

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MAY 6, 2019

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Pro-Tempore Councilman Earl Gage. 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, Timothy Gregory, Sharon Kellum, and James Smith. Council President Karen Roots joined after and resumed the meeting. Also in attendance, our Mayor Charles Washington, Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and Anita Garcia-City Clerk. Councilman Vaughn Groce was absent.

INVOCATION

Rev. Gary Cecil

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, 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 MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Groce and seconded by Councilman Kellum to adopt the minutes of April 15, 2019. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

Mayor Washington and Council President Roots presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Dublin who owns NYCE Touch Barber Shop and to Christine’s His & Hers Clip Shop, for their continuous business support and their service within the community.

Brian Penn from Future Systems presented the governing body with an introduction and activity report. He spoke on the new work order system that is currently in place regarding public works, in providing worker efficiency.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 1902

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM AMENDING CITY CODE
225-37, SCHEDULE XI, HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES**

WHEREAS, the handicap parking space at 210 Church Street in the City of Salem created and authorized by Ordinance 03-03 is no longer needed because the resident at the location who needed the handicap space is no longer residing at that address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, Salem County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Section 225-37, Schedule XI is hereby amended by deleting 201 Church Street as a location for a handicap parking space.

Section 2. Signs restricting the space for handicap parking shall be removed from the location set forth above.

Section 3. If a court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Salem heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

Introduced: April 1, 2019

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	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 an Ordinance introduced by the Common Council of the City of Salem on April 1, 2019. Public Hearing shall take place on **May 6, 2019**.

Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

**NOTICE OF HEARING PUBLISHED: MAY 6, 2019
POSTED: APRIL 24, 2018**

Motion to open Public Hearing:
Seconded by:
Roll call

Public Hearing: May 6, 2019

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R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			

Motion to close Public Hearing:
Seconded by:
Roll call

Final Adoption: May 6, 2019

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

Motion to adopt:
Seconded:

Date

Karen Roots, Council President

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 an Ordinance adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on March 18, 2019.

Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 1904

CALENDAR YEAR 2019

MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.50% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.50% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.50% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salem in the County of Salem finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.50% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salem hereby determines that a 1.00% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$65,285.06 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Salem hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the City of Salem shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.50%, amounting to \$228,497.71, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the City of Salem be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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Karen Roots, Council President

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J. Smith			X			
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 Seconded:

Date

Karen Roots, Council President

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 an Ordinance adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on May 6, 2019.

Date

Anita Garcia, Clerk

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

**CITY OF SALEM
 RESOLUTION 2019-77**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX TITLE
 LIENS IN REM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 et seq., the Tax Collector of the City of Salem has certified to the City Council that the City of Salem, a municipality in the County of Salem, New Jersey is the holder of certain Tax Sale certificates covering the lands for the amounts, including subsequent municipal liens, as shown on the Tax Foreclosure list hereto annexed and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Salem the Governing Body of the City of Salem, that the Tax Sale Certificates as shown on the attached foreclosure list now held by the City of Salem be foreclosed by summary proceedings IN REM as provided by N.J.S.A. 54:5104.29 et seq. as amended and pursuant to the rules of Civil Practice in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, David Crescenzi, Tax Collector of the City of Salem certify that the foregoing schedules of Tax Sale Certificates are eligible for Foreclosure.

David Crescenzi, CFO

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 May 6, 2019.

Date

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-78**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A CLUB LICENSE
FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

WHEREAS, the following entities have applied to the City of Salem for renewal of a Club License to sell alcoholic beverages for the year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 on premises set forth in said application; and

WHEREAS, the hereinafter named entity, the applicant has complied with the requirements provided by law for the obtaining of such Club License; and

WHEREAS, no objections have been made to the granting of such license to said applicant, and the City Clerk has made careful examination of the application 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 Club Licenses, as numbered in this resolution, to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises stated, subject to law and regulations:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>LICENSE NO.</u>
Fraternal Order of Eagles Salem Aerie 1966	232 East Broadway	1712-31-011-001

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Anita Garcia, 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.

LICENSE FEE CHARGED: \$150.00 each

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Anita Garcia, City Clerk

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W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum		X	X			

J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			

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_____ Date

_____ Anita Garcia, City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter)

Roots spoke on the meeting that was held on May 1, 2019 at 5pm.

- Website is up and running however, some changes are needing to be made. All are encouraged to reach out to the clerk, if corrections are needed to be made.
- Entertainment applications for a Back to School Day (Heather Ashfield) and Painting Heart Music (John Davis) were approved.
- Solicitation applications for other events are awaiting payment before proceeding with approval.
- Next Admin Meeting will be: May 28, 2019

Public Safety (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

Will schedule a meeting in a couple of weeks

Public Works (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

A meeting with the Director of Water and Sewage, took place two weeks ago discuss a couple projects. Next meeting TBD

Human Services (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Gregory)

Councilman Smith talked about the city homes housing officer visiting, making sure maintenance is being kept up on the properties. Next meeting TBD

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

Councilwoman Carter spoke on Grieves Parkway still needing to be completed and Jack’s Men’s Store needing approval from the Historic Society for approval to tear down. Next Meeting: May 28, 2019

Neighborhood Initiatives/Community Services (Roots, Corbin, Carter, Gregory)

Councilman Corbin talked about the chickens on Carpenter Street that neighbors have been complaining about however, with every visit thus far, there has been no visible activity of chickens.

Street Dept., has been working on repairs.

Redevelopment (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage)

Councilman Smith stated that Solar Systems will be doing a presentation on the next Council Meeting, May 20, 2019.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

A conference call is scheduled regarding the grocery store. Regarding the Ardaugh site, they are preparing to receive RFP's to begin developing the site. As far as Redevelopment: we will request with the Historic Society, to have the Jacks Men's shop demolished.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION

Attorney Adam Telsey brought his client Dr. Robert Chapdelain (pain medicine doctor; anesthesiologist) and Sheila Mitz, who helps with the application process, to express their interest in purchasing the Old Harvest Bank. They've express the need and the benefits, to the City of Salem, for a dispensary of medical marijuana. While the time frame of approval for a dispensary is a lengthy process, the parties' intentions of approaching the governing body, is to have their support of agreement in letter form, to move forward.

Councilwomen Carter and Kellum expressed their concerns for the city and its residents if a dispensary was in the Salem City.

Mayor – This subject has parties divided because of making decisions based on money as oppose to communal. The Mayor thanked Mr. Telsey, Dr. Chapdelain and Sheila Mitz for their time. While the data they shared was informative. A letter of support was not given at this time.

Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Earl Gage.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:17pm

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 20, 2019