

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF MAY 20, 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, Vaughn Groce, 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.

INVOCATION

Councilman Earl Gage

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 Councilwoman Kellum to adopt the minutes of May 6, 2019. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS

Mayor Washington and Council President Roots presented a certificate of recognition to Salem Oak Diner where Harum accepted the certificate. Also, Jewels Café where Tracy Adams accepted her certificate. Both businesses were recognized for their continuous business support and their service within the community.

Peter Schmitt from US Solar Corporation presented the governing body with a packet regarding the benefits of providing community-centered opportunities for clean, renewable, sustainable, and cost-effective solar energy. Council President Roots voiced that before proceeding, they would have to look over the packet.

2019 BUDGET HEARING

Dave Crescenzi, CFO expressed how together with the state monitor, they are working on some challenges. Transitional Aid Application is going in on Friday. It is a waiting game at this point. Suggested we table this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter)

Meeting will be: May 28, 2019 at **5:00pm**

Public Safety (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

Meeting will be: May 28, 2019 at **5:30pm**

Public Works (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

Director of Water and Sewer presented the governing body with an estimate breakdown. Spoke on work orders being in place and how Future Systems are to move forward with the new billing. Council President Roots stated: Please make sure that statutory guidelines are being followed with the CFO and State Monitor.

Committee Meeting on May 28, 2019 at **7:00pm**

Human Services (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Gregory)

Councilman Corbin has been visiting different sites with Housing Inspector to assure properties are up to par.

Committee Meeting on May 28, 2019 at **4:00pm**

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

Meeting on May 28, 2019 at **6:00pm**

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

Councilman Gregory spoke on neighborhood clean-up days starting in July.

Councilman Corbin spoke in reference to lifeguards for the pool. He will set up a meeting with Josiah Hughes.

Committee Meeting on May 28, 2019 at **4:30pm**

Redevelopment (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage)

Meeting on May 28, 2019 at **6:30pm**

MAYORAL COMMENTS

Mayor touched basis on working with RFP's for the Ardaugh site. Also, having Pennsville National Bank to meet at the table is still an issue. Will keep the public aware of the changes ahead.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Earl Gage.
Seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum.
All members voted in favor.
Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35pm

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 17, 2019