

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MARCH 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 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. Councilwoman Ruth Carter was absent.

INVOCATION PASTOR DANNY THOMAS OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt the minutes of JANUARY 2, 2017 (REORG), JANUARY 17, 2017 OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION, AND FEBRUARY 6, 2017 OPEN SESSION minutes. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

No Report

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-79**

**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 \$30,874 from the Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund Municipal Program through the Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for Remedial Investigation along with report of the Four Salem BDA sites 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt Resolution 2017-79. Roll Call. Motion carries 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Next meeting will be March 20, 2017

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

Met with Chief Pelura about bail reform. Also had a meeting with Fire Chief and will conduct meeting with crossing guards.

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

Next meeting will be March 17, 2017 at 7:30am. Charles Hassler and City Solicitor, Andrea Rhea went to Trenton to discuss new well.

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

Have not met but still working with City Property regarding Future Systems. Meeting with Future Systems on March 9, 2017 at 10:00am.

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

Karen will be meeting with Superintendent regarding City Pool. Chief Pelura is also looking into inputting cameras at the pool. Ms. Thompson also needs dates for the Spring Clean-Up and Amnesty Day

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

Looking into putting new roof on property on Sinnickson Street

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage):

No report. Councilman Gage attended Stand up for Salem meeting

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Mayor had a phone conference regarding the master plan for the Economic Development. The City is looking into changing the website. Next meeting, we will have an MOU for Rutgers. Economic Plan- Planning Board to review and have to Council by next week.

Neighborhood Initiative- Mayor working with USDA about NTI project

State monitor- George Hausber has retired and will be replaced by a new monitor. Looking into new monitor moving forward

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

Joy Coleman- VanMeter Terrace-

- 1) Asked if Mayor had an office
- 2) Asked how many properties needed to be demolished
- 3) Inquired as to who owns the two bank buildings
- 4) Asked what happens if ATV vehicles are on the street
- 5) Inquired about the drain on Wesley. Stated that if the street cleaner cannot do the work, can it be done by hand

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

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Hassler to adopt Resolution 2017-80 for closed session. All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-80**

**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 as follows:

(1) ***Matters required by law to be confidential:*** Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.

(3) ***Matters involving individual privacy:*** Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned .

(4) ***Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement:*** Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

(5) ***Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or investment of public funds:*** Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) ***Matters of public protection:*** Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.

(7) ***Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege:*** Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Board is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.

(8) ***Matters relating to the employment relationship:*** Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of , promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.

(9) ***Deliberations after public hearing.*** Deliberations by the Board occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Common 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 Salem County Board of Social Services that the Board 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. LITIGATION IN REGARDS TO WATER/SEWER PLANT

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 Gage, seconded by Councilman Johnson, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 7:50pm.

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 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: March 20, 2017


City Clerk