

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2020
6:30 PM

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by the Council President Earl Gage. The meeting took place at 17 New Market Street at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Washington did the Invocation. Roll Call was done by Mr. Angeli. **Present either in person or via Zoom meeting or free conference call:** Councilpersons Ruth Carter, Robert Davis, Sharon Kellum, James Smith, Gail Slaughter and Council President Earl Gage. Absent: Council men Tim Gregory and Vaughn Groce. 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. A sign was posted at #1 New Market indicating that the meeting was moved to 17 New Market Street. The meeting notice and Zoom meeting directions were posted on the City website and on the Bulletin Board in City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Carter to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and the February 10, 2020 Executive session meeting. Councilwoman Kellum recused herself from the vote and all other members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kellum and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes from the meetings listed below. All members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes
February 10, 2020 Executive Session Meeting minutes
March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes
March 2, 2020 Executive Session Meeting minutes
April 7, 2020 Special Meeting minutes
April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes
May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

There were no questions or comments from the public.

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

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS: None

SECOND READING OF AND HEARINGS FOR ORDINANCES:

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 2004: Councilman Gregory Second: Kellum Voice Vote: 6-0

There were no questions from the public.

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 2004: Gregory Second: Kellum Voice Vote: 6-0

**CITY OF SALEM
ORDINANCE NO. 2004**

**An Ordinance of the City of Salem Authorizing the Transfer of Property Identified as
Block 68, Lot 23, 38 Olive Street, Salem, NJ to Salem First Presbyterian Church**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is the owner of certain property situate in the City of Salem identified as Block 68, Lot 23 upon the tax maps of the City of Salem, and commonly known as 38 Olive Street Salem, Salem County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to convey the aforesaid property to the organization known as Salem First Presbyterian Church, in accordance with the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. so that the property becomes part of the expansion of a community Garden Project; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the property has been approved for the sum of \$9,400.00 by resolution of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Salem that:

Section 1. The City of Salem be and is hereby authorized in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 *et seq.* to transfer property designated as Block 68, Lot 23, on the tax map of the City of Salem, commonly known as 38 Olive Street, Salem, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey.

Section 2. The property is no longer needed by the City and is being transferred to the Church, a non-profit organization for the purpose of maintaining a community garden project.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement of sale in a form consistent with the intention of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Transfer of the property shall be accomplished by deed for \$9,400.00 consideration and the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement of sale and deed for the same.

Section 5. If a court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Salem heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of the adoption shall be published as provided by law.

ATTEST:

Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Timothy Gregory, President Pro Tempore

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, 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 May 4, 2020. Public Hearing shall take place on May 18, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter			X			
R. Davis			X			
T. Gregory						X
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum	X		X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith		X	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 May 18, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for this ordinance will be on June 15, 2020 at 6:30PM

**CITY OF SALEM
ORDINANCE NO. 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED
PARKING ZONE, AUTHORIZING A HANDICAPPED PARKING
SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 32 OLIVE STREET**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Salem that Chapter 225, Section 17, Schedule "11" be amended as follows:

A Handicapped Parking Sign shall be placed at 32 Olive Street Street, the residence of Jessup Johnson.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

Introduced: May 18,2020

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

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Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-117**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2020 BUDGET BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

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
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum	X		X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith		X	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 a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on May 18, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-118**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in
Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Common Council* of the *City of Salem*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

V. Groce						X
S. Kellum	X		X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith		X	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 a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on May 18, 2020.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

Section 1. GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S

Section 2. "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

Section 3.

Section 4. GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES

NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF *(Insert County Name)*

We, members of the governing body of the *(Name of local unit)* being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected (or appointed) members of the *(insert name of governing body)* of the *(name of local unit)* in the county of *(name of county)*;
2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)

(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
 _____ day of _____
 Notary Public of New Jersey

 Clerk

 The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

RES. 2020-119 A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET
 Motion to open the public hearing on RES. 2020-119: Kellum Second: Smith Voice Vote: 6-0
 No questions from the public.
 Motion to close the public hearing on RES. 2020-119: Kellum Second: Smith Voice Vote: 6-0

Councilwoman Kellum made a motion to table resolution 2020-119. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and all Council members present voted in favor.

