

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022
6:30 PM

OPENING 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, Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Slaughter, Gage

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

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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 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: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

PRESENTATION:

Shot spotter system presentation by Jason Silva and Ron Teachman.

Janice Roots, Salem, asked about other cities that use the system and the response was that 120 customers across the country use the shot spotter. Mr. Teachman listed some customers across the country and in the state. Ms Roots asked about infrastructure and he replied that everything was included. Eric Sharpe stated that he thought it may save in manpower costs in time.

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

Approval of a raffle license for Salem County Women's for 4-28-22

Motion: Gregory Second Kellum Voice Vote 7-0

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RES. 2022-73

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

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

RES. 2022-74 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
(4) *Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement*
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Motion to Introduce: Gregory Second: Kellum All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Gregory, Groce, Smith)

Mr. Gage stated that the committee met with the tax assessor about the revaluation process and the process of notification. He spoke about the need to advertise for a fulltime tax collector and the rewarding process. The public hearing for the rewarding will be on Tuesday. There are three plans that were submitted and plan #1 looks like the best option.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Davis, Smith, Groce, Gage)

Mr. Davis stated that the City would need to look at the spot shotter and if we should move forward. Mr. Gage spoke about the EMS report and that Inspira may start their own EMS. Mr. Davis spoke about some items that he would like to see addressed in the Police Department. Ms. Cline asked about the number of police cars currently operating.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Gregory, Gage, Slaughter)

The subject of trash collection and trash sticker was raised and discussion ensued. The idea of bringing trash collection in-house will be further discussed.

ORDINANCE/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Cline, Slaughter, Smith, Kellum)

Ms. Cline stated that the committee looked at Council goals and certain Ordinances. They are looking at Landlord Registration Ordinance and discussed the downtown vacant downtown properties. They decided to have further discussions on Cannabis licenses in the City. Mr. Groce stated that he felt that the City kicked this down the road with the understanding that there would be further discussion. He said that in the election, the voters in each ward voted by 5-1 in favor of recreational cannabis. He stated that the voters had spoken.

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

Ms. Slaughter reported on Clean Communities and that she wanted to do a senior program. She spoke about the pick a date program for the mini-grants. She has a list of priority areas. Mr. Angeli spoke about the pool and discussion ensued about the need for multiple pools versus doing just one pool.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Smith, Davis, Gregory, Kellum)

Mr. Angeli spoke about the current demo list and The Solicitor spoke about going to Superior Court to help the process of taking down privately owned structures.

QIZ COMMITTEE REPORT (Cline, Gregory, Groce, Gage)

Mr. Bailey stated that the committee met with the redevelopment Attorney and the planner

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: No comments

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Angeli spoke about various City matters including LED lights for the City, change order for 8th street NJDOT project and possible Ordinances.

CFO REPORT:

Ms. Nunez spoke about possible uses for the ARP money the City received.

COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Bailey had no additional comments to add to comments in the QIZ report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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.

Janice Roots, Salem City, asked about bulk pick up procedure in the City and where does it go. She stated that Council should look into the trash situation and that trash business was very competitive.

Motion to close the public portion on agenda items: Gregory and Second: Kellum

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session
Motion to open: Gregory and Second: Kellum

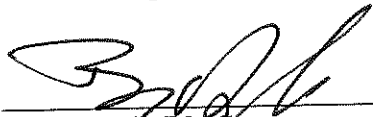
Motion to close Executive Session
Motion to close the Executive Session: Gregory and Second: Kellum

ADJOURNMENT:

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-73**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the City of Salem has previously issued a tax sale certificate to Slate Ventures LLC which certificate is dated 3/11/2020 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Lot 12 Block 31 as set out on the Municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number Cert. #19-00039; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the Tax Collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the City of Salem, that the Tax Collector of the City of Salem be and is hereby authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Loss Affidavit and the payment of a fee of \$ 25.00 per certificate, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

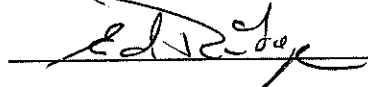
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

ATTEST:



Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM




Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
S. Cline			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 February 14, 2022

2-14-22

Date



Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-74**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY
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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:

- (4) *Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement*
- (7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege*
- (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:


 Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM


 Earl Gage, Council President

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