

**CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF JULY 20, 2015**

A regular 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 Old County Courthouse located at Broadway and Market Streets at 7:00 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, Horace Johnson, and James Waddington. Council President announced that a quorum was present. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Solicitor David Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Kathleen L. Keen. Councilman Sherman Hampton was 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 OF A SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON JANUARY 1ST, 2015 SETTING FOR 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

It was moved by Councilman Hassler to approve the bill list, Councilman Gage seconded. Councilman Groce questioned bills for Premier Technology on the list. It was then motioned and seconded by Councilmen Groce and Gage to approve the bill list minus the Premier Bill; Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Hassler, seconded by Councilman Gage to adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

At this time Mayor Washington administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officers Andrew D. McDonald and Deric I. Adams. Both new officers were accompanied by members of their families.

“Future Systems” a Vacant and Abandoned Property Management Solutions Company gave a presentation on behalf of their company; after there was a brief question and answer session with the Council.

“National Time Clock Systems” gave a presentation to council on behalf of their company; after there was a brief question and answer session with the Council.

Councilman Hassler motioned to approve an Entertainment Application for Fellowship, Love, Glory to God Church Inc. to host an open prayer in MLK Park on August 15, from 3-6pm. Councilman Gage seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Hassler motioned to approve an Entertainment Application for Diamonds in the Rough Inc. to host a mini concert in MLK Park on September 5. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Groce abstaining.

Councilman Hassler motioned to approve an Entertainment Application for Victory Fellowship Ministries to hold a Car Wash Youth Fundraiser on July 25 at 320 Grant Street from 9am-1pm. Councilwoman Carter seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Hassler motioned to approve an Entertainment Application for Montrey Wright “Summer Jam” to host Concerts in MLK Park on August 22 from 12noon-8pm. It was noted this same application was approved last year but was never paid for. Councilman Gage seconded the motion with the condition of both years’ fees being paid. Motion carried 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

**ORDINANCE 1504
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37
HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE
PLACED AT 34 SOUTH FRONT STREET**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 225, Section 37, Schedule “11” be amended as follows:

A Handicapped Parking Sign be placed at **34 South Front Street**, the residence of **Pamela L. Carney**.

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

**ORDINANCE 1505
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37
HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE
PLACED AT 340 EAST BROADWAY**

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 225, Section 37, Schedule “11” be amended as follows:

A Handicapped Parking Sign be placed at **340 East Broadway**, the residence of **James Peyton**.

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

ORDINANCE 1506
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 84, LOT 19
ALSO KNOWN AS 234 SINNICKSON STREET

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that pursuant to the authority granted in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 (a)(1) the City of Salem shall acquire the real property and premises commonly known as Tax Block 84, Lot 19, also known as 234 Sinnickson Street, Salem, New Jersey, by acceptance of the donation of same by deed transfer from David Goldstein, such acceptance to be effectuated upon review and approval of the City Solicitor as to clear title to same.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect according to law.

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

ORDINANCE 1507
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF THREE PROPERTIES ON
WESLEY STREET

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that pursuant to the authority granted in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 (a)(1) the City of Salem shall acquire said real properties and premises commonly known as: Tax Block 64, Lot 37, also known as 238 Wesley Street, Salem, New Jersey, Tax Block 65, Lot 13, also known as 252 Wesley Street, Salem, New Jersey, and Tax Block 65, Lot 14, also known as 254 Wesley Street, Salem, New Jersey by acceptance of the donation of same by deed transfer from Barry Sheets and Kenneth Waddington, such acceptance to be effectuated upon review and approval of the City Solicitor as to clear title to same.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect according to law.

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

ORDINANCE 1508
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 67, LOT 19
ALSO KNOWN AS 31-33 OLIVE STREET

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that pursuant to the authority granted in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 (a)(1) the City of Salem shall acquire the real property and premises commonly known as Tax Block 67, Lot 19, also known as 31-33 Olive Street, Salem, New Jersey, by acceptance of the donation of same by deed transfer from Garden State Land Company LLC, such acceptance to be effectuated upon review and approval of the City Solicitor as to clear title to same.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect according to law.

