

**CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020
6:30 PM**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Earl Gage. The meeting took place at 1 New Market Street at 6:30 PM. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Groce did the Invocation. Roll Call was done by Mr. Angeli. **Present:** Councilpersons Ruth Carter, Robert Davis, Vaughn Groce, Timothy Gregory, Sharon Kellum, Gail Slaughter, James Smith and Council President Earl Gage. Also in attendance Mayor Charles Washington Jr., Andrea Rhea-City Solicitor, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, Deputy Treasurer Kenia Nunez 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 BILLS

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

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Councilman Gregory made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Agenda items only. Councilwoman Kellum seconded the motion. All present voted in favor on a voice vote.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to close the meeting to the public for Agenda items only. Councilwoman Kellum seconded the motion. All present voted in favor on a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-51**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRIAD ADVISORY SERVICES, INC TO
MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE CHALLENGE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Governor's office has announced the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, guidelines were recently published and deadlines set for grant applications, and

WHEREAS, the "Challenge Grants" program would provide grants of \$50,000 for three municipalities in each county in the state of New Jersey with "no Match" identified; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grants would be to conduct feasibility studies to support efficiency-generating shared services and funds can be used to support a variety of costs relating to investigating, developing and undertaking pioneering shared service projects, and

WHEREAS, The City of Salem desires to investigate consolidating Police, Fire and administrative offices and garages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has identified a location for said consolidation and the grant application fee will be paid for by Salem First Presbyterian Church at no cost to the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey hereby authorizes Triad Advisory Services, Inc to make the application for the LEAP Challenge Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application fee will be paid for by Salem First Presbyterian Church and at no cost to the City of Salem

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage					X	
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-52**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN PELURA AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and in the State of New Jersey, that John Pelura is appointed Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Salem for a term ending December 31, 2022

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-53**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL PELURA AS DEPUTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and in the State of New Jersey, that Michael Pelura is appointed as deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Salem for a term ending December 31, 2020

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-54**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF CHEMICAL BIDS AND TO
REBID FOR CHEMICAL S AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR WATER METERS**

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for the year 2020;

WHEREAS, there were three bidders who responded; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to review the specifications for the chemicals and re-bid; and

WHEREAS. the city desires to also advertise for bids for water meters at the same time; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the bids for the chemicals are rejected in accordance with N.J.S.A. 11-13.2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Works shall review the specifications and upon revision, have the Clerk re-advertise the bids for the chemicals and include the advertisement for the water meters.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-55**

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 an #6 for matter of public protection.

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)
- B. #6 Matter of public protection (police matter)

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

Earl Gage, Council President

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R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			

V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-56**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF 8TH STREET**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem approved a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers as the City’s engineers for the calendar years 2019 AND 2020; and

WHEREAS, City requires engineering services related to the reconstruction of 8th street project; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers has submitted a proposal to perform specific services in the amount of \$29,214.00 related to the project regarding the inspection and engineering, surveying and contract administration as detailed in their letter dated December 11, 2019 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the funding is available for said services through NJDOT and the CFO has certified that the funds are available for the engineering 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 Remington and Vernick are authorized to commence the services in accordance with the proposal dated December 11, 2019 attached hereto for the inspection and engineering, surveying and contract administration services related to the reconstruction of 8th street project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement for services in accordance with this Resolution.

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-57**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
MC SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS FOR SOFTWARE RENEWAL AND SUPPORT FOR
CODE ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has contracted with MC Systems Solutions of Atco New Jersey in the past for software support for various programs in the Code Enforcement Department; and

WHEREAS, City requires to continue to use the MC Systems Solutions software; and

WHEREAS, the cost for renewal and support for 2020 would be Six Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$600.00); and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that the funds are available for the contracting with MC Systems Solutions.

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 Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement for services in accordance with this Resolution.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-58**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE
APPROVAL LETTER FOR HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION
FUND PUBLIC ENTITY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City applied for a grant for the purposes of undertaking supplemental remedial investigation studies to delineate groundwater impacts that the former Tri County Oil Company site located at 1 Front St.; and

WHEREAS, the City was notified by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (Authority) that it was eligible for a grant up to \$87,589 from the fund as further set forth on the attached approval letter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Mayor is authorized to execute the approval letter from the Authority so that the City may obtain the above referenced grant funds for the purposes outlined in its grant application.

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

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R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-59**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAWN MIZENIS AS DEPUTY
MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has the need for a Deputy Municipal Court Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Dawn Mizenis be appointed as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for the City of Salem commencing on a date to be arranged with the City and Court Administrator following approval by the State Monitor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City residency is waived by the Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the employee shall serve a 90-day probationary period and shall be paid the salary and benefits as set forth on the attached letter.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Carter, Kellum, Groce);

Admin did not hold an official meeting, but there had been some discussion of goals and issues facing the City.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Smith, Carter, Davis): No meeting was held. Mr. Gage spoke about the tragedy that took place in the city.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Gregory, Smith, Slaughter): No meeting

CITY PROPERTY/CAPITAL/HUMAN SERVICES (Davis, Kellum, Gage, Slaughter): Mr. Davis said that they did not have a meeting yet, but they will be meeting on the 21st at 6:00

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES (Slaughter, Gregory, Carter, Davis): Councilwoman Slaughter said that the committee had not met, but would be meeting on the first Tuesday of February.

REDEVELOPMENT (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Groce): Councilman Smith said that the committee had not met, but their meetings would be on the second Monday of each Month at 7:00.

MAYORAL COMMENTS: The Mayor spoke about the demolition of Jack’s. he also spoke about the senseless homicide that took place and the negative image that it casts over the City.

The Mayor presented a “Certificate of Recognition” to The Salem Family Success Center and spoke about the great work they do. He also spoke about the “Huddle” program that they work with and mentioned that Councilman Gregory is very involved with that program.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: None

COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Charles Bailey introduced himself to the public.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open public portion made by Councilman Gregory.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.

All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

William Corbin spoke about continuing to be involved with the City.

Jahyda Villegas spoke about stand up for Salem and how we needed to increase entrepreneurship in the City.

Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Gregory.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION (WATER PLANT) and PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Councilman Gregory.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Councilman Gregory.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.

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 Gregory to authorize the Mayor to attend meeting and discuss settlement according to certain parameters. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kellum and all present voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ben Angeli, RMC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 6:30 PM