CITY OF SALEM

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 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 and Invocation by Rev. Jackie Johnson. **Present**: Councilpersons Ruth Carter, William Corbin, Timothy Gregory, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, Jim Smith and Council President Karen Roots. Also in attendance, Mayor Charles Washington Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and City Administrator/Clerk Ben Angeli. Councilman Earl Gage was absent.

Mr. Angeli read the statement of advertisement as follows:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times and is posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Kellum and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt the minutes as listed below. Councilman Smith recused himself and all others voted in favor. Motion carries.

August 19, 2019 Executive Session September 16, 2019 Common Council Meeting September 16, 2019 Executive Session September 27, 2019 Common Council Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

Presentation by Mr. Jeff Dilks from the Salem City Library on a new library program.

The Clerk read the Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

An Entertainment License application for Spirit Fellowship Church for 10-26-19. Motion to approve by Councilwoman Kellum and seconded by Councilman Groce. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

SECOND READING OF AND HEARINGS FOR ORDINANCES:

CITY OF SALEM ORDINANCE NO. 1910

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

WHEREAS, the handicap parking space at 89 Eight Street in the City of Salem created and authorized by Ordinance 1604 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 89 Eighth 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
Ben Angeli RMC	Karen Roots, Council President
Introduced: September 16, 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, Ben Angeli, Municipal 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 September 16, 2019. Public Hearing shall take place on October 7, 2019.

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Date	Ben Angeli, RMC

Final Adoption:

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

Date	Charles Washington Jr, Mayor
	or pf the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, do hereby certify correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Common Council of 019.
 Date	Ben Angeli, Clerk

SECOND READING OF AND HEARING FOR RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Councilwoman Kellum motioned to open the hearing on Resolution 2019-121, the motion was seconded by Councilman Groce with all members voting in favor.

The CFO spoke about the budget amendment. He stated that the increase was 2.9% and would mean a \$13 increase on a house valued at \$45,000.

Ed Sasdelli, the state monitor spoke about the importance of adopting the budget and that the Governing Body has showed courage and wisdom in applying for transitional aid. Without the aid, the increase to the homeowner could have been about \$700. He commended the City for being the first municipality to do the SRN program.

Councilwoman Kellum motioned to close the hearing on Resolution 2019-121, the motion was seconded by Councilman Groce with all members voting in favor.

CITY OF SALEM
COUNTY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-121
RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2019 was approved on the 15th day of April, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2019 be made:

Recorded Vote

Aye

Carter

Corbin

Gage

Gregory

Groce

Kellum

Smith

Roots

Nav

Abstained

Absent

CITY OF SALEM

COUNTY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-121

CURRENT FUND

From To

GENERAL REVENUES

1. Surplus Anticipated 465,000.00 493,000.00

Total Surplus Anticipated 465,000.00 493,000.00

3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations

Transitional Aid 1,160,875.00 1,500,000.00

Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations 2,556,814.00 2,895,939.00

3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue

Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government

Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

Municipal Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse - 8,336.00

Clean Communities Program - 12,924.09

Body Armor - 2,228.98

NJ DOT - Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway Phase V - 184,297.00

Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written

Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues 4,772.37 212,558.44

Summary of Revenues

- 1. Surplus Anticipated (Sheet4, #1) 465,000.00 493,000.00
- 3. Miscellaneous Revenues

Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations 2,556,814.00 2,895,939.00

Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of

Total Section F: Director of Local Government Services-Public and Private Revenues 4,772.37 212,558.44

Total Miscellaneous Revenues 3,258,974.37 3,805,885.44

- 5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3 and 4) 4,345,974.37 4,920,885.44
- 6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:
- a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 4,776,903.42 4,448,628.22

Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget 4,823,620.94

4,495,345.74

- 7. Total General Revenues 9,169,595.31 9,416,231.18
- 8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
- (A) Operations within "CAPS"

Financial Administration:

Salaries and Wages 73,812.00 97,000.00

Employee Group Health 1,435,875.00 1,349,000.00

Total Operations {item 8(A)} within "CAPS" 5,760,124.00 5,696,437.00

Total Operations Including Contingent - within "CAPS" 5,760,124.00 5,696,437.00

Detail

Salaries and Wages 2,686,507.00 2,709,695.00

Other Expenses (Including Contingent) 3,073,617.00 2,986,742.00

(E) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"

