

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MAY 21, 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: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, Horace Johnson. Also in attendance were Jennifer Blumenthal-City Administrator, Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Tierra M. Jennings-City Clerk. Councilman Walker and Councilwoman Lydia Thompson were absent.

**INVOCATION**

LINDA GARRISON

**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 1<sup>ST</sup>, 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 PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to approve payment of bills. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Carter to adopt the minutes of May 7, 2018 (Open Session). All in favor. Motion carries.

**COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS**

NONE

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-99**

**A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO SIGN ASSEMBLY  
BILL A3724/SENATE BILL S2313 INTO LAW ESTABLISHING THE  
ZERO EMISSION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR NUCLEAR POWER  
PLANTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem recognizes the benefit that the PSEG Nuclear LLC power plant has been to the County of Salem, by contributing millions to the local and regional economy , supporting 5,800 jobs with 1,600 direct jobs at the plants, many of those employed being from the local area; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council recognizes that the power plants have proven to be good neighbors dedicated to safe operations and supporting may volunteer and non-profit organizations within our region’s community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to see the nuclear power plants continue to be viable Zero Emission Energy providers, protecting our environment by supplying more than 90 percent of New Jersey’s carbon free electricity for 3 million homes.

**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 does hereby urge Governor Phil Murphy to sign the Zero Energy Emission Certificate Program for nuclear power plants legislation

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney and Salem County municipalities.

**TABLED:** May 7, 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			

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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)**

Will meet on June 11 at 4:30PM

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

Will meet on June 11

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

Will schedule a meeting on June 11

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

Mr. Johnson stated that they are preparing for the pool. Paint has come in along with umbrellas. Also will be painting the pool building. In addition, hiring of lifeguards will be needed as the current lifeguards have graduated and moved on.

Lastly, Mr. Johnson stated that they will have a bulk amnesty in July and Fall Cleanup in November.

**City Property/Capital/Human Services: (Carter, Walker, Kellum, Roots)**

Will meet on June 11 at 4:00PM

**MAYORAL COMMENTS**

- ❖ Mayor stated that he hopes that everyone received the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Salem City Newsletter
- ❖ There will be a number of events on Memorial Day
- ❖ Mayor stated that he will be attending a Cannabis Convention in New Jersey

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nuclear drill tomorrow evening at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Police Station at 4:30PM

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Shirley Beasley 167 Cook Ave-** Inquired if Council Meetings are going to one meeting

**William Corbin 16 Davis Ave-** Stated that the newsletter is very informative and the best yet to date

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

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt Resolution 2018-104 for Closed Session. Roll Call. Motion carried 6-0

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2018-104**

**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
- B. LITIGATION

**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: May 21, 2018

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

Motion to endorse authority to Jim Landgraf for settlement with GPM Associates upon approval of Mayor Washington, Jr. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson to approve settlement for crossing guard back pay. All in favor. Motion carries.

**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 7:30pm.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Approved: June 18, 2018



City Clerk