD Associates in connection with the agreement including those set forth on Exhibit “A” hereto (Scope of Services) and Exhibit “B” hereto (Compensation and Method of Payment) and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform the Services for the Principal upon the terms and conditions stated in the Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey hereby authorize TRIAD ASSOCIATES to proceed with the project for the City of Salem under NJDCA Small Cities Public Facilities Implementation Service SFY2017; and the appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all actions as are necessary to proceed hereunder.

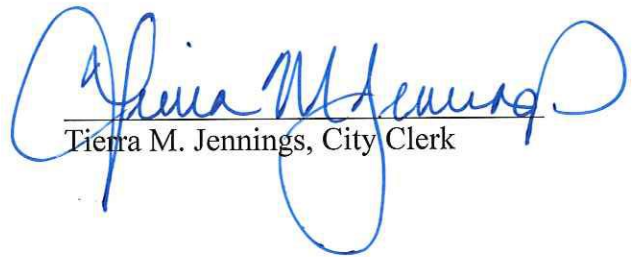
Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-65. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Council, Councilman Hassler motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Gage seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: March 6, 2017



Tierra M. Jennings, City Clerk