

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Horace Johnson Sharon Kellum, Lydia Thompson, and Russell Walker. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Jennifer Blumenthal-City Administrator, Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO and Tierra M. Jennings-City Clerk.

INVOCATION

EVERETT DICKINSON

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 1ST, 2018 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 and seconded by Councilman to adopt the minutes of January 1, 2018 (Open Session). All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

PROCLAMATION

❖ HONORING TOM GANT

Mayor Charles Washington presented a Proclamation of Retirement to Thomas Gant from the City of Salem for his hard work and service.

❖ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Charles Washington read proclamation for Black History Month recognizing Black History and urged all to do the same.

PRESENTATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION- PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN HORACE JOHNSON

Councilman Horace Johnson along with Mayor Washington presented Arlene Maiden and Ernie Davis with an award for their services with the community.

COMMUNICATION

MEALS ON WHEELS- PRESENTED BY CARLY MELCHERT

Ms. Melchert spoke about the program and foods they distribute on a weekly basis. She stated that they need more volunteers and stated that if anyone would like to volunteer to contact her. There will be training classes on same.

She also informed Council they will be doing a coin box drive to help raise money to reach a goal of \$15,000.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/FINAL PASSAGE

1801 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 68, LOT 43, 65 UNION STREET, SALEM, NJ TO SALEM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Hearing Held: February 5, 2018

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

Adoption: February 5, 2018

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

R. Walker			X			
K. Roots			X			

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-61**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A TAX CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, the City of Salem holds a Tax Lien Certificate on the following property known as;

Block 5, Lot 42 176 Griffith Street Tax Certificate # 15-00003

WHEREAS, the Tax Lien Certificate was erroneously sited on the aforementioned property of record, as such property is exempt from taxation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and the Tax Collector are hereby authorized to sign and cancel the record of the Tax Sale Certificate referenced above.

Adopted: February 5, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-62**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alliance Committee purpose is to recommend to the Governing Body the operation and administration of programs in professional counseling which are of benefit to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible for funding from the State of New Jersey for the purpose of developing and organizing efforts to reduce alcoholism and drug abuse through a local Municipal Alliance Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Salem that it does appoint the following members to the Municipal Alliance Committee for a one year term; expiring December 31, 2018:

Adopted: February 5, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTON 2018-63**

**A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF SALEM AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE**

WHEREAS, City of Salem has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, City of Salem will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the auction achieves a price of \$0.0794/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.07810/kWh or less for an 18 month term, a price of \$0.0768/kWh or less for a 24 month term; City of Salem may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Salem be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Salem any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction if the auction achieves a price of \$0.0795/kWh or less for a 12 month term, a price of \$0.0776/kWh or less for an 18 month term, or a price of \$0.0778/kWh or less for a 24 month term; City of Salem may award a contract to the winning supplier for the selected term.

Adopted: February 5, 2018

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Will meet on February 12

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

No Report. At next Council Meeting, will appoint new officers.

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

Had a meeting to discuss contract negotiations regarding Water and Sewer Department

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

Will have meeting on February 12

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

Will have meeting on February 12

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

Will have meeting on February 12. Will see what part of the City is designated as parks. Will also work soon on donations for the pool

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage, Kellum)

No Report

MAYORAL COMMENTS

- Mayor Charles Washington went over Incollingo’s timeline to see where the City stands with the grocery store
- Had a meeting with Senator Booker’s office for dredging of port to maintain waterways.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Gage discussed dispute amongst businesses in the City.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PORTION

John Melleady 71-73 Market- Discussed being under reevaluation and that his taxes are doubled. Also stated that he was charged with 2nd and 3rd quarter taxes which he should not be charged.

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

Motion made by Councilman ^{Gage} and seconded by Councilman ^{Kellum} to adopt Resolution 2018-64 for Closed Session. Roll Call. Motion carried 8-0

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-64**

**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, the Common Council of the City of Salem 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. CONTRACT 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.

Adopted: February 5, 2018

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

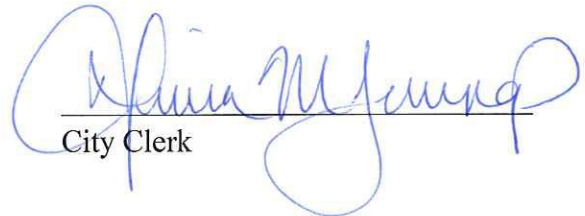
With a Motion by Councilman Gage , seconded by Councilwoman Kellum , and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 7:55pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Council, Councilman Gage motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: March 5, 2018



City Clerk