Anticipated Deficit - Utility Operating Fund 183,000.00 211,000.00

Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS" 941,475.16 969,475.16

(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal

Purposes within "CAPS" 6,701,599.16 6,665,912.16

From To

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Municipal Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse 2,084.00 10,420.00

Clean Communities Program - 12,924.09

Body Armor - 2,228.98

NJ DOT - Reconstruction of Grieves Parkway Phase V - 184,297.00

Total Public and Private Programs Offset

by Revenues 6,856.37 214,642.44

Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" 280,422.37 488,208.44

Detail

Salaries & Wages - -

Other Expenses 280,422.37 488,208.44

(D) Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"

Debt Service Guarantee 75,000.00 150,000.00

Total Municipal Debt Service-Excluded from "CAPS" 391,530.00 466,530.00

(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal

Purposes Excluded from "CAPS" 781,753.07 1,064,539.14

8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

- (O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS" 781,753.07 1,064,539.14
- (L) Subtotal General Appropriations {items (H-1) and (O)} 7,483,352.23 7,730,451.30
- (M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 1,686,243.08 1,685,779.88
- 9. Total General Appropriations 9,169,595.31 9,416,231.18

8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Summary of Appropriations

(H-1) Total General Appropriations for

Municipal Purposes within "CAPS" 6,701,599.16 6,665,912.16

(A) Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"

Public & Private Progs Offset by Revs. 6,856.37 214,642.44

Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" 280,422.37 488,208.44

(D) Municipal Debt Service 391,530.00 466,530.00

(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 1,686,243.08 1,685,779.88

Total General Appropriations 9,169,595.31 9,416,231.18

DEDICATED WATER/SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

10. DEDICATED REVENUES FROM WATER/SEWER UTILITY

Operating Surplus Anticipated 90,408.00 100,000.00

Total Operating Surplus Anticipated 90,408.00 100,000.00

Rents 2,353,553.00 2,424,757.00

Miscellaneous 695,783.00 576,307.00

Deficit (General Budget) 183,000.00 211,000.00

Total Water/Sewer Utility Revenues 3,322,744.00 3,312,064.00

11. APPROPRIATIONS FOR WATER/SEWER UTILITY

Debt Service

Interest on Bonds 266,410.00 255,730.00

Total Water/Sewer Utility Appropriations 3,322,744.00 3,312,064.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of

Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-9, be

published in the South Jersey Times in the issue of October 4, 2019, and that said publication shall contain notice of

public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building, 1 New Market Street on October 7, 2019 at 6:30pm.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the City Council on the 27th day of September, 2019.

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

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Date		Ka	ren R	oots, Cou	ıncil Pre	esident
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Date		$\overline{\mathrm{Be}}$	n Ang	geli, RMC		

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:
CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-122

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OF DONALD CRANE, JR. AS CUSTODIAL WORKER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of janitorial/custodial services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Donald Crane, Jr. shall be employed on a part-time basis as custodial worker for the police department offices and facilities as directed by the Chief of Police effective August 14, 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employee shall be compensated at the rate of \$12.21 per hour and shall work no more than six hours per week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employee shall not be entitled to health insurance or other employee benefits.

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ATTEST:	CITT OF SALEM							
Ben Angeli, RMC		Karen Roots, Council President						
Adopted: October 7,	2019							
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT		
R. Carter			X					
W. Corbin			X					
E. Gage						X		
T. Gregory			X					
V. Groce		X	X					
S. Kellum	X		X					
J. Smith			X					
K. Roots			X					
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CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-123

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT FOR DAMAGES CAUSED TO FIRE HYDRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Salem submitted a claim for damages in the amount of \$3600.00 arising from an automobile accident on April 26, 2017 that caused property damage to a fire hydrant owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, an offer was made by Progressive Insurance, the driver's carrier, to pay the City the sum of \$1,371.58 as full settlement of the claim

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 settlement is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the release attached hereto.

