

**CITY OF SALEM  
COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2021  
6:30 PM**

**OPENING 6:30 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Earl Gage

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Eric Sharp

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:**

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. Notice has also been posted that the meeting can be accessed through Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Cline, Davis, Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Slaughter, Smith Gage

Ms. Kellum joined the meeting before the resolutions were considered.

Also Present: Mayor Washington, Solicitor Rhea, CFO Nunez, Commerce Director Bailey and Admin/Clerk Angeli

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Motion to open: Gregory and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Mr. Angeli stated the following: The public is instructed 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. Please state your name and address, street name only for the record.

No comments or questions were offered.

Motion to close the public portion on agenda items: Groce and Second: Cline

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS:**

Approval of an entertainment license for Panting Heart Music for 5-22-2021 at MLK Park (Gospel Folk Music concert)

Motion to approve: Gregory and Second: Groce

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Approval of an entertainment license for Salem Area Ministerium for 5-6-2021 at MLK Park for National Day of Prayer event.

Motion to approve: Gregory and Second: Groce

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Approval of a Raffle License for Meals on Wheels of Salem County on 10-25-2021.

Motion to approve: Gregory and Second: Groce

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ORD. 2103 Mr. Angeli stated that the Storm water ordinance will be on agenda for hearing and adoption on 4-19 and that ORD. 2104 Guaranty Ordinance for Finlaw refinancing will be on agenda for hearing and adoption on 4-19.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

RES. 2021-100        A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PLAN FOR THE SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022

Motion to Introduce: Gregory Second: Kellum All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

RES. 2021-101        A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Motion to Introduce: Gregory Second: Kellum All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

RES. 2021-102        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 (#8) Matters relating to the employment relationship

Motion to Introduce: Gregory Second: Kellum All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

**ADMINISTRATION** (Gage, Gregory, Kellum, Smith)

Mr. Gage said that the Committee did not meet. He spoke about the Finlaw Building Ordinance being on for the next meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** (Gage, Smith, Groce, Davis)

Mr. Gage spoke about the LEAF Grant for consolidation of the Fire Houses and police station. He said that this would be on the agenda for the next meeting and that they were looking at sites for the consolidation. He said that they were leaning toward using the Washington Fire House for the consolidated location. Mr. Bailey spoke about the Glass factory and how the Sunbeam property would be eliminated for consideration as part of the consolidation. Ms. Kellum asked about the parking at Washington Fire house. Mr. Gage said that the plan would include buying one of the properties next to Washington Fire house. Mr. Davis thanked the Chief of Police for getting the trailers removed that were parked on City streets.

**PUBLIC WORKS** (Groce, Gregory, Gage, Slaughter)

Mr. Groce spoke about issues with Well #2 and Elkinton Dam. He also had some questions about the Capitol expenses for the budget.

**ORDINANCE/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** (Slaughter, Cline, Smith, Groce)

Mr. Angeli gave an update on the roof at #1 New Market Street.

**NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/PARKS AND RECS** (Slaughter, Kellum, Cline, Davis)

Ms. Slaughter spoke about the plan for the next clean-ups. Ms. Cline spoke about the Clean Communities Education program at the schools. Mr. Davis spoke about the basketball courts.

## **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ECDC) (Smith, Davis, Kellum, Gregory)**

Mr. Smith spoke about meeting with Mr. Bailey and that it was a very good meeting. The new County Development person attended. They discussed the City owned properties and added that Mr. Bailey was getting the list together. Mr. Bailey spoke about people surrendering their properties to the City and said he was looking at what other cities were doing. He spoke about the property auctions and that he had 10 and could do as many as 20 on the list. He stated that he was looking at a new system for the auctions that would possibly give Salem residents an opportunity to win the bids. He said that he has several candidates for the NTI program and that some big time brokerage firms may be interested in the City properties. Mr. Bailey spoke about IPPE and their interest in the landfill for light manufacturing and light warehouse uses. He updated the Glass factory property situation and stated that he could not give too much information on the interested principals yet. He said there was interest in that part of town. He spoke about the camera that the City was getting for the illegal dumping program and that the Chief had picked it up. He stated that he was looking at June for the distribution of the Analysis of Impediments Survey. Mr. Bailey stated that he had reached out to the new Housing Director and spoke about the HUD choice neighborhood program. Mr. Groce said that we needed to lock down the process for the auctions. Mr. Bailey said he would get it locked down in time for the next caucus meeting. Mr. Davis said that everyone from Salem came from someplace else and that the properties should go to the highest bidder to get them back on the tax rolls. Mr. Groce said that he felt we needed to have more discussion on the auction process.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Washington thanked Mr. Bailey for the good report. He said we should not be turning these properties over to bad characters and that we should not be overlooking the NTI program. He said that it looked like properties were going to investors and not people that wanted to live in Salem. He stated that he felt that not all money is good money.

### **CFO REPORT:**

Ms. Nunez stated that the Transitional Aid forms have been filed. She thanked the Governing Body for their patience through the process.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion to open: Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Mr. Angeli stated the following: The public is instructed that this portion of the meeting is provided for comments and questions on any matter. Please state your name and address, street name only for the record.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion to close the public portion on agenda items: Gregory and Second: Kellum All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to go into executive session: Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Mr. Angeli stated that Executive Session would last about one hour and that no action can be taken in a closed session. He said that action can be taken after the executive Session.