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

City Solicitor Dave Puma explained Ordinances 1506, 1507, 1508; noting the Redevelopment Committee is close to an agreement with Cathedral Community Development Corporation, a NJ Choice Program to help with home ownership, thus the need for the city to own the properties first. Solicitor Puma then acknowledged and introduced Bishop Dawn Brown of the CCDC who was in attendance this evening.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RESOLUTION 2015-104

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NO PASSING ZONE ON ROUTE 49 IN THE VICINITY OF WEST BROADWAY AND FRONT STREET

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 49 in the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT recommends a revision to the centerline pavement markings on Route 49 to create a “No Passing Zone” in the vicinity of M.P. 8.51 West Broadway and Front Street for safety reasons; and

WHEREAS, this project will create safer driving conditions in this area of Route 49;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, of the County of Salem, in the State of New Jersey that it supports the use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 49 in the City of Salem as recommended by NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-105

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WATSON & HENRY ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS

WHEREAS, the City of Salem applied for and received Certified Local Government Grant # HE14-012 2015(FFY2014) which provides funding to retain the services of an historic architect, qualified in accordance with The National Park Service Professional Qualification Standards, to produce a Planning Report providing guidance for 22 properties on the East Broadway corridor which are candidates for future rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem, through a Fair and Open Process, publically solicited requests for proposals for the aforesaid architectural services; and

WHEREAS, of the proposals received, Watson & Henry Associates’ was the most responsive, complete and the lowest cost at \$24,770.00; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Local Government Grant will cover the cost of the Watson & Henry proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and sign a Contract with Watson & Henry Associates to provide the Planning Report for the 22 properties on the East Broadway corridor for future rehabilitation to the City of Salem.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-106

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MAIN STREET - STAND UP FOR SALEM FOR SPONSORING “MARKET STREET DAY”

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey that the Mayor and the Common Council do hereby support Main Street – Stand Up For Salem for sponsoring “Market Street Day” in the City of Salem on Saturday August 29, 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-107

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNING A SCENIC BYWAY SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has undertaken to identify and provide technical support for the establishment of Scenic Byway identification signs along the Bayshore Heritage Byway throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, segments of Grieves Parkway and South Front Street in the City of Salem are contained in the municipal road network; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the Scenic Byway Program is increased by the placement of approved street signs and would identify these roadways as participating in the program;

NOW, 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 City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for installation of Scenic Byway signs subject to final consideration by the City Public Works Superintendents, and the City Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-108

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAND UP FOR SALEM, INC. TO APPLY FOR A \$400,000.00 PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT FROM NJDCA FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OAK STREET ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SALEM

WHEREAS, in years past the City has previously received grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“NJDCA”), Small Cities Public Facilities Grant Program and wishes to apply again for this grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the severe financial crisis affecting the City has resulted in no budget funds being available to the City to pay for a consultant to prepare an application or pay the 5% match if the grant is awarded to the City; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, last year Stand Up For Salem, Inc. agreed to prepare the application at no cost to the City and to submit it in connection with an application being made by the City to NJDOT for the reconstruction of Oak Street; and

WHEREAS, the City was approved by NJDOT for the reconstruction of Oak Street but the NJDCA did not fund the Public Facilities application for associated sidewalk and streetscape repairs; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the City has again requested that Stand Up For Salem, Inc. prepare the necessary materials to resubmit the Oak Street application for Public Facilities funding to NJDCA so that if funded, Oak Street, which is located in the NRTC Zone and is a Street where several houses have received NRTC façade improvement funding, can receive necessary and long overdue improvements to sidewalks, curbs, lighting, street trees, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Stand Up For Salem has agreed to resubmit the application at no cost to the City, with the understanding that the funds dedicated to the reconstruction of the road surface of Oak Street through the NJDOT Grant received by the City would provide the 5% match for the Public Facilities Grant; and Stand Up For Salem, Inc. has further agreed to administer the Public Facilities Grant, if awarded, for a fee that is permitted to be paid from the grant so there is no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to accept this generous proposal from Stand Up For Salem, Inc.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Stand Up For Salem, Inc. is authorized to proceed with the filing of an application for a Small Cities Public Facilities Grant on behalf of the City of Salem and is further authorized to do all things on behalf of the City that are required with respect thereto including but not limited to the advertisement of public notices and holding of a public hearing regarding the application; and Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the necessary documents related thereto for the application; and all City Officials, including the City Engineer, are authorized to cooperate and aid Stand Up For Salem, Inc. in pursuing this grant for the City; and all such actions heretofore taken are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-109
APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES
FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, the following entities have applied to the City of Salem for renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for the year commencing July 1st, 2015 and ending June 30th, 2016 on premises set forth in said application; and