ATTEST:	CITY OF SALEM						
Ben Angeli, RMC		Karen Roots, Council President					
Adopted: October 7,	2019						
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
R. Carter			X				
W. Corbin			X				
E. Gage						X	
T. Gregory			X				
V. Groce		X	X				
S. Kellum	X		X				
J. Smith			X				
K. Roots			X				
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Date				Ben	Angeli, RMC		

CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-124

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-116, a Resolution fixing salaries of certain officers, employees and appointees was adopted on September 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to correct, supersede and replace said Resolution 2019-116.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Salem that the salaries of the officers and employees holding the positions set forth below, and subject to the salary ranges set forth in the aforementioned ordinance, are hereby increased effective January 1, 2019 unless stated otherwise, as follows:

TITLE OF POSTION	SALARY AS OF JAN. 1, 2019
Police Chief	\$97,718
Lieutenant	\$87,599
Confidential Secretary	\$43,315
Police Safety Officer	\$42,550
CFO / Tax Collector	\$100,472
Tax Assessor	\$21,804

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any salary increases are contingent on the State Fiscal Monitor's approval.

ATTEST:			CITY OF SALEM				
Ben Angeli, RMC			Ka	ren Ro	oots, Council Pr	resident	
Adopted: October 7, 2	2019						
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
R. Carter			X				
W. Corbin			X				
E. Gage						X	
T. Gregory			X				
V. Groce		X	X				
S. Kellum	X		X				
J. Smith			X				
K. Roots			X				
I, Ben Angeli, Municip foregoing to be a true a Salem on October 7, 20	and correct copy			by the	Common Counc		
Date				Ben	Angeli, RMC		

CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-125

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2019 SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SALEM FOR EQUIPMENT, LABOR AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Salem previously entered into a shared services agreement with the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders "County" from 2016-2019 that provided for the exchange of various equipment and services primarily related to, but not limited to the public works department; and

WHEREAS, the County has proposed an agreement to take effect August 1, 2019 (or upon passage of an authorizing resolution by both entities) and terminate on July 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 65A-1 et seq. permits a municipality to enter into an agreement for shared service with another local unit, such as the County.

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 City approves the Shared Services Agreement for Equipment and Services Between the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the City of Salem attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the same.

ATTEST:			CITY OF SALEM				
Ben Angeli, RMC			Ka	ren R	oots, Council Pr	resident	
Adopted: October 7,	2019						
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
R. Carter			X				
W. Corbin			X				
E. Gage						X	
T. Gregory			X				
V. Groce		X	X				
S. Kellum	X		X				
J. Smith			X				
K. Roots			X				
I, Ben Angeli, Muni the foregoing to be a the City of Salem on	a true and correc	ct copy of a Resolu	ition a	adopte	ed by the Comn		
Date			Ben Angeli, RMC				

CITY OF SALEM **RESOLUTION 2019-126**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OF PAUL LEDFORD AS PARKING METER COLLECTOR

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of assistance to collect and monitor the parking meters to ensure that they are properly maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Paul Ledford shall be employed on a part-time basis as parking meter collector under the supervision of the Chief of Police effective June 12, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employee shall be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour and shall work no more than four (4) hours per week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employee shall not be entitled to health insurance or other employee benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any salary increases are contingent on the State Fiscal Monitor's approval.

CITY OF SALEM

ATTEST.

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Ben Angeli, RMC	Ī	Karen Roots, Council President				
Adopted: October 7, 2	<u> 2019</u>					
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage						X
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
S. Kellum	X		X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			
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Date	Ben Angeli, RMC					

CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-127

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO SUBMIT A MODIFICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE FY2019 FUNDING RELATED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GRIEVES PARKWAY PHASE 5 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Salem originally applied for MA FY 2019 funding that was approved by the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") in the amount of \$184,297.00; and

WHEREAS, the original project limits were: the end of Grieves Parkway Phase 4 (STA.27+00) to Kent Street; and

WHEREAS, there has been a modified project limit as follows: from the end of Grieves Parkway Phase 4 (STA. 27+00) to Yorke Street (STA 33+60) which the Engineer estimates to be at a project cost of \$152,305.00

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 Township Engineer is authorized to submit a modification to project limits as set forth above to the NJDOT to advise of the same.

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

ATTEST:

Date

the City of Salem on October 7, 2019.

