

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
OF FEBRUARY 6, 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, Vaughn Groce, Charles Hassler, Horace Johnson 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.

**INVOCATION** COUNCILMAN EARL GAGE

**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 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2017 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 MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt the minutes of DECEMBER 19, 2016 Open and Closed Session Minutes. Roll Call. Motion carried 8-0.

**COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS**

**PROCLAMATION-** Mayor Washington honored the 2016 Salem High School Football Team for a job well done in the 2016 season. They received a plaque with their name that was read and formally signed by the Mayor.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**1613** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 69 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilwoman Carter to introduce Ordinance 1613 for first reading. Roll Call. Motion carried 8-0.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2017-66**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE  
A PROPERTY TAX AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SALEM  
AND SOUTH JERSEY PORT CORPORATION FOR YEAR 2017**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, in the State of New Jersey that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign the Property Tax Agreement between the City of Salem and the South Jersey Port Corporation for year 2017

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-66. Roll Call. Motion carries 8-0.

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2017-67**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING KENNETH GRALLEY AS BATTALION CHIEF TO  
THE WASHINGTON FIRE COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Kenneth Gralley is confirmed as Battalion Chief to the Washington Fire Company for the City of Salem for a term ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-67. Roll Call. Motion carries 8-0.

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2017-68**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN PELURA AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that John Pelura is appointed Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Salem for a term ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.  
Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-68. Roll Call. Motion carries 8-0.

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2017-69**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL PELURA AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Michael Pelura is appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Salem for a term ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-69. Roll Call. Motion carried 8-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)**

Next meeting to be held on February 13, 2017

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

Next Meeting to be held on February 13, 2017

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

Next meeting will be held on February 10, 2017 at 7:30am

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

Had a property that failed for lead and a CO is not permitted until abated. City will be looking into the issue to see if the abatement was done.

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

Will meet on February 13, 2017. Anyone who would like to be a block captain, please let Lydia or Horace know.

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

Will meet on February 13, 2017

**Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage):**

Had a meeting on 1/26/17. Discussed Neighborhood Initiative

## MAYORAL COMMENTS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## PRESENTATION BY JASON COHEN, APPRAISAL SYSTEMS

- **Dave Crescenzi**- Stated that the State constitution implemented tax assessments. Meeting will be concluded this week.
- **Mayor**- Stated that the taxes will fluctuate. The City has not had a tax assessment done since 2007. Reval had to be done.
- **Marie Procacci**- The ratio was raised to 150%. The County who overlooks the procedures found it necessary for the Reval to be done.
- **Jason Cohen, Appraisal Systems**- All properties were inspected and based on market value. It went by single family, multi-family, commercial properties and more. He wanted to come to the meeting and let everyone know that if they have a need for a meeting regarding their taxes, that it will be concluded Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Everyone can refer to the website to also obtain information regarding the tax assessments. There were some people who went up and some that went down depending on their evaluation. The website for more information is [www.asinj.gov](http://www.asinj.gov). The tax impact statement was used for process with evaluation.

## PUBLIC PORTION

**Crystal Tuthill 178 Cook Ave**- Stated that there is a box truck blocking view on her street

### **Joy Coleman VanMeter Terrace-**

- 1) Asked why the meeting changed from 7:00pm-6:30pm
- 2) Inquired about harassing phone calls and if they should go to (856) 935-0057
- 3) Inquired about street cleaner and if it were up and running
- 4) Inquired about liasions to the school board. She stated that 1/3 of her taxes goes toward the school.
- 5) Wants to see if the science board can get together and plant trees.
- 6) Inquired about the street light because the streets are dark. Need to have a pole number.
- 7) States that City Council has power and wants Council to use it

**Christy Hunter 21 Delaware Drive**- Complained about potholes on her street and when it can be fixed.

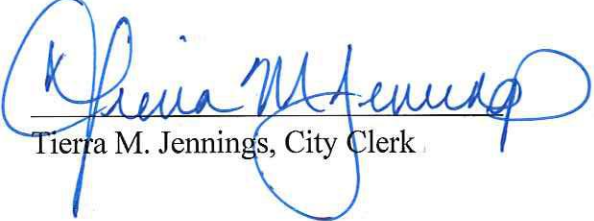
Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to close public portion.  
All in Favor. Motion carries.

**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 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: March 6, 2017



Tierra M. Jennings, City Clerk