**CITY OF SALEM
 RESOLUTION 2020-119**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the attached statement of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the City's budget for the calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, said budget was approved for introduction by Resolution Number 2020-103 on April 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the summary of the budget was published in the South Jersey Times on May 7, 2020 ; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the budget was held on May 18, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that the attached statement of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the City's budget for the calendar year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body does hereby approve the following as the budget for the calendar year 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

TABLED

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

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Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-120**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO SEND ESTIMATED TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 authorizes the Collector to prepare and deliver estimated tax bills upon approval of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, David Crescenzi as both the City's Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer has requested that the City Council authorize estimated bills as he will be unable to complete mailing or delivery of tax bills by the statutory date due to a delay in the passage of the State of New Jersey's budget and the Salem County Tax Board is therefore unable to certify Salem City's tax rate at this time and for other good cause;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, as follows:

- (i) That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to prepare and mail or otherwise deliver estimated tax bills pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2.

- (ii) The entire estimated tax levy for 2020, in accordance with the estimate of the Tax Collector/CFO in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, is hereby set at \$9,187,772.88 (Exhibit A and B)
- (iii) In accordance with the law the 3rd installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th, 2020 or the 25th calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

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

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Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-121**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE USDA 533 HOUSING
PRESERVATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has announced the 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG); and

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

WHEREAS, the “HPG” grant program will award a total of \$15,340,826.78 in HPG funding and the funds will be used over a three-year period with no “Match” required.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant would be to provide grant money for the repair or rehabilitation of housing occupied by low and very low income rural citizens over three-year period, and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem desires to submit a proposal requesting the "HPG" program cover 80% of the cost of rehabilitation for 10-12 owner occupied properties over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the city of Salem will submit a proposal requesting \$350,000.00 to cover 80% of the cost of rehabilitation, Stand Up for Salem will cover an additional 20%. The request includes 16% reimbursement towards administration over a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has identified a need for the rehabilitation of owner occupied housing to help low income homeowners maintain their home and to sustain residential retention for the City of Salem; 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 HPG Grant.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Earl Gage, Council President

TABLED

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

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Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-122**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the City is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2020 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2020 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for said purpose, and
 WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriation resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total Current Fund \$381,494.31 and total Utility W/S OPERATING Budget \$107,600.00,
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$489,094.31 as follows:

Account Id	Account Description	
0-01-00-000-000	GENERAL FUNDS (CURRENT)	
0-01-20-110-111	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	2,345.00
0-01-20-120-299	MUNICIPAL CLERK MISCELLANEOUS	1,500.00
0-01-20-130-299	FINANCE MISCELLANEOUS	2,500.00
0-01-20-135-200	AUDIT	12,150.00
0-01-20-145-111	TAX COLLECTION S&W	2,500.00
0-01-20-145-299	MISC. EXPENSE	500.00
0-01-20-150-111	ASSESMENT OF TAXES S&W	2,000.00
0-01-20-155-299	LEGAL MISC. EXPENSES	14,350.00
0-01-21-180-101	PLANNING BOARD	2,125.00
0-01-22-200-111	HOUSING ENF S&W	3,700.00
0-01-23-220-101	EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE	20,000.00
0-01-25-240-111	POLICE DEPT. S&W	175,000.00
0-01-26-290-111	STREET MAINTENANCE S&W	30,000.00
0-01-26-778-101	GARBAGE AND TRASH REMOVAL	7,919.21
0-01-29-330-101	PUBLIC LIBRARY	6,500.00
0-01-31-440-101	TELEPHONE	2,500.00
0-01-31-446-022	NATURAL GAS	3,000.00
0-01-32-465-299	LANDFILL	3,500.00
0-01-36-471-101	PERS	70,195.00

0-01-36-472-101	SOCIAL SECURITY	16,000.00
0-01-43-495-101	PUBLIC DEFENDER	3,210.10
		<u>381,494.31</u>

0-09-00-000-000	UTILITY W/S OPERATING FUND	-
0-09-55-508-111	W/S ADMIN. S/W	35,000.00
0-09-55-508-112	TREATMENT PLANT S/W	40,000.00
0-09-55-508-212	POSTAGE	2,000.00
0-09-55-508-299	MISC EXP	95,505.00
0-09-55-526-501	SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM	5,500.00
0-09-55-527-501	UNEMPLOYMENT & DISABILITY INS	100.00
0-09-55-525-501	PERS	(70,505.00)
		<u>107,600.00</u>

- Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2020 budget.
- That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services.

