

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2020
6:30 PM

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

A motion was made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to approve the minutes from the January 1, 2020 Council Reorganization Meeting. All members present voted in favor in a voice vote and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilwoman Kellum to approve the payment of bills. All members present voted in favor in a voice vote and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

The approval of a raffle License for Wheels On Wheels pending approval of the LGCCC. Councilman Gregory made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Kellum seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor in a voice vote and the motion carried.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT:

The Mayor appointed Charles bailey to the Planning Board as a Class II member.

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 2020-81

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS FROM COYNE

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2020;

WHEREAS, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Coyne is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:

- Sodium Hypochlorite 5-55 Gallon Drum delivery @ \$1.8414 per gallon;
- Sodium Bisulfite 5-55 gallon drum delivery @ \$2.837 per gallon;
- Sodium Bisulfite (WWTP) gallon delivery @ \$2.9261 per gallon,
- Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets, 10-55 lb pail delivery @ \$3.1133 per lb.; and
- PAC Hydrodarco B @ \$0.9703 per lb.

WHEREAS, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with Coyne for the purchase of the above chemicals for the proposed prices.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2020-82

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FROM USALCO

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2020;

WHEREAS, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that USALCO is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:
Aluminum Chlorohydrate Solution (ACH) 4400 Gal Delivery @ \$1.40 per lb; and

WHEREAS, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with USALCO for the purchase of the above chemical for the proposed price.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-83**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS FROM UNIVAR

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2018;

WHEREAS, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Univar is the lowest bidder for the purchase of:

Citric Acid Anhydrous, @ \$1.40 per pound;

WHEREAS, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with Univar for the purchase of the above chemicals for the proposed price.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-84**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS FROM SHANNON CHEMICALS

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of chemicals for its water treatment process for the year 2018;

WHEREAS, there were five bidders who submitted bids as further outlined on the bid summary spreadsheets attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that SHANNON CHEMICALS is the responsible bidder for the purchase of:

Liquid Zinc Pyrophosphate Corrosion Inhibitor Gal Delivery @ \$11.29 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with SHANNON for the purchase of the above chemical for the proposed price.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-85**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE
OF WATER METERS**

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids for the purchase of water meters for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, there was one bidder who submitted a bid, namely Rio, who proposed to supply water meters for the City as needed in the year 2020 at the unit price per meter as follows:

- 1) 2” Magnetic Drive (5 each) @ \$1,058.00
- 2) 1 ½” Magnetic Drive (7 each) @ \$875.00
- 3) 1” Magnetic Drive (7 each) @ \$503.00
- 4) 5/8” x 3/4” Magnetic Drive (80 each) @ \$298.00
- 5) 5/8” Yokes (50 each) @ \$75.00
- 6) 1” Yokes (20 each) @ \$168.00 each
- 7) Adapters (copper and Iron pipe) @ \$18.00 each
- 8) Antennas @ \$35.00 each

WHEREAS, the CFO can certify the availability of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Salem with Rio for the purchase of water meters for the proposed price

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-86**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH MARAZITI, ESQ. AS
REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for a solicitor to provide legal services to the City of Salem; related to redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, such services are “professional services” as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1. et. seq.) and are not required to be advertised for competitive bids;

WHEREAS, such services were sought through the fair and open process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. **JOSEPH MARAZITI, ESQ.** of the firm **MARAZITI AND FALCON, LLP** be appointed as redevelopment Counsel for the City of Salem for calendar year 2020; and
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with **JOSEPH MARAZITI** to serve as Redevelopment Council until December 31, 2020. However such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council and thus may be terminated at any time by the Council with or without cause, prior to December 31, 2020;
3. That the contract be awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, the firm of **MARAZITI AND FALCON, LLP.** and **JOSEPH MARAZITI, ESQ** are authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, namely, Attorney-At-Law;
4. That copies of this resolution and the agreement be made available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk and a notice of this action be published in The South Jersey Times within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-87**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council has established a Neighborhood Initiatives Committee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:61-3 which allows the City Council to establish committees to assist the Council with its business; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish that the Neighborhood Initiatives Committee shall provide oversight of the Clean Communities Program via the Coordinator such that the Coordinator shall report to the Committee the activities and programs implemented by the Coordinator pursuant to the Clean Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Communities Coordinator shall seek guidance and approval for activities and expenditures related to the Clean Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Oversight of the Clean Communities program shall also include but not limited to monthly reports of activities, consensus of expenditures and appropriations, adherence to all grant related guidelines; and to encourage and insure a broad range of participation throughout the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that City Neighborhood Initiatives Committee shall be the liaison for and provide oversight to the Clean Communities Program.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-88**

