

CITY OF SALEM
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 18, 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. Jahyda Villegas did the Invocation. **Present:** Councilpersons Ruth Carter, William Corbin, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Timothy Gregory, James Smith and Council President Karen Roots. **Absent:** Sharon Kellum and Mayor Charles Washington Jr. Also in attendance, Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, and City Administrator/Clerk Ben Angeli.

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

OCTOBER 7, 2019 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2019 COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019 COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Groce to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilman Gage recused himself from 10/7/19 minutes, Councilman Corbin and Councilman Groce recused themselves from the 10/21/19 minutes. All others voted in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Council Groce to approve payment of bills. All in Favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS: NONE

SECOND READING OF AND HEARINGS FOR ORDINANCES:

ORD. 1911 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEPUTY CLERK

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 1911: Gage Second: Groce
All present voted in favor in a Voice Vote

No comments or questions from the public.

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 1911: Gage Second: Groce

All present voted in favor in a Voice Vote

CITY OF SALEM

ORDINANCE 1911

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALEM AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEPUTY CLERK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey that Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code, Administration of Government be amended in part to add the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent as follows:

Section 1. Position Created

There is hereby created the position of Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA).

Section 2. Duties and Service

- A. The Qualified Purchasing Agent shall serve as a purchasing agent as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2.
- B. The QPA shall hold a valid QPA certificate as approved by the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to perform certain provisions of the Local Public Contract Law.

Section 3. Appointment

The QPA shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of Council. The individual designated as the QPA may be a part-time or full-time employee of the City, an independent contractor or an individual employed by another contracting unit through a shared services agreement. The QPA may hold another position in the City as permitted by law.

Section 4. Salary

The salary for the position of QPA shall be provided in the City Salary Ordinance as established by Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 3-8 Deputy City Clerk shall be amended as follows:

- A. There shall be for the City of Salem the office to be known as "Deputy City Clerk" who shall be appointed by the Council of the City of Salem.
- B. The Deputy City Clerk appointed pursuant to this Ordinance shall serve at the pleasure of Council.
- C. The duties and powers shall be to carry on those duties and powers exercised by the City Clerk, at such times as he/she is unable by physical absence or disability to carry on said duties.

D. The individual designated as Deputy City Clerk may be a part-time or full-time employee of the City in another position as permitted by statute.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of Chapter 3 as shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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 October 21, 2019. Public Hearing shall take place on November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

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

Date

Charles Washington Jr, Mayor

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 adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-134**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF SALEM AND PRO-TEC**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is required to have an Automatic Fire Detection System at the City Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted in the past with PRO-TEC Systems, INC of Somerset, NJ. And the City wishes to continue to utilize PRO-TEC's services; and

WHEREAS, PRO-Tec has provided a contract for one year of service to include the service listed as attachment "A" which includes the contract for services; and

WHEREAS, the contract stipulates that the agreement will renew for successive one (1) year periods until this Agreement is terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days notice prior to the end of the then current contract period; and

WHEREAS, charges for services rendered hereunder are subject to change annually upon thirty (30) days written notice prior to renewal; and;

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that this is a necessary service and 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 it consents to the execution of an agreement with PRO-TEC INC. of Somerset, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement with PRO-TEC of Somerset, NJ.

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-135**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF SALEM AND PRO-TEC FOR CENTRAL STATION
MONITORING FOR THE FIRE ALARM AT THE WATER PLANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is required to have an Automatic Fire Detection System at the City Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted in the past with PRO-TEC Systems, INC of Somerset, NJ. And the City wishes to continue to utilize PRO-TEC's services; and

WHEREAS, PRO-Tec has provided a contract for one year of service to include Central Station monitoring for the fire alarm from 11/1/19 to 10/31/20 at a cost of Three hundred and sixty dollars and no cents (\$360.00); and

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that this is a necessary service and 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 it consents to the execution of an agreement with PRO-TEC INC. of Somerset, NJ for Central Station monitoring of the fire alarm at the water plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement with PRO-TEC of Somerset, NJ.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-136**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDY COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE
OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

