CITY OF SALEM MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF JULY 13, 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 Annex located at 17 New Market Street at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Council President Karen Roots, Councilpersons, Ruth Carter, Earl Gage, Charles Hassler, Horace Johnson, and James Waddington. Council President announced that a quorum was present. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Kathleen L. Keen. Councilmen Vaughn Groce and Sherman Hampton were absent.

STATEMENT OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

NOTICE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING 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 JULY 10, 2015 SETTING FOR THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF THIS SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

PUBLIC PORTION: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

CFO Crescenzi discussed the 2015 Budget; he explained the projected tax rate based on the county and school figures. Councilman Hassler questioned the amount for the school taxes; CFO Crescenzi clarified how the figures come to fruition. Councilman Hassler then questioned the amount budgeted for 2014 vs the actual amount spent and what the total savings was. CFO Crescenzi distributed a handout showing the 2014 and 2015 budgeted figures and total cost.

Councilman Gage then spoke of future city property and capital projects and funding. Lastly there was a discussion regarding grants for water & sewer projects/needs.

With no further business before Council, Councilman Hassler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Gage seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: September 21, 2015

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