

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 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, Commerce Director Bailey and Admin/Clerk Angeli

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum

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

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.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees: Annalissa Klein

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

Approval of an Entertainment License for Claudia Fuse and the Salem Area Ministerium for May 5, 2022 from 6:30 to 7:30PM for the National Day of Prayer Event at MLK park

Motion to approve: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

Approval of an Entertainment License for John Keith Davis and Panting Hart Music for 5-28-22 from 2:00 to 5:30PM at MLK Park.

Motion to approve: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RES. 2022-102 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWING DENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HORIZON HEALTHCARE DENTAL/PUBLIC EMPLOYER TRUST FOR JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

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

RES. 2022-103 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

(7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege*

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

RES. 2022-104 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

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

RES. 2022-105 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALEM AND TRI-COUNTY FOR SENTRICON TERMITE ELIMINATION SERVICE

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

RES. 2022-106 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A JET/VAC FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

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

RES. 2022-107 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE AT 45 ELM STREET BLOCK 69 LOT 41

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

RES. 2022-108 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT TO THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST

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

RES. 2022-109 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL GRANT

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 said that negotiations with the police union would be starting in May.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Davis, Smith, Groce, Gage)

Discussion about parking meters.

Mr. Gage spoke about the shot spotter and the process for going out for bids. He spoke about getting a Fire Command Vehicle and that the 2016 needed a transmission.

Mayor Veler said that three police candidates were interviewed and that there would be some additional testing before we could do any hiring.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Gregory, Gage, Slaughter)

Some discussion about recycle buckets and the possible future use of surface water in the water system.

Mr. Angeli spoke about the proposal from R&V for the water permit renewal.

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

Councilwoman Cline spoke about the Center for Community Capital and getting a proposal from them for a housing plan. They would help with the landlord ordinance. She spoke about the good landlord program.

Discussion about the concession stand use took place. The committee will work on a policy and a new use application. Ms. Cline spoke about a cannabis Ordinance and Councilman Groce said that there should be a consensus of Council to move forward.

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

Councilwoman Slaughter spoke about Clean Communities projects for April and May. She spoke about an adopt a street program and mentioned reusable shopping bags that we had in the office to hand out. Ms. Cline said that USDA wanted to do something on Earth Day. Mr. Angeli gave an update on the bleachers and the pool.

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

Commerce Director Bailey spoke about the City-wide redevelopment plan and that Mr. Male would be working on it. Councilwoman Kellum asked Mr. Caliguirre for an update on the supermarket and he responded that there was an issue with getting the electric panel.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Angeli spoke about Lead service line resolution, 1-year additional interim appointment for Court Administrator, Ordinances and Budget Resolution that would be on for the next meeting.

CFO REPORT:

No report

COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

No additional comments from Mr. Bailey. He said that he was putting together a report for the next meeting.

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.

Mr. Corbin, Salem, spoke about a fire truck that was parked in a neighborhood and that it should be moved,

He also spoke about the Huddle community group and that they were sponsoring three youth football teams. He also said that he had cleaned up the football field.

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, Commerce Director and City Admin/Clerk moved into a closed session.

Motion to leave executive session: Gregory and Second: Kellum

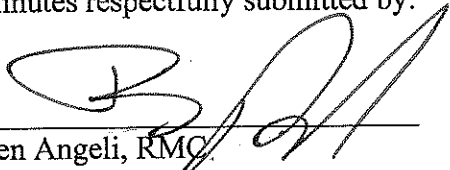
Mr. Angeli stated that no action was taken in Executive Session and that all members that entered the session are still present.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Ben Angeli, RMC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 18, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-102**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT
RENEWING DENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HORIZON HEALTHCARE
DENTAL/PUBLIC EMPLOYER TRUST FOR JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has contracted with Horizon Healthcare Dental/Public Employer Trust in the past The City Employee dental coverage; and

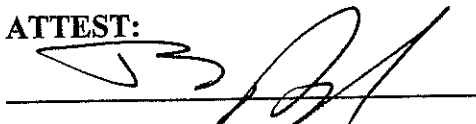
WHEREAS, The City of Salem has arranged for Brown and Brown Benefits Advisors to Administer this plan; and

WHEREAS, City desires to enter into an agreement with Horizon Healthcare Dental/Public Health Trust (Exhibit A) for coverage for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that the funds are available for the contracting with Horizon Healthcare Dental/Public Health Trust (Line Items W/S 25% 2-09-55-508-244 and 2-01-23-220-101); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the City CFO, Kenia Nunez are authorized to execute an agreement for services in accordance with this Resolution.