WHEREAS, due to a new electronic licensing system recently implemented, the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued an Order to extend the 2014-2015 license term through September 18, 2015 allowing licensees to continue operating until their successful renewal for the 2015-2016 license term; and

WHEREAS, the hereinafter named entities, the applicants, have complied with the requirements provided by law for the obtaining of such Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses; and

WHEREAS, no objections have been made to the granting of such licenses to said applicants, and the City Clerk has made careful examination of the documents for renewal, and finding the same to be in proper order and knowing of no reason why the license should not be granted;

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 hereinafter named applicants be hereby granted renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses, as numbered in this resolution, to sell alcoholic beverages at the premises stated, and subject to law and regulations:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>LICENSE NO.</u>
OMRISH, INC.	331 East Broadway	1712-44-001-005
SALEM LIQUOR INC.	44 West Broadway	1712-44-009-008

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kathleen L. Keen, City Clerk be and hereby is designated as the person authorized to issue the aforesaid licenses on behalf of the City of Salem, and furthermore shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, in accordance with the Director’s instructions.

CITY LICENSE FEE CHARGED: \$300.00

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

**RESOLUTION 2015-110
APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 20 WALNUT STREET, BLOCK 62, LOT 23**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 62 Lot 23, commonly known as 20 Walnut Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$24,000.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property; subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the contract and the City of Salem did pay the sum of \$24,000.00 to SUFS;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$24,250.00 (\$24,000.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 20 Walnut Street, Salem, New Jersey, Block 62, Lot 23.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-111

APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 275 WESLEY STREET, BLOCK 66, LOT 16

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 66 Lot 16, commonly known as 275 Wesley Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$4,450.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property, subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are

authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$4,700.00 (\$4,450.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 275 Wesley Street, Salem.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-112

APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 273 WESLEY STREET, BLOCK 66, LOT 15

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 66 Lot 15, commonly known as 273 Wesley Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$4,450.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property, subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the contract and the City of Salem did pay the sum of \$4,450.00 to SUFS;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$4,700.00 (\$4,450.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 273 Wesley Street, Salem,

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

RESOLUTION 2015-113
APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 28-30 EAKIN STREET, BLOCK 67, LOT 5

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 67 Lot 5, commonly known as 28-30 Eakin Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$24,000.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property, subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$24,250.00 (\$24,000.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 28-30 Eakin Street, Salem, New Jersey, Block 67, Lot 5.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-114
APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 40 OLIVE STREET, BLOCK 68, LOT 24

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 68 Lot 24, commonly known as 40 Olive Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$13,000.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property; subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the contract and the City of Salem did pay the sum of \$13,000.00 to SUFS;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$13,250.00 (\$13,000.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 40 Olive Street, Salem, New Jersey, Block 68, Lot 24.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-115

APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 219 SMITH STREET, BLOCK 86 LOT 9

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 86 Lot 9, commonly known as 219 Smith Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$7,500.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property; subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the contract and the City of Salem did pay the sum of \$7,500.00 to SUFS;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$7,750.00 (\$7,500.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 219 Smith Street, Salem, New Jersey, Block 86, Lot 9.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-116

APPROVING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 270-272 WESLEY STREET BLOCK 65, LOT 22

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Salem Ordinance No. 0906, Chapter 86 “Buildings, Unfit, Abandoned and Unsafe,” and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, an Order to Demolish was issued on May 29th, 2015, for Block 65 Lot 22, commonly known as 270-272 Wesley Street, Salem, NJ 08079 (“the Property”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order to Demolish, on June 5th, 2015, the City of Salem entered into a “Contract to Perform Services,” with Stand Up For Salem, Inc. (“SUFS”) wherein the City of Salem agreed to pay SUFS, the sum of \$15,000.00 upon completion and acceptance of the demolition of the Property, subject to and conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in said Contract; and

WHEREAS, SUFS, did satisfactorily complete the job pursuant to the terms of the contract and the City of Salem did pay the sum of \$15,000.00 to SUFS;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Order to Demolish, the City of Salem incurred legal fees for the filing of legal papers and incurred advertising charges pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5;