WHEREAS, The City of Salem strongly believes in and supports open transparent government, and that citizens and residents have the right to be informed about the workings of government in order to best participate in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002 then Acting Governor DiFrancesco signed into law the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) which mandates that government records shall be available, with limited exceptions, for public access and simplifying the procedures for requesting such specific records; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the law was to provide the public with easy access to government records with an uncomplicated process for obtaining the records and eliminating bureaucratic red tape; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 18 years OPRA has been a positive light, but it has also been fraught with abuse and misuse, and has become an unanticipated financial cost to the taxpayers of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The City of Salem has labored under a well-intended law that has spiraled out of control, due to the volume and nature of requests, the cost to taxpayers in responding to the requests, and the potential liability in having to pay disproportionate prevailing party attorney's

fees should the requests turn into litigated matters, as well as the liability in determining which documents shall be released, with or without redaction, while attempting to maintain individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the volume of OPRA requests that challenge resources, but it is also the cost associated with reviewing, retrieving, and processing the OPRA request(s) by public entity personnel and counsel and possibly defending our action(s) before the Government Records Council or in Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, due to the often conflicting case law and Government Record Council decisions, as well as the unique characteristics of OPRA request, the City of Salem must often times rely on the municipal attorney to review certain OPRA requests, resulting in additional fees; and

WHEREAS, with limited exceptions OPRA has not been amended to address the clear and apparent advancement in technology that has changed the way government records are created, stored, and/or transmitted; the various interpretive decisions; privacy concerns; abuse for commercial gain; and/or the ever increasing cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, as the current law approaches its twentieth (20th) anniversary it has outgrown its original intended use and has become ripe for comprehensive review and reform;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Salem appeals to the legislature to form a Commission comprised of Mayors, Municipal Clerks, Municipal Managers, Attorneys, Police Chiefs, open government advocates, privacy experts, members of the media, citizens and other appropriate stakeholders, to review and examine the effects of OPRA on local government and the needs to be fulfilled by the law, and use the Commission's findings to perform a comprehensive reform of OPRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Assembly Representatives and Senator that represent the City of Salem. Also, copies should be sent to Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Weinberg, Executive Director of the Government Records Council, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

Distribution List

Your State Senator and Assembly Representatives (information can be found at
www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp)

Hon. Phil Murphy
Governor, State of New Jersey
State House
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Hon. Stephen Sweeney
Senate President
Senate District 3
935 Kings Highway
Suite 400
West Deptford, NJ 08086
sensweeney@njleg.org

Hon. Craig Coughlin
Assembly Speaker
Assembly District 19
569 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

asmcoughlin@njleg.org

Hon. Loretta Weinberg
Senator, District 37
545 Cedar Lane
Teaneck, NJ 07666
senweinberg@njleg.org

Frank F. Caruso
Executive Director
Government Records Council
PO Box 819
Trenton, NJ 08625-0819
Frank.Caruso@dca.state.nj.us

MCANJ
88 Inskip Ave
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756
executivedirector@NJClers.org

NJLM
222 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
lbuckelew@njlm.org

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-137**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PLAN FOR THE
SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2021**

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, non profit 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 2021 in the amount of :
 - DEDR \$5,120.00
 - Cash Match \$1,280.00
 - In-Kind \$3,840.00
2. 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.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 17, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-138**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENIA NUNEZ AS QUALIFIED
PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it beneficial to appoint a Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, Kenia Nunez, a City of Salem employee, holds the necessary qualifications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Kenia Nunez shall be designated the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City and shall serve in such position at the pleasure of Council.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-139**

**A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3**

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2015, the Governor authorized an adjustment to the bid thresholds to a maximum of \$40,000.00 for contracting units with Qualified Purchasing Agents; and

WHEREAS, Kenia Nunez was appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent for the City of Salem; 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 the bid threshold for the City of Salem

may be up to \$40,000. or the threshold amount adjusted by the Governor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3c hereafter while the City has a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

Dave Crescenzi-CFO spoke about the eight recommendations in the corrective action plan.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-140**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN REGARDING THE 2018 AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs requires that a corrective action plan addressing the recommendations of the municipal audit be filed with the Division of Local Government Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, State of New Jersey that the attached corrective action plan be approved for submission to the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to submit the aforesaid corrective action plan.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-141**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NJSA 10:4-12 These items are for #7 for matter relating to litigation, negotiations, and the Attorney Client Privilege.

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. #7 Matters relating to litigation/attorney client privilege (water plant litigation)

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:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
W. Corbin			X			

E. Gage	X		X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
S. Kellum						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 a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-142**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR THE YEAR 2020 FOR
THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem's Water and Sewer Department has a need for chemicals for their departments for the year 2020.

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 Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for a contract for chemicals needed for the Water and Sewer Department.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-143**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the City and the Board of Education of Salem seek to enter into an agreement that will best utilize resources; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of hiring an employee who can provide services to both entities; and

WHEREAS, the City and Board seek to enter into an agreement to define the services that will be provided, along with the responsibilities of each.

