

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MARCH 19, 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 and Russell Walker. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO and Tierra M. Jennings-City Clerk. Councilwomen Sharon Kellum and Lydia Thompson were absent.

INVOCATION MAYOR CHARLES WASHINGTON, JR

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 Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt the minutes of February 20, 2018 AND March 5, 2018 (Open and Closed Sessions). All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

APPLICATIONS

MEALS ON WHEELS TO HOST A 50/50 GIANT RAFFLE ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 TO SUPPORT FOOD SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED CLIENTS

Councilman Gage motioned and Councilman Groce seconded to approve Meals on Wheels Raffle Application. All in Favor. Motion carries.

SALEM FRATERNAL OF EAGLES TO HOST A PULL TAB RAFFLE FOR VARIOUS DATES DURING 2018-2019

Councilman Gage motioned and Councilman Groce seconded to approve Eagles Raffle Application. All in Favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ❖ PROCLAMATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ASSOCIATION OF SALEM COUNTY- PRESENTED BY MAYOR CHARLES WASHINGTON, JR FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION BY LINDA DUBOIS, SALEM COUNTY AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mayor Washington presented the American Cross with a proclamation for National American Cross Month that was accepted by Linda Dubois. After proclamation was presented, Ms. Dubois gave a brief overview of the American Red Cross program.

- ❖ FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION- PRESENTED BY CHIEF KENNETH GRALLEY

Chief Gralley who spoke about the importance of fire safety and it can be prevented. He stated that all smoke detectors need to be working in the home. He added to pay close attention when cooking as unattended cooking can cause a hazard. Additionally, heating devices should be paid close attention at all times.

Lastly, he stated there has been issues where fires may have been intentionally set.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/FINAL PASSAGE

1802 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Amendment: March 19, 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			

Public Hearing Held: March 19, 2018

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

S. Kellum						X
L. Thompson						X
R. Walker			X			
K. Roots			X			

Adoption: March 19, 2018

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-83**

A RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO SALEM HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOUNDATION FOR A SUPERMARKET FEASIBILITY STUDY

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Salem formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to Salem Health and Wellness Foundation on behalf of the City of Salem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Salem and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Adopted: March 19, 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			

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-84**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES COLEMAN TO THE SALEM
MUNICIPAL PORT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem wishes to appoint James Coleman to the position of Board Member to the Salem Municipal Port Authority for a term of January 31, 2018 through January 31, 2023.

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 James Coleman is hereby appointed as Board Member for the Salem Municipal Port Authority for a term ending January 31, 2023.

Adopted: March 19, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-85**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO SUBMIT A MODIFICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE FY2017 FUNDING RELATED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GRIEVES PARKWAY-PHASE 3 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Salem originally applied for MA FY 2017 funding that was approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") that was approved for \$172,757.00; and

WHEREAS, the original project limits were on Grieves Parkway from Walnut St to Yorke Street; and

WHEREAS, there has been a modified project limit from Walnut Street to Elm Street, which the Engineer had estimated to be at a project cost of \$167,235.000 .

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 Township Engineer is authorized to submit a modification to project limits as set forth above to the NJDOT to advise of the same.

Adopted: March 19, 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			

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-86**

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GRIEVES PARKWAY-PHASE 3 IN THE CITY OF SALEM

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized the solicitation of Bids for the Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway- Phase 3 in the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the City rejected the bids so that it could revise the specification and authorized the solicitation of the Bids for the Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway- Phase 3 in the City of Salem using the revised specifications; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 13, 2018 from two bidders as more fully described on the Bid Summary attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Asphalt Paving Systems Inc.; and

WHEREAS, said bid was reviewed by the City Clerk, City Solicitor and City Engineer and the Engineer has recommended an award of the contract to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. for the Base Bid No. 3, Items 1-30 in the amount of \$139,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract with Asphalt Paving Systems for the Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway- Phase 3 is approved for the Base Bid No. 3, Items 1-30 in the amount of \$139,200.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the contract for the same.

Adopted: March 19, 2018

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

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-87**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH JERSEY
REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER & CUMBERLAND COUNTY SPCA**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is in need of animal shelter services; and

WHEREAS, South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter & Cumberland County SPCA have submitted a proposed contract to provide said services to the City for the sum of \$16,080.00 for the period of March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 ; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that the funds are available.

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 contract attached hereto for basic shelter services in the amount of \$16,080. Is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement for services in accordance with this Resolution.

Adopted: March 19, 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			

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2018-88**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF RECEIVERSHIP ACTION
REGARDING PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 73, LOT 1.01**

WHEREAS, a municipality is authorized by N.J.S.A. 54:4-123 to bring an action in the Superior Court to appoint the Tax Collector as receiver ex officio for the purpose of collecting and satisfying out of rents, delinquent taxes against real property at any time after taxes have become delinquent for more than six (6) months; and

WHEREAS, taxes assessed against real property located at 443-457 E Broadway, Salem , N.J., Block 73, Lot 1.01 have been delinquent for more than six (6) months resulting in a delinquency as of February 21,2018 of \$209,803.78 along with interest and costs; and

WHEREAS, such property is occupied by multiple tenants.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that it approves the commencement of an action in Superior Court, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-123 to request that the Salem City Tax Collector be

appointed receiver ex officio of the rents and income of property located at 443-457 E Broadway, Salem and designated as Block 73, Lot 1.01 for the purpose of collecting and satisfying out of such rents and income, the delinquent taxes against the real property, together with penalties, interests and costs and such costs of the receivership as may be adjudged by the court.

Adopted: March 19, 2018

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R. Carter		X	X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson			X			
S. Kellum						X
L. Thompson						X
R. Walker			X			
K. Roots			X			

Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)

Met on March 12. Unable to discuss items regarding personnel.

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

3 gentlemen for police have passed police academy

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

Met on March 12 to discuss Sickels and Associates and other personnel matters

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

Met on March 12. Talked about incorporating Human Services with City Property which is now implemented.

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

Discussed Spring Cleanup that will commence on March 24, 2018 from 8-12

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

Met on March 12. Discussed property on Thompson Street that was damaged by last week's storm. Also discussed Reconstruction on Grieves Parkway and tree situation on Linden Street.

The committee also discussed 10 Elm Street that was taken off the demo list and requested by James Butler to own property. Motion made to City Property to negotiate NTI with James Butler about 10 Elm Street. All was in favor. Motion carried.

Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage, Kellum)

No Report

MAYORAL COMMENTS

- Petitioned Governor's Office about Opportunity Zone and they have accepted.

- Discussed the timeline of railroad
- Feasibility Study for grocery store will be awarded to individuals by the Brown Group associated with Uplift.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION

William Corbin- Davis Ave-Mr. Corbin thanked the City for all of their hard work that they have done thus far.

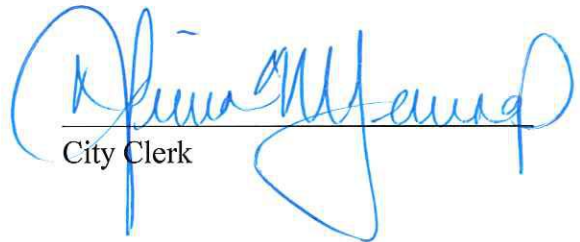
Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to close public portion. All in Favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before Council, Councilman Gage motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Groce seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved: April 2, 2018


City Clerk