CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2020
6:30 PM

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by the Council President Gage. The meeting took place at 17 New Market Street at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Groce did the Invocation. Roll Call was done by Mr. Angeli. Present: Councilpersons Robert Davis, Vaughn Groce, Timothy Gregory, James Smith, and Council President Earl Gage. Councilwoman Carter joined the meeting in progress. 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.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-91

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEAN SIMPKINS TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Mayor seeks to promote Sean Simpkins to the position of Sergeant of the City of Salem Police Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:61-4(f) the Council has the right of advice and consent with respect to the promotion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey hereby consents to the promotion of Sean Simpkins to the position of Sergeant of the City of Salem Police Department with an effective starting date of March 16, 2020.

ATTEST:  

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

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Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

SWEARING IN:
Mayor Washington did the swearing in of officer Sean Simpkins to the position of Sergeant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  JANUARY 6, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
  JANUARY 13, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
  JANUARY 13, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION
  FEBRUARY 19, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
  FEBRUARY 19, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilman Gage to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:
A motion was made by Councilman Gregory and seconded by Councilman Groce to approve the payment of bills. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:
Mayor Washington presented a Certificate of recognition to VFW Post 253 in Salem New Jersey in honor of their 80th Anniversary.

Councilman Gregory motioned and Councilman Gross seconded the motion to approve a Raffle license for Salem County Inter Agency Council of Human Services pending approval by the LGCCC.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
Councilman Gregory made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Agenda items only. Councilman Gross 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. Councilman Gross seconded the motion. All present voted in favor on a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:
Mr. Angeli stated that this is the first reading and introduction, the public hearing for this ordinance will be on March 30, 2020 at 6:00PM

ORDINANCE 2001
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Salem in the County of Salem finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Salem hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $66,659.12 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Salem hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated, as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, a majority of the full-authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the City of Salem shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to $233,306.93 and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the City of Salem be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

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Date
Ben Angeli, RMC

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-92

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH GREEN TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR WEBSITE MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the City has a website and requires professional service to update information and maintain the City of Salem website; and

WHEREAS, Green technology Service has been providing that service since 2018 to the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is satisfied with Green Technology Services and wishes to continue with the current arrangement.

WHEREAS, Green Technology Services will provide a monthly invoice for $104.99.

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 CFO is authorized to make payment to Green Technology Services for Website update and maintenance.

ATTEST:  CITY OF SALEM
Ben Angeli, RMC  Earl Gage, Council President

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Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-93

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, on 3-2-2020 Council adopted resolution 2020-82 authorizing contracts for USALCO that had a misprinted cost per gallon; and

WHEREAS, this resolution serves to correct the price per gallon; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that USALCO is the lowest bidder for the purchase of: Aluminum Chlorohydrate Solution (ACH) 4400 Gal Delivery @ $2.8169 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 USALCO for the purchase of the above chemical for the proposed price.

ATTEST:

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CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-94

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING PREMIER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC AS IT-COMPUTER CONSULTANT AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists the need for an IT-Computer Consultant to provide services to the City of Salem Administrative office and Police Department; 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, however proposals were solicited through the Fair and Open Process;

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) That PREMIER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS be and hereby is appointed to serve as IT-Computer Consultant of the City of Salem and the Police Department. The term of service will be for the year 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.

2) That the Mayor and City Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute agreements with PREMIER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS to serve as the City and Police Department IT-Computer Consultant;

3) That these Contracts be awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, because PREMIER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, namely, IT-Computer Consultant;

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.

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CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-95

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH RJ WALSH ASSOCIATES INC. FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ABOVE GROUND REPLACEMENT TANK

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a, the City may by resolution and without advertisement for bids, purchase goods or services through any State contract entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City has the need to procure on a timely basis the services needed to remove an underground fuel storage tank and replace the same with an above ground storage tank; and

WHEREAS, the services are available through State contract #A42268 with R.J. Walsh Associates Inc sum of $46,162.00; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified 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 Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with R.J. Walsh Associates Inc under State contract #A42268 for the removal of the Underground Storage Tank and replacement with a Storage Tank in accordance with all regulations and permits regarding the same.

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CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-96
A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR
THE SALEM CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Salem City Police Department has equipment and technologies that require maintenance to remain in good order; and

WHEREAS, each of the vendors/suppliers on the attached list pertain to separate items that require separate maintenance contracts.

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified 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 the maintenance agreements with each of the vendors on the attached list are approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute applicable agreements on forms approved by the Solicitor.

