

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2022
6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Earl Gage

INVOCATION: Council President Earl Gage

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

The City Clerk read the following: 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, Groce, Slaughter, Smith, Gage

Absent: Kellum

Also Present: Mayor Veler, Solicitor Rhea, CFO Nunez and Admin/Clerk Angeli

OATH OF OFFICE

Office of Member of the Common Council of the City of Salem: Honorable Vaughn Groce

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion: Gregory and Second Groce

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RES. 2022-53 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED FOR THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND
AUTHORIZE CLERK TO PUBLISH AN RFP FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

Motion to Introduce: Gregory Second: Groce All Council Members present voted in no except Davis who voted yes in a voice vote.

Councilman Smith motioned to accept the proposal from Chance McCann for the position of Municipal Prosecutor and Councilman Groce seconded the motion. The Clerk stated that the resolution would be Resolution 2022-54, titled A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREA RHEA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

In a 2022 Planning Session various topics were raised as crime prevention, housing and capacity building were brought as priority issues. The budget meeting dates were discussed. Capital budget and Bonding process were considered.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open: Gregory and Second: Groce

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.

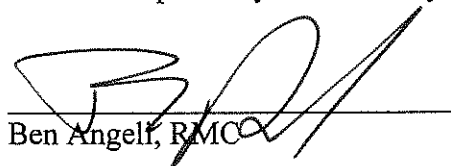
No comments or questions from the public

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Ben Angell, RMCA

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 10, 2022 AT 6:30PM

OATH OF OFFICE

HONORABLE VAUGHN GROCE

I, **VAUGHN GROCE**, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith, and allegiance to the same, and to the Governments, established in the United States, and in this State, under the authority of the people, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly perform, all of the duties of, the office of **COUNCILMAN** of the Common Council, of the City of Salem, in the State of New Jersey, according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me:

Hon. Vaughn Groce

This Day: _____

TERM: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-53**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
FOR THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND AUTHORIZE CLERK
TO PUBLISH AN RFP FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, the City published an RFP for the position of Municipal Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, there was one proposal received; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to again publish an RFP for the position of Municipal Prosecutor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the proposal for the position of Municipal Prosecutor is rejected.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized to again publish an RFP for the position of Municipal Prosecutor.

ATTEST:



Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

Earl Gage, Council President

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

This Resolution was not adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on January 3, 2022.

1-3-22

Date



Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-54**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDREA RHEA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL
PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**


WHEREAS, NJSA 2B:25-4 provides that a municipality shall appoint an attorney at law as municipal Prosecutor to represent the state, county or municipality in any manner within the jurisdiction of the municipal court.

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

1. Andrea Rhea, Esq., an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey, be and is hereby appointed to serve as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Salem for the calendar year 2022.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute an agreement for professional services with the Municipal Prosecutor who shall be paid in accordance the same.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law

Notice of this action shall be published in the South Jersey Times as required by law.

ATTEST:


Ben Angeli, RMC

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Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
S. Cline			X			
R. Davis				X		
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce		X	X			
S. Kellum						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 January 3, 2022.

1-3-2022
Date


Ben Angeli, RMC