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 agreement between the City of Salem and the Board of Education of Salem, in the form attached hereto is approved and shall commence upon the Board's approval of the agreement and acceptance by the employee of employment with the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of the agreement is contingent upon the approval of the Department of the Division of Local Government Services.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-144**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH
CERTIFIED SEWERS, LLC. TO PROVIDE AB INSPECTION SERVICES
FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the City has the temporary need for the services of a AB licensee; and

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

WHEREAS, Certified Sewer, LLC has proposed to provide the services at the rate of \$175. Per month; and

WHEREAS, the City has an agreement with Certified Sewer, LLC to provide other services and seeks to enter into an addendum to the current agreement for Certified Sewer to provide the AB licensee services on a temporary basis.

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 addendum to the agreement with Certified Sewer, LLC for the AB licensee services is approved in the amount of \$175. Per month on a temporary basis.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

Dave Crescenzi-CFO explained the purpose and importance of this resolution.

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2019-145**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TRANSITIONAL AID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.00 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALEM AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem and the State of New Jersey that the Mayor, the Governing Body President and the City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Transitional Aid, in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, between the City of Salem and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The City of Salem hereby acknowledges the terms contained in the Memorandum of Understanding.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

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

I, Ben Angeli, 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 November 18, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Roots, Gage, Corbin, Carter)

Councilwoman Rots reported that Administration Committee did meet and discussed agenda and personnel policies.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Groce, Roots, Carter)

Councilman Gage spoke about the condition of a 25 year-old fire truck and mentioned approximate replacement cost of \$350,000. There will be more discussion in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Roots, Smith, Gage)

Did not have a meeting. The need for a vac truck was mentioned.

HUMAN SERVICES (Corbin, Gage, Kellum, Gregory)

No meeting was held. Councilman Corbin stated that he was working with Carol Wright in the department of licenses and inspections concerning getting violation notices out. Councilwoman Roots spoke about getting some help in the form of an intern from the HS for that department. She spoke about how the intern that we had in the summer did a great job.

CITY PROPERTY/CAPITAL (Carter, Smith, Kellum, Roots)

No meeting was held. The City Attorney spoke about setting up a meeting with Kenia Nunez from Finance and the committee to discuss some property issues.

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES (Roots, Corbin, Carter, Gregory)

Councilwoman Roots spoke about the pool and clean-up projects. She stated that she would be putting the organizations into a rotation for clean-ups and that not all would be used at all times. She said the county wanted there to be programs in the schools for clean-ups. She thanked those that participated in the clean-ups.

REDEVELOPMENT (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Gage)

No meeting was held.

MAYORAL COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Gage mentioned the Christmas parade is on the 7th.

Council motion to authorize the City Clerk to receive and open RFP proposals was made by Councilman Gage seconded by Councilman Groce and all present voted in favor by a voice vote.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open public portion made by Councilwoman Gage.

Seconded by Councilman Groce.

All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Joseph Schools of Wesley Street asked if the figure mentioned for a fire truck was new or used and Mr. Gage said it was for a new one. He asked how often clean-up were done and Ms. Roots explained the process. She also spoke about the "Adopt a Street" program. She also mentioned that sometimes we have the inmates do some clean-up work.

Kevin Mitchell, Elm Street, Asked about the food store and what could be done to bring one into the City. Councilwoman Roots, Councilman Groce, Councilman Corbin and Mr. Crescenzi all responded. They spoke about what the Council and Mayor have been doing and about some of the financial aspects concerning the bank involved. They also spoke about some of the steps that the City was taking to bring a supermarket to Salem.

Rassdel , Craven Street, asked about taking possession of the house next door that is vacant. Mr. Crescenzi explained the foreclosure process.

Jahyda Villegas, Craven Street, mentioned that the timeline on the website concerning the grocery store only goes to 2018.

Motion to close public portion made by Councilwoman Gage.

Seconded by Councilman Groce.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION LITIGATION (WATER PLANT)

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Councilman Earl Gage.

Seconded by Councilman Groce.

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Councilman Earl Gage.

Seconded by Councilman Groce.

Clerk stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

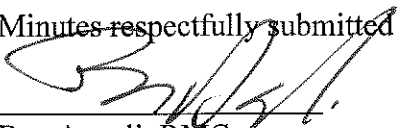
All members that were present before Executive Session were present when Open Session continued.

A motion was made by Councilman Gage to accept the settlement with eagle for \$380,000 for the water plant litigation matter subject to the execution of the release. The motion was seconded by Councilman Groce and all present voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gage 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: DECEMBER 2, 2019 AT 6:30 PM