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CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-97

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
and #8 matters involving employment relationship.

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. #8 Matters involving employment relationship

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.

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Ben Angeli, RMC  
Earl Gage, Council President

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Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-98

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CANCELLING ACCOUNT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WHEREAS, the City maintained an account with the Department of the Treasury under the name of SALEM NPP EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CORP. (entity ID# 0100921427); and

WHEREAS, that account has had no activity and the City has no need to maintain the account anymore; and

WHEREAS, a recently enacted law (P.L.2019, c 149) authorized by the Department of the Treasury to create a temporary, streamlined program to help revoked businesses reinstate their activities or officially dissolve their operations for a one-time fee of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to dissolve the operations of the account titled SALEM NPP EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CORP.

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 CFO is authorized to cancel account titled SALEM NPP EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CORP. and make payment in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury.

ATTEST:  

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Carter, Kellum, Groce)  
Council President Gage spoke about a meeting held with our Monitor and about issues with the COVID-19

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Smith, Carter, Davis)
Council President Gage spoke about the great job Chief Pelura was doing and that the Chief and City had submitted an application for the COPS grant. Mr gage also mentioned that the City had concluded its negotiations for Ambulance service in the City. Mr. Davis voiced some concerns about the motel in the City.

**PUBLIC WORKS** (Groce, Gregory, Smith, Slaughter)
The there was no report.

**CITY PROPERTY/CAPITAL/HUMAN SERVICES** (Davis, Kellum, Gage, Slaughter)
Councilman Davis spoke about the burned out houses in the City and the need to get the owners into court. He also spoke about the basketball court resurfacing and getting estimates. He brought up the idea of making New market one way in the morning. He was in favor of amending the ordinance about chickens in the City.

Councilwoman Carter joined the meeting at this time.

**NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/COMMUNITY SERVICES** (Slaughter, Gregory, Carter, Davis)
the committee had discussed the pool agreement and what to do in the future.

**REDEVELOPMENT** (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Groce)
Councilman Smith and his committee met with Mr. Bailey to get updated on contacts Mr. Bailey had made. They spoke about the Ardaugh property and other projects.

**COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT:**
Mr. Bailey spoke about the grant for the fire truck and NJEDA and EPA grant opportunities. He spoke about an opportunity zone meeting that he attended.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC PORTION:**
Motion to open public portion made by Councilman Gregory.
Seconded by Councilman Groce.
All members present voted in favor.
Motion carried.

An identified person asked about the fire truck grant and Mr. Gage replied that if a truck was purchased through the grant, it would replace two other trucks.

Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Gregory.
Seconded by Councilman Groce.
All members voted in favor.
Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Motion to go into Executive Session made by Councilman Gregory.
Seconded by Councilman Groce.

Motion to leave Executive Session made by Councilman Gregory.
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.

CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-99

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO PERFORM CERTAIN SERVICES RELATED TO THE WATER AND SEWER PLANT(S)

WHEREAS, the City of Salem seeks to have certain services and studies performed regarding the water and sewer plant; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineers, Remington and Vernick have submitted a proposal as set forth in their letter to the City dated March 11, 2020 (Attachment “A’’); and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available for the same;

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 Engineer is authorized to perform the services outlined in the letter dated March 11, 2020 (Attachment “A”) for the sum of $38,900.

ATTEST:                  CITY OF SALEM

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CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2020-100

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT WITH SUEZ WTS USA,  
INC. f/k/a BETZ, INC. d/b/a GE WATER AND PROCESS TECHNOLOGIES;  
ZENON ENVIROMENTAL CORP; GE ZENON ULZ ("SUEZ") and  
SHERWOOD LOGAN ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized litigation in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Salem  
County, Law Division, Docket No. SLM- L -173- 17 entitled City of Salem vs. GE, Inc. et al; and  

WHEREAS, the City has negotiated a settlement with Suez WTS Inc. f/k/a Betz, Inc. /b/a GE Water  
and Process Technologies; Zenon Enviromental Corp; GE Zenon ULZ. ("suez") and Sherwood Logan  
Associates, ( "Sherwood") the remaining defendants in the above referenced proceeding for the sum of  
$3,750,000.00 with Suez paying $3,500,000.00 and Sherwood paying $250,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a settlement in the above entitled action for the  
sum of $3,750,000.00 as referenced above is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a settlement agreement and  
release with the aforesaid defendants in a form approved by counsel representing the City.

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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 23, 2020 AT 6:00 PM