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
V. Groce						X
S. Kellum	X		X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith		X	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 May 18, 2020.

Date _____

Ben Angeli, RMC _____

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2020-123**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BEN ANGELI AS REGISTERED
MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is in need of a full- time Registered Municipal Clerk/Administrator;
and

WHEREAS, Ben Angeli has the qualifications for the position; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Salem seeks to appoint Ben Angeli as the Registered Municipal Clerk/ Administrator at a yearly salary of \$80,000 as permitted by the Salary Ordinance of the City of Salem; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that Ben Angeli be appointed Municipal Clerk/Administrator for a three year term commencing August 1, 2019 and ending July 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the attached offer letter/agreement outlining the terms and benefits of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these appointments are retroactive to his original hiring date of August 1, 2019

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residency requirement shall not apply to the employee given the specialized background required for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that it consents to the appointment of Ben Angeli to the position of Registered Municipal Clerk/Administrator to serve at the pleasure of the City Council subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-138 commencing August 1, 2019

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

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Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Carter, Kellum, Groce)

Council President Gage stated that a letter was sent out to the CWA Union leaders about negotiations.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Smith, Carter, Davis)

Council President Gage thanked the Chief on the arrests in the recent murder case in the City. He also spoke about the task Force that was working in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Gregory, Smith, Slaughter)

No report

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

Councilman Davis said that their next meeting would be on June 9th. He reported that they were working on several things. He went out with Code enforcement official Carol Wright and went through some trash at a few sites. He also spoke about the estimates for the basketball courts and getting some speed bumps installed in front of the school. He asked the Solicitor if she could get court orders to clean up nuisance properties. He wanted Council to look at raising fees for violations.

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

No report

REDEVELOPMENT (Smith, Gregory, Kellum, Groce)

Mr. Smith reported that the committee met with the Commerce Director and went over several projects that are being developed.

MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Washington said that the spring edition of The voice would be going out in the next week. He spoke about the importance of increasing the police force and the importance producing jobs and resources for the residents. He stated that in order for the police to do their job, they need the cooperation of the public. It is important to solve the murder cases to help bring closure to the families. He spoke about meeting with Mr. Bynam about a retail and food distribution facility in the City. he said the meeting went well. Mayor Washington emphasized the importance of social distancing.

COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Bailey reported that the meeting with Mr. Bynam went well and that he was interested in possibly buying the Wire pro building. Mr. Bynam indicated that he was buying some farmland in the area. The facility in the City would create about 250 jobs at \$15.00 and hour.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Davis stated that he was working on a plan for the burned out houses that are still privately owned and making the owners responsible for removing the buildings.

Council President Gage spoke about the possibility that recreational marijuana could be legalized and that the City would be looking to develop an Ordinance on recreational marijuana and medical marijuana. Committee would be meeting in June to take up the matter.

The City Engineer, Anthony Chadwell stated that the NJDOT grant specs had been developed and that open bids would be due June 9th.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Fiscal year NJOT Municipal Aid Program (8th Street)

The City Engineer, Anthony Chadwell stated that the NJDOT 2020 grant specs had been developed and that open bids would be due June 9th.

2021 Fiscal year NJOT Municipal Aid Program proposals

Mr. Angeli stated that Public Works department was helping with recommendations for future projects.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open public portion made by Councilwoman Kellum.

Seconded by Councilman Smith

All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

Mr. Corbin, Davis Ave., Congratulated the Chief and the police on their success in solving the cases and stated that the Council was doing a great job.

Tracey Rogers, Asbury park, NJ, said that she was buying a house in Salem and wanted to know if the City was involved in a shared service to create for broadband service for Salem. She also had questions about trash pick-up and the waterfront area. CFO Dave Crescenzi stated that we had a shared service for dispatch only right now. Commerce Director, Mr. Bailey said that the waterfront Development Plan was on the City website.

Mr. Corbin stated that every student in the City schools would be getting a laptop to use.

Andrew Cadwalder, Mannington, stated that Salem High School is a very nice school.

Mayor Washing to stated that restoring homes costs a lot of money and that the City was looking fro grant money for these projects. He also stated that the City would be working on getting grass cut and maintaining some of the vacant properties that the City owns.

Motion to close the public portion made by Councilwoman Kellum.

Seconded by Councilman Smith

All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Ben Angeli, RMC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 15, 2020 AT 6:30 PM