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 Clerk are authorized to execute and perfect a municipal lien in the amount of \$15,250.00 (\$15,000.00 in demolition costs to SUFS and \$250.00 in legal fees and costs) on the property located at 270-272 Wesley Street, Salem, New Jersey, Block 65, Lot 22.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-117
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALEM AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT INITIATIVE (EII) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Salem City has identified the need to purchase two (2) Police Department vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Salem City has determined the need replace two police vehicles due to age, amount of street time/mileage and dependability of the vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to apply to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for funding under the Rural Development Economic Impact Initiative (EII) Grant Program to undertake the purchase of the two new vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the purchase of the two new vehicles is hereby in all respects approved and be it further resolved that the Mayor or his designee and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents associated with the Application for USDA Rural Development funding through the Rural Development Economic Impact Initiative (EII) Grant Program for the purchase of two new police vehicles.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: President Roots spoke of meeting with Main Street/SUFS to discuss vendors coming into the city for events with regard to application fees, timeframe for applications and starting the process earlier next year. She spoke of Main Street/SUFS taking over Market Street Day this year, performance reviews for employees to be done mid-year, and the new time reporting system for all departments. The next meeting will be August 10 at 5:30.

Public Safety: Councilman Gage reported his committee meet with the fire department recently and discussed the inevitable need for apparatus replacement. He spoke of the two new hires in the police department, and noted he would discuss Fenwick Ambulance in Closed Session.

Public Works: With Councilman Hampton absent, Councilman Groce reported the next public works meeting is tomorrow, 6:30pm at 17 New Market. They have been discussing the dam project, and will continue the meetings.

Community Service: President Roots reported next meeting will be August 10, 6:15 at 17 New Market Street.

Human Services: Councilman Hassler spoke of “Future Systems” previous presentation, noting he has reached out to other towns who use them, he contacted the Pleasantville Administrator who said they are very happy with their work.

City Property/Capital: Councilwoman Carter reported the repairs to the roof at 17 New Market are continuing and almost complete. The next meeting will be August 10, 6:45 at 17 New Market.

Redevelopment: Councilman Waddington reported the redevelopment committee discussed Cathedral Community Development Group, and moving forward with them. He mentioned Printers of Salem County are looking for a new location in town for their business, and urged council to continue patronizing local businesses, mentioning The Little Shop in the Middle, Java Dog, etc. Lastly he spoke of still trying to obtain NRTC funding again this year. The next Redevelopment meeting will be August 17, at 5:15.

Neighborhood Initiatives: Councilman Johnson said he did not have a report at this time, the next meeting will be held on August 12 at 5:30.

MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Washington reminded everyone of upcoming events in the city; the BBQ, Concerts in the Park on Sunday and Thursdays, and the Farmers Market every Friday. He urged everyone to support the local vendors. He spoke of recent storms and the loss of power by many throughout the city, thanking all who helped and the support given by OEM, Mid Atlantic, and the United Way. Mayor Washington spoke of the city reaching out to ACE (Atlantic City Electric) to trim trees around the city that are close to electric lines. Lastly he thanked council for their time and effort in moving the city forward, noting they have been working on a new time clock/reporting system.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Bill Corbin of Davis Ave said there are two new families on Davis Avenue, and he is glad to see people moving into the city. He also noted the potholes on Grieves Parkway in the area of the Campbell Center are getting worse.

Lucille Simons of Kent St spoke of the street sweeper being broke, and having to clean the streets around her house due to people “tossing” trash continuously. She noted the problem is getting worse, cars are parked in the area with loud music, throwing trash, and blocking her driveway; she also stated a car was parked by her home for over three weeks with a flat tire and was an “eyesore” and asked council to do something. Mayor Washington responded urging Ms. Simons to call the police department when cars are parked illegally.

Joy Coleman of Van Meter Terrace stated there is a lot of littering and trash throughout the city, and it seems to happen through the night. She also urged council to stay on top of the situation.

Janice Harvey of Magnolia St said people in her neighborhood recently moved out and left couches and other furniture in the yard. She asked for something to be done about this.

With no further requests for public comment, Councilman Hassler made a motion to close the Public Portion of the meeting. Councilman Gage seconded the motion and all were in favor. Councilman Hassler motioned to convene into Executive Session, Councilman Gage seconded the motion and all were in favor. The regular portion of the meeting ended at 8:40pm.

RESOLUTION 2015-118
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;

WHEREAS, the City 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, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council 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. CONTRACTS

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.

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

With a Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Groce, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 9:45.

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 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted:

Approved: August 17, 2015

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