

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2019
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 6:30PM. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Carter, Kellum, Groce)

Councilman Gage said that there was no official meeting for Admin committee, but Council did meet to discuss goals and issues in the City.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Smith, Carter, Davis) – No meeting

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

CITY PROPERTY/CAPITAL/HUMAN SERVICES (Davis, Kellum, Gage, Slaughter) – No meeting

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES (Slaughter, Gregory, Carter, Davis) – No meeting

REDEVELOPMENT (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Groce) – No meeting

MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Washington spoke about the Demolition of Jack’s. He also spoke about the senseless murders that took place and how that gives the City a negative image.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator spoke about setting up the ad-hoc committee for union negotiations and a specila Council meetig on the 27th of January.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of matters facing the city in 2020 including those listed here under each Committee.:

Economic Dev.

- 1) Super Market
- 2) Job Potentials

Neighborhood Dev.

- 1) Mayors Housing initiative

Public Safety

- 1) Fire/Police consolidation
- 2) EMS structure and funding
- 3) Crime prevention

W/S

- 1) Lawsuit settlement
- 2) Capital projects
- 3) Succession Plan

City Revenue

- 1) W/S rate increase
- 2) Two Tax sales
- 3) CWA Contract

Presentation by Mayor, Council members and Finance representatives of their priorities and goals for 2020. Included will be discussion of said priorities and goals.

PUBLIC PORTION

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION: _____ SECOND _____ VOICE VOTE _____

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION: _____ SECOND _____ VOICE VOTE _____

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

MOTION: _____ SECOND _____ VOICE VOTE _____

*NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 13 2020, 6:30 PM
AT 1 NEW MARKET STREET*