

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF DECEMBER 3, 2018

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Councilman Earl Cage. The meeting took place at 1 New Market Street at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present:** Councilpersons Ruth Carter, William Corbin, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, James Smith. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Anita Garcia-City Clerk. President Karen Roots was absent.

INVOCATION

Sonita Johnson

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

A motion was made by Councilman William Corbin and seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 19, 2018. All members voted in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

Mayoral proclamation read and presented to Sister Carol Adams by Mayor Charles Washington. Sister Carol thanked the Council for the proclamation.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 1809

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (WATER METERS) IN AND BY
THE CITY OF SALEM, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING
SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SALEM, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all the
members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the City of Salem, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,000,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the said \$2,000,000 appropriation negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,000,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the City in a principal amount not exceeding \$2,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of the water supply and

distribution system in and by the City, including the acquisition by purchase and installation of new and additional water meters, together with all site work, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the City Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$2,000,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$2,000,000.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the City may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$2,000,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$300,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement financed by this bond ordinance and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the City solely for an environmental infrastructure project described in paragraph (c) of section 40A:2-11 of said Local Bond Law and, therefore, no down payment is required.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that, except as may be otherwise provided for and authorized by N.J.S.A. §58:11B-9(e) relating to interim loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8 and N.J.S.A. §58:11B-9(e). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and, unless paid from revenues of the water supply and distribution system and sanitary sewerage system of the City, the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the City Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

Introduced: December 3, 2018

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter		X	X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage			X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum	X		X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots						X

The foregoing Ordinance will be scheduled for hearing and consideration for final passage on December 17, 2018

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Earl Gage, Pro Tem

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
COUNTY OF SALEM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-161

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 12 LOT 16 BY THE
SALEM CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE
SALEM CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem Free Public Library (the “Library”) is currently located at 112 West Broadway, Salem, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Library would like to purchase the adjacent property located at 116 W. Broadway (Block 12 Lot 16) (the “Property”) for purposes of expansion of its existing facility; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:54-25, the Library has certified to the City of Salem (the “City”) the amount of money, in addition to such moneys as it may have on hand applicable to such purposes, necessary for the purpose of making such purchase of land, the erection of buildings or other improvements thereof, and certified the total amount of moneys and funds available for the purchase of lands or erection of buildings, and an estimated account of the amount necessary for the maintenance of the library for the balance of the then current year.; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the aforementioned information from the Library, the City would like to authorize the Library to expend the sums of money necessary to purchase the Library; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:54-25, title to the property shall be taken in the name of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Library would like to enter into a lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted Resolution 2018-131 authorizing purchase of the property contingent upon execution of a lease agreement drafted on or about August 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the library asked for a longer lease term than was contemplated when Resolution 2018-131 was adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that:

1. The Library is hereby authorized to expend the sums of money necessary to purchase the Property in order to expand the existing library facility, subject to the Library and City entering into a lease agreement in a form approved by the Solicitor.
2. The Mayor shall be authorized to execute the Lease Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Earl Gage, Pro Tem

Adopted: December 3, 2018

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter		X	X			
W. Corbin	X		X			
E. Gage			X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum			X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots						X

I, Anita Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on December 3, 2018.

Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
COUNTY OF SALEM**

RESOLUTION 2018-162

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM BY THE CITY OF SALEM, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem in the County of Salem, New Jersey deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

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 Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c. 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Earl Gage, Pro Tem

Adopted: December 3, 2018

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin	X		X			
E. Gage			X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots						X

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Date

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**CITY OF SALEM
COUNTY OF SALEM**

RESOLUTION 2018-163

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REMINGTON AND VERNICK TO PERFORM
A TRAFFIC STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Salem in the County of Salem, New Jersey deems it appropriate to have a traffic study performed regarding the impact of truck and other traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has proposed to perform such a work for an amount not to exceed \$2000.00; 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 Remington and Vernick are authorized to perform a traffic study of an amount not to exceed \$2000.00.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Earl Gage, Pro Tem

Adopted: December 3, 2018

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin	X		X			
E. Gage			X			
V. Groce			X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots						X

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Anita Garcia, Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
COUNTY OF SALEM**

RESOLUTION 2018-164

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT BOB LANARD TO THE SALEM HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred on the Salem Housing Authority due to the resignation of Matthew Hassler, whose term expires December 31, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Bob Lanard be appointed to the Salem Housing Authority for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Earl Gage, Pro Tem

Adopted: December 3, 2018

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
H. Johnson						X
S. Kellum	X		X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots						X

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Anita Garcia, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Roots, Gage, Johnson, Carter)

No report

Public Safety (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

No Report

Public Works (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

Councilman Groce wants to set up a meeting for next week.

Human Services (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Smith)

No meeting

City Property /Capital (Carter, Smith, Kellum, Roots)

Councilman Carter reported need to further discuss continued phases for improvements of Grieves Parkway.

Neighborhood Initiatives/Community Services

(Johnson, Roots, Carter, Corbin)

Councilman Corbin reported no meeting will take place until the New Year.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

The Mayor reported that he will be making a presentation to the County Freeholders on December 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Finlaw Building and County Courthouse.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION

Mary Hogate made a proposal that the City hire her as an Economic Development Director for the City. The Mayor advised that a similar position may be opening in 2019 and she is welcome to apply at that time.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Jim Corbin.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 17, 2018