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, negotiations and attorney client privilege (EEOC matter, CWA and Ambulance negotiations)

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

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-89
BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE
CURRENT FUND**

WHEREAS, various 2019 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills represent obligations of the prior fiscal year and were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2019 Budget in the last two months of 2019; and
WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the closed of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, that the transfers in the amount of \$19,284.23 be made between the 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserves Current Fund as follows:

From		To	
9-01-20-120-200	1,595.94	9-01-20-130-200	1,595.94
9-01-20-155-200	3,039.37	9-01-20-156-101	3,039.37
9-01-25-265-200	5,144.00	9-01-26-290-200	5,144.00
9-01-31-460-200	1,839.86	9-01-31-430-101	57.73
		9-01-31-435-101	18.66
		9-01-31-440-101	465.01
		9-01-31-446-022	555.53
		9-01-31-447-101	742.93
9-01-25-240-200	258.86	9-01-36-471-101	258.86
9-01-43-490-100	2,873.42	9-01-36-472-101	7,406.20
9-01-31-460-202	2,000.00		
9-01-21-180-101	2,532.78		
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$19,284.23		\$19,284.23

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-90**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE C.O.P.S GRANT**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has announced the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant; and

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

WHEREAS, the “COPS” grant program would provide a maximum of \$125,000 over a three-year period per officer with “a 25% Match” identified; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant would be to reimburse the Salem City Police Department for two (2) officers over three-year period, and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem desires to submit a proposal requesting the “COPS” program cover \$176,602.41 of the payroll of two officers over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the city of Salem will cover \$58,867.47 of the payroll of two officers over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has identified a need for a consistent/increased police presence within its city limits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey hereby authorizes the Salem City Commerce Department to prepare and submit the application for the COPS Grant.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Carter, Kellum, Groce)

Councilman Gage said that the Committee would be meeting next Monday.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Smith, Carter, Davis)

Councilman gage said that the Committee had held a meeting with American Legion Ambulance Association about providing additional ambulance service in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Gregory, Smith, Slaughter)

Councilman Groce said that they had held several meetings and would be meeting again the following Tuesday.

CITY PROPERTY/CAPITAL/HUMAN SERVICES (Davis, Kellum, Gage, Slaughter)

Mr. Davis said that the Committee would be meeting on Monday.

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES (Slaughter, Gregory, Carter, Davis)

Councilwoman Slaughter said that she needed more information on the role of the Committee.

REDEVELOPMENT (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Groce)

Councilman Smith said that the Committee would be meeting next week.

MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Washington stated that another offer was rejected by Pennsville national bank for the grocery store site. He said that this was the third offer declined by the bank.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Angeli spoke about going to the school and participating in a Black History Month reading program. He spoke about setting up a regular Committee meeting schedule and the VFW 80th Anniversary celebration.

COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Commerce Director Bailey stated that a bid had been made on the Ardaugh site and that we would know in about thirty days. He stated that the Brownfields Committee was meeting and that they were reviewing funding opportunities. He spoke about the USDA funding and the NTI program, he said that Wanda hardy had been approved for some funding. He was meeting with Stand Up For Salem.

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.

Beth Davenport, Salem, spoke about the educational program that involved raising chickens. She explained the program and had questions about the procedure to move forward. Councilman Gage said that the Property Committee would discuss and determine the process for moving forward.

Mr. Corbin, Davis Ave. spoke about the use of the street sweeper. He had concerns about the situation with the bank and the grocery store site and asked if the City could file some kind of complaint. It was explained that the bank owned the property, so they controlled the property and the process.

Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Gregory.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ben Angeli, RMC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 16, 2020 AT 6:30 PM