Ben Angeli, RMC	Karen Roots, Council President				ent	
Adopted: October 7, 2	2019					
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage						X
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
S. Kellum	X		X			
J. Smith			X			
K Roots			Y			

I, Ben Angeli, Municipal 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

RESOLUTION 2019-128

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED 2019 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the attached is hereby adopted as the City's 2019 amended budget.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC			Karen Roots, Council President			
Adopted: October 7,	2019					
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage						X
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
S. Kellum	X		X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			
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Date			Be	n Ang	geli, RMC	

CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-129

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED SEWERS, LLC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS BACK UP SEWER PLANT OPERATOR FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

WHEREAS, the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection regulations requires that the owner of a wastewater treatment facility obtain the services of a licensee holding a license not

more than one class lower than the classification required for the operation of the system during the unavailability of the licensed operator; and

WHEREAS, Certified Sewer, LLC can provide a licensee, to wit: William J. Boden, III or Ron Flattery, who meet the necessary qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Certified Sewer, LLC has proposed to be available as the back- up operator for the sum of \$250 per month; however, services for time spent on the site during those times when the City's licensed operator is unavailable shall be compensated at the rate of \$40. Per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that an agreement for the above with Certified Sewer is approved commencing as soon as the agreement is executed and ending July 31, 2020. unless otherwise determined by Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract was not awarded through the fair and open process because the amount to be paid is estimated to fall under \$17,500.

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, Clerk

ATTEST:

Date

Ben Angeli, Clerk	Karen Roots, Council President					
Adopted: October 7,	2019					
COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage						X
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
S. Kellum	X		X			
J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter) – Mrs. Roots said that the committee went over the agenda for the meeting and some other administrative issues.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter) – no report

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage) – Councilman Groce said that they did not have a meeting but wanted to have a special meeting on 10-28-19 to discuss the water and Sewer utility issue. Mr. Groce was scheduled to meet with the Mayor and discuss the water and Sewer utility meeting.

HUMAN SERVICES (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Gregory) – Councilman Corbin said that they did not have a meeting but that he had been talking to Carol Wright about people not paying their violation fines. The Solicitor addressed that issue and how it was being handled in court.

CITY PROPERTY/CAPITAL (Carter, Smith, Kellum, Roots) – no report

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES (Roots, Corbin, Carter, Gregory) – Council President roots spoke about the clean communities grant. She will be reaching out to churches to coordinate clean-up projects. They have one scheduled for the end of the month. She also will be reaching out to the sheriff's department to do some clean-up work. She will also will be taking in the schools about the projects.

REDEVELOPMENT (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage) – has a meeting scheduled for 10-9-19 to discuss the marijuana ordinance.

MAYORAL COMMENTS – The mayor spoke about the importance of partnerships including those with DEP and the school district. He said that they realized the need for a commerce person and Dr. Michell will be helping out with filling that position. He mentioned some of the areas that the new person would be working in. he said we had to continue to think outside the box to move forward. He mentioned the proclamation for Mrs. Buffy Campbell and the groundbreaking for bishop brown's housing project. He spoke about his "All Eyes on Me" initiative and that he would be having a meeting involving churches and businesses on 10-24-19. The program involves surveillance cameras placed in certain areas in the City. He mentioned that he and Mr. Gregory attended a census meeting and were impressed with how Cumberland County was handling the process. The Mayor also spoke about the application to the State to demolish Jacks men's store.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The Solicitor spoke about the possibility of hiring an appraiser and needed the Council to give her the OK to proceed with getting quotes. Councilwoman Kellem made a motion to ask the Solicitor to proceed with getting quotes for appraisers. Councilman Groce seconded the motion and all present voted in favor.

The CFO spoke about the budget line transfer timeline and that he would like to do the transfers on the 10/28/19. He also would be initiating a spending freeze on November First. Kenia Nunez thanked the Council for bringing her to the City and said that she is looking forward to working with everyone.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open public portion made by Councilwoman Kellem.

Seconded by Councilman Groce.

All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Joy Coleman, Van Meter Street, spoke about having trouble hearing some of the speakers tonight. She said that her house had lost ½ of its value. She said that what the Council does is very important and that public safety and public works are very important.

Ed Sasdelli, the state monitor complimented the City for their senior management plan and for having a Registered Municipal Clerk for the first time in several years. He stated that the Governing body and financial people did a great job on the budget and that it is a big step. He stated that the next step is to get the water and Sewer utility to the point it is a self-liquidating Entity. He said he understood the reluctance to raise rates, but that getting the utility under control must be a top priority. There must be a deficit reduction plan for the Utility and cutting expenses or raising rates has to be looked at.

Council president Roots thanked Mr. Sasdelli for his comments and his efforts on the part of the City.

Motion to close public portion made by Councilwoman Kellum.

Seconded by Councilman Groce.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Kellum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman groce seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:	
Ben Angeli, RMC	

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2019 – 6:30 PM