The Governing Body, City Solicitor, CFO and City Admin/Clerk moved into a closed session.

Motion to leave executive session: Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Mr. Angeli stated that no action was taken in Executive Session and that all members that entered the session are still present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

*NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:*

*THE REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2021 AT 6:30 PM*

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

  
Ben Angeli, BMC

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2021-100**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PLAN FOR THE SALEM  
CITY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, non profit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee, and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Salem further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Salem; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Salem that it recognizes the following:

1. The Common Council of the City of Salem does hereby authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the Salem City Municipal Alliance grant for the fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:
  - DEDR           \$1,940.00
  - Cash Match   \$485.00
  - In-Kind       \$1,455.00
2. The Common Council of the City of Salem acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF SALEM**

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Ben Angeli, RMC

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Earl Gage, Council President

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

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 April 12, 2021

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Date

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Ben Angeli, RMC

**FORM 1A**

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY	
Approved:	_____ YES _____ NO
Date:	_____

**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FUNDING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES**

Grant Year: 2022 Alliance Tier 1

APPLICANT MUNICIPALITY/IES: Salem City	COUNTY: Salem
ALLIANCE NAME: Salem City Municipal Alliance	ALLIANCE WEBSITE: www.cityofsalemnj.gov
ALLIANCE STREET ADDRESS: 17 New Market Street TOWN: Salem STATE: NJ ZIP: 08079	
TELEPHONE: ( 856 ) 935-0372 Ext.	FAX: ( )
ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON: Betsy Davis STREET ADDRESS: 17 New Market Street TOWN: Salem STATE: NJ ZIP: 08079 EMAIL: bedavis1234@gmail.com	ALLIANCE COORDINATOR: Sharon Kellum STREET ADDRESS: 17 New Market Street TOWN: Salem STATE: NJ ZIP: 08079 EMAIL: skellum@cityofsalemnj.gov
DATE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STRATEGIC PLAN (MM/DD/YYYY): / /	

- A) Alliance DEDR Allocation \$ 1,940.00
- B) Cash Match (must be 25% of DEDR Allocation) \$ 485.00
- C) In-Kind Match (must be 75% of the DEDR Allocation) \$ 1,455.00
- TOTAL ALLIANCE BUDGET (add A+ B+C) \$3,880.00

Salem City	Charles Washington	
_____ *MUNICIPALITY	_____ NAME/ MAYOR/Head of Governing Body	_____ SIGNATURE
Salem City		
_____ *MUNICIPALITY	_____ NAME/TITLE OF GOVERNING BODY REPRESENTATIVE	_____ SIGNATURE
_____	_____ NAME/TITLE OF GOVERNING BODY REPRESENTATIVE	_____ SIGNATURE
Betsy Davis	_____	_____
_____ ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE

**\* If a municipality is part of a consortium, a signature and resolution is required from all participating municipalities entering into the agreement. Signatures hereby accept all components of this grant including membership terms, Statement of Assurances and Fiscal Requirements.**



Department of  
Health & Human Services

**Municipal Alliance Program**  
*Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services*  
110 Fifth Street, Suite 400  
Salem, New Jersey 08079  
856-935-7510 x8304

March 19, 2021

The Honorable Charles Washington  
City of Salem  
Salem City Annex  
17 New Market Street  
Salem, NJ 08079

Dear Mayor Washington,

Below you will find the Municipal Alliance allocation amount for Fiscal Year 2022. The new allocation is based on availability of funds.

**The new DEDR funding amount for FY 2022 for the Salem City Municipal Alliance Grant is \$1,940.00.**

**There is a Cash Match requirement of \$485.00 and an In-Kind requirement of \$1,455.00.**

Fiscal Year 2022 will begin on July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2022. It will have 4 quarters. Please ensure that the resolution reflects the Fiscal Year 2022 or FY22.

We have enclosed an updated Form 1A for signatures and a resolution sample. If you would prefer the resolution template be emailed to you, please contact me at [Victoria.Maurizio@salemcountynj.gov](mailto:Victoria.Maurizio@salemcountynj.gov)

Please have both documents (the resolution and Form 1A) signed and returned to our office as soon as possible.

Please send to: Salem County Municipal Alliance Program  
110 Fifth Street  
Salem, NJ 08079

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your continued support of the hard work the Municipal Alliance does in your community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria Maurizio".

Victoria Maurizio  
Salem County Municipal Alliance Program



**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2021-101**

**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 2021 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2021 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 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total Current Fund Budget \$12,500.00 and total Utility W/S OPERATING Budget \$50,000,

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 \$1,488,619.00 as follows:

General Funds		Temp Budget	
	Account Description		
1-01-26-315-228	STREET VEHICLES	6,000.00	
1-01-25-265-299	MISC. EXPENSES FIRE	6,500.00	
		12,500.00	
Utility Water/Sewer Operating Fund			
1-09-55-508-299	MISC.	50,000.00	
		50,000.00	

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Date

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Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2021-102**

**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  
(8) *Matters relating to the 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:

(8) *Matters relating to the 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.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF SALEM**

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