

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2020
6:00 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 6:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor did the Invocation. Roll Call was done by Mr. Angeli. **Present:** Councilpersons Robert Davis, Timothy Gregory, James Smith, Sharon Kellum, Gail Slaughter 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 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.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Mr. Angeli stated that this portion of the meeting is provided for comments and questions on Agenda items only. There will be a public portion later in the meeting for general comments and questions. He asked that anyone speaking please state your name and address, street name 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.

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.

SECOND READING OF AND HEARINGS FOR ORDINANCES:

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2001: Gregory Second: Kellum Voice Vote: 6-0

CFO Dave Crescenzi explained the reason for the Ordinance and that it is done each year. There were no questions from the public.

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2001: Gregory Second: Kellum Voice Vote: 6-0

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:

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	X			
S. Kellum						X
G. Slaughter						X
J. Smith			X			
E. Gage			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 an Ordinance introduced by the Common Council of the City of Salem on March 16, 2020. Public Hearing shall take place on March 30, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

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			

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 March 30, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-101
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 **\$25,000.00** be made between the 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserves Current Fund as follows:

From		To	
9-01-23-220-101	25,000.00	9-01-45-920-101	25,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFER		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

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			

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 March 30, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Budget workshop to review the 2020 budget.
Discussion ensued concerning the 2020 budget and various options available for departments.

PUBLIC PORTION

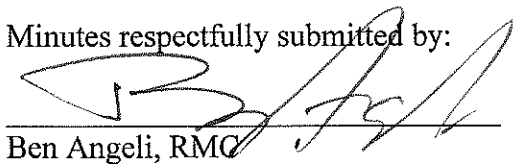
Motion to open public portion made by Councilman Gregory.
Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.
All members present voted in favor.
Motion carried.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

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

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:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Angeli', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ben Angeli, RMC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 6, 2020 AT 6:30 PM