

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MAY 15, 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 Ruth Carter, 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. Councilman Earl Gage was absent.

INVOCATION LYNN KUTEIMS

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 PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Carter to approve bill payments. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Kellum to adopt the minutes of MAY 1, 2017 OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

STAND UP FOR SALEM

BLOCK PARTY ON JUNE 16, 2017

COW RUN ON OCTOBER 1, 2017

SUMMER CONCERTS ON JULY 6-27, AUG. 17, SEPT. 7, SEPT. 14 OF 2017

GOSPEL FEST ON OCTOBER 14, 2017

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Kellum to approve Stand Up For Salem applications. All in Favor. Motion carries.

JOHN K. DAVIS

PANTING HART MUSIC TO HAVE GOSPEL FOLK CONCERT ON JUNE 24, 2017 FROM 3:00PM-4:30PM IN MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Kellum to approve Panting Hart Music Gospel Folk Concert application. All in Favor. Motion carries.

MEALS ON WHEELS

TO CONDUCT A RAFFLE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 AT 10:00AM TO SUPPORT FOOD SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED CLIENTS

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Carter to approve Meals on Wheels Raffle application. All in Favor. Motion carries.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1615 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO ESTABLISH NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE POLICIES AND CREATE AN URBAN HOMESTEADING PROGRAM

Introduced: May 15, 2017

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

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Kellum to introduce Ordinance 1615 for first reading. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-95**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TERRY STOMEL, ESQ. AS
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of the Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:24-3 requires that the governing body appoint at least one municipal public defender to represent indigent defendant's in the Municipal Court;

WHEREAS, requests for proposals for the positions were made by the Clerk in accordance with the Fair and Open Process; and

WHEREAS, the City received one response from Terry Stomel, Esq. who is qualified to fill the position.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Terry S. Stomel, Esq. is hereby appointed as municipal public defender for the remainder of 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk and Mayor are authorized to execute a professional services agreement containing the terms and compensation set forth in the City's Request for Proposals.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Carter to adopt Resolution 2017-95. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-96**

**A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING TIERRA M. JENNINGS AS
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 every New Jersey municipality shall have a Clerk; and

WHEREAS, upon the vacancy in the position of municipal clerk, Tierra M. Jennings was appointed for a one year term as acting municipal clerk effective June 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 provides that any person so appointed, with the approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, may be reappointed as acting municipal clerk for a maximum of two subsequent one-year terms following the termination of the temporary appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem is satisfied with the performance of Tierra M. Jennings and that she is taking the necessary steps toward certification.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Tierra M. Jennings is re-appointed as Acting Municipal Clerk for the City of Salem for a one year term commencing on June 1, 2017 and ending on May 31, 2018 contingent upon approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Solicitor shall forward a copy of this Resolution and Required Questionnaire to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Carter to adopt Resolution 2017-96. Roll Call. Motion carried 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Next meeting will be June 12, 2017

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

Met 5/12/17 regarding function of the Water/Sewer plant. New hires are working out very well thus far.

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

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

Reported on Future Systems regarding abandoned properties. Ordinances will be upgraded to have grass cut and keep City in good condition

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

Update on pool. Sandblasting and painting will start next week. The school will be donating paint also for the pool. The opening of pool will be tentatively June 22, 2017. Also, a Cleanup will be done on Thompson Street due to the trash and debris. Looking for the community to come and support the cause to keep the City in good condition.

The public must notify the Streets department of bulk items so they can be picked up.

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

Also discussed Future Systems. Will have a meeting June 27, 2017 at 10:00am. Councilman Hassler also touched base on the Oak Street Project. Been getting a lot of calls of the bricks and tree removal. The Committee also meet on June 12, 2017 at 1:00pm

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage, Kellum)

No Report but supporting the new Neighborhood Transformation Initiative

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Mayor Washington thanked Council for introducing the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative ordinance. There will be a meeting on May 18, 2017 at 10:00am regarding the Ardagh site with Kevin Clark and local stake holders. The goal is to bring jobs within the City with several businesses being at the site.

Mayor also will be having a ceremonial signing on the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative on June 7, 2017 at 10:00am here at 17 New Market Street.

Saturday, May 27, 2017, there will be a cleanup on that day on Thompson Street. Mayor stated that he wants the community come together and clean the area.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Starting next month, our monthly Council meetings will go down to one session for the summer hours. It will be every 3rd Monday until October in which the two sessions will resume. The dates are as follows: June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18

PUBLIC PORTION

Joy Coleman- VanMeter Terrace-

- 1) Stated that someone from the newspaper should be here in the meeting
- 2) Inquired about microphones so they can hear better
- 3) Inquired as to what will happen if a house will go into decay that are under Historic Preservation
- 4) Stated that a house on her street had a lot of trash and feels that it is a safety hazard

Shirley Beasley- 167 Cook Ave.- Neighbor stated that someone who was supposed to cut the grass but weed-wacked it and is not happy.

William Corbin- Davis Ave- Mr. Corbin stated that the police department ran through his backyard during a pursuit and informed him of what was going on. He was appreciative of the police department for letting him know.

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

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt Resolution 2017-97 for Closed Session. All in Favor. Motion carries

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2017-97**

**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 Common Council of the City of Salem and 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.

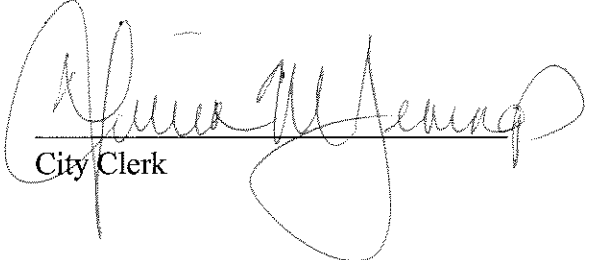
With a Motion by Councilman Groce, seconded by Councilman Johnson , and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 7:50pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Councilman Hassler motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Johnson . Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: June 26, 2017



City Clerk