

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OF MARCH 9, 2015**

A Special Budget meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Karen Roots. The meeting took place in the Municipal Building located at 1 New Market Street at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons, Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Charles Hassler, and James Waddington. Council President announced that a quorum was present. Also in attendance were City Solicitor David J. Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Kathleen L. Keen. Mayor Washington and Councilmen Sherman Hampton and Horace Johnson were absent.

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 ON MARCH 6TH, 2015 SETTING FOR THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

OLD BUSINESS:

CFO Crescenzi discussed applying for Transitional Aid and the application deadline of March 16, 2015. He explained the “CAP” and referendum needed if the city were to go that route, noting the state does not look kindly on towns under state aid, they want towns to sustain themselves. The discussion then turned to landlord licenses, CO’s and non-payment of taxes; people walking away from homes and the loss of jobs within the city recently with Ardaugh closing and relocation of Wire Pro. Lastly CFO Crescenzi questioned what dollar amount applying for and the narrative for the transitional aid application.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

It was moved and seconded by Councilmen Waddington and Gage to take Resolution 2015-67 off the table, all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2015-67
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR
TRANSITIONAL AID FOR THE CY 2015**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, and the State of New Jersey recognizes the need to apply for financial assistance by submission of Application under the Transitional Aid Program for the CY 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council acknowledges that upon submission of the application, State oversight shall begin immediately and will be terminated only upon one of the

following conditions: (1) the application for aid is withdrawn; (2) notice is received that no award of funds will be provided in 2015; or (3) consistent with the terms of the/an MOU are required to be executed as a condition of grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey that the Submission of the Transitional Aid Application for the CY 2015 is hereby authorized and approved.

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Hampton						X
C. Hassler			X			
H. Johnson						X
J. Waddington		X	X			
K. Roots			X			

PUBLIC PORTION: NONE

With no further business before Council, Councilman Gage made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Hassler seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: September 21, 2015

Kathleen L. Keen
Kathleen L. Keen, RMC City Clerk