ATTEST:


Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

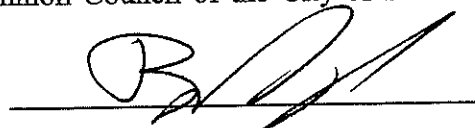

Earl Gage, Council President

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 April 11, 2022.

4-11-22

Date


Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-103**

**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
(7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege***

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

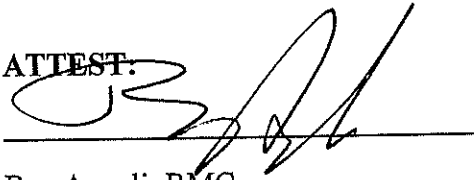
WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

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:

(7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege

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



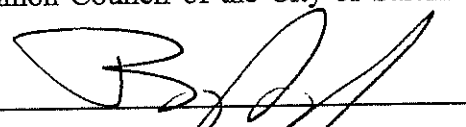
Earl Gage, Council President

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

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Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-105**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF SALEM AND TRI-COUNTY FOR SENTRICON TERMITE
ELIMINATION SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem has contracted in the past with Tri-County of Carney's Point, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the City has used the Tri-County Sentricon Colony Elimination System at the Salem Public Library and various City properties; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to use the Tri-County Sentricon Colony Elimination System at the City owned property at 67 West Broadway in Salem City; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that this is a necessary service and that the funds are available.

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 execution of an agreement (Attachment "A") with Tri-County of Carney's Point, NJ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement with Tri-County of Carney's Point, NJ.

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			

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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-106**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A JET/VAC
FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is in need of a Jet/Vac Truck for the Water and Wastewater Utility departments; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-100 the City of Salem QPA, Kenia Nunez was authorized to prepare the specifications for the purchase of the Jet/Vac Truck; and

WHEREAS, Kenia Nunez was authorized to advertise for quotes for the purchase of the Jet/Vac Truck, and

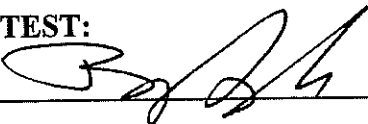
WHEREAS, International Link Trucks and Equipment of Delran, NJ provided the only quote, and

WHEREAS, the quote (Attachment "A") for \$135,260.00 presented by International Link Trucks and Equipment of Delran, NJ met all the specifications advertised, is reasonable and acceptable, and

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that this is a necessary purchase and that the funds are available. (C-08-55-594-406)


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to accept and sign the ProForma Invoice from International Link Trucks and Equipment of Delran, NJ for the purchase of the Jet/Vac Truck for use in the City of Salem.

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			

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Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-107**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF THE
STRUCTURE AT 45 ELM STREET BLOCK 69 LOT 41**

WHEREAS, in the City of Salem there exists a structure at 45 Elm Street, Block 69 Lot 41 on the City tax map; and

WHEREAS, due to the heavily dilapidated condition of the structure, it has been deemed a safety hazard to the public and the adjacent homes; and

WHEREAS, because of the critical need to provide safety to the public the City Council has determined that emergency extraordinary measures must be taken thereby waiving the normal bidding process to have the building raised at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to have the City QPA and Administrator solicit quotes for the demolition in the most expedient way; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that this is a necessary service and that the funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that the City QPA and Administrator immediately solicit quotes for the demolition of 45 Elm Street in the City of Salem.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the QPA and Administrator are authorized to evaluate the quotes and award the demolition to the company providing the most reasonable and responsive proposal to the provided specifications.

ATTEST:



Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM




Earl Gage, Council President

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S. Cline			X			
R. Davis			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
J. Smith			X			
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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-108**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT TO THE NEW JERSEY
HISTORIC TRUST**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historic Trust (NJHT) established by statute in 1967 (N.J.S.A. 13:1B et seq.), the Trust is a nonprofit historic preservation organization created to preserve and protect New Jersey's historic resources; and

WHEREAS, a 15-member board of trustees governs the Trust. Twelve members are private citizens appointed by the Governor. