

**CITY OF SALEM**  
**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF JANUARY 22, 2019**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Karen Roots. 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, Timothy Gregory, Sharon Kellum. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Anita Garcia-City Clerk. Council Member James Smith was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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**

A motion was made by Councilman Earl Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum to approve the payment of bills. All members voted; motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Earl Gage and seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 17, 2018 and January 7, 2019. All members voted in favor. Motion carries.

**COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS**

Mayor Charles Washington honored Horace Johnson by presenting him with a proclamation. A family member received the proclamation in his place. Council President Karen Roots also commended Mr. Johnson for his exemplary work and service within the community services committee and other boards; he was also presented with a gift.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2019-50**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE FORD E350 BY  
THE CITY OF SALEM FOR USE BY THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem has the need for a reliable vehicle for use by the ambulance department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code provides that vehicles utilized by the ambulance department be acquired in name of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Elsinboro has a 1995 Ford E350 with 53,000 miles for sale for the sum of \$7,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s current vehicle, a 1996 F350 has over 100,000 Miles and the cost to make repairs and get it certified is approximately \$9,000., which exceeds the amount to purchase the vehicle from Elsinboro; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to offer its current vehicle for sale to help offset the purchase price of the vehicle from Elsinboro; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that funds are available to make the purchase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the purchase of the Ford E350 from Elsinboro for the sum of \$7,500 is authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sale of the City’s current ambulance vehicle, which is no longer needed for the City’s purposes is authorized in any manner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-13 et seq.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF SALEM**

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Anita Garcia, Clerk

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Karen Roots, Council President

**Adopted:** January 22, 2019

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOVED</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
R. Carter					X	
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory			X			

V. Groce	X		X			
S. Kellum		X				
J. Smith						X
K. Roots			X			

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Council President Karen Roots requested that this resolution be taken into closed session, prior to approval. Councilman Vaughn Groce moved to have the resolution tabled; seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum. All in favor; motion carried

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2019-51**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PLAN FOR THE  
SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee, and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Salem further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Salem; and

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

1. The Common Council of the City of Salem does hereby authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the Salem City Municipal Alliance grant for the fiscal year 2020 in the amount of :

DEDR \$8,336  
 Cash Match \$2,084  
 In-Kind \$6252

- The Common Council of the City of Salem acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
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**CITY OF SALEM  
 RESOLUTION 2019-52**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for electronic tax sales; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

**WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides for a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale. .

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit the same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services as necessary.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration** (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter)

Meet next week, contingent upon everyone's availability

**Public Safety** (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

Meeting next Monday night

**Public Works** (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

Vaughn Groce stated that they had a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January; we had our first read out from our superintendent to identify efficiency and main focus was following proper procedure. Meeting again in a couple of weeks.

**Human Services** (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Smith)

Meeting next Monday

**City Property /Capital** (Carter, Smith, Kellum, Roots)  
Will schedule meeting for next week

**Neighborhood Initiatives/Community Services**  
(Roots, Corbin, Carter, Gregory)  
Meeting next week

**Redevelopment** (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage)  
Meeting will be scheduled for next week to coincide with the others

### **MAYORAL COMMENTS**

Commended the public for their attendance. On January 8, 2019 the Mayor traveled to Trenton to meet with legislators pertaining to food deserts. Spoke with Mayor Albert Kelly, from Bridgeton. Upon giving a unique perspective, in reference to the grocery store, the Legislators opposed it and gave their perspective of what can be done. Mayor feels that the ideas presented by the legislators is counterproductive to our community and what we are trying to do for our city. Further discussions are set forth on how to better address what was proposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Tulam – 333 E. Broadway  
Local 77 Labor Union

He addressed the Ardaugh Glass project. He feels that it is missed opportunity to not engage in the work that's going on.

Brian, who is a union representative also addressed the same situation. He expressed on how they believe in local hire and wanted to know how they can help. He also mentioned that he's worked with a revitalization plan in Camden and would like to share.

Mayor Washington responded and addressed both men, and the public, with agreeing to the fact that local residents should be hired for jobs within the city; and also working on bringing employers who will hire local. He also stated that the city is not involved with Ardagh, therefore, it is not sanctioned by the city. Ardagh has taken it upon itself to do what was not approved upon. Mayor also expressed that we cannot force unification. He further elaborated that employers who come into the city, not only look to make a profit from us, but to put back into this community by investing through recreation, and other ways that benefit our city.

## **RESOLUTION 2019-53**

### **Resolution Authorizing Executive Session**

**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 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. union agreement/attorney client privilege
- B. \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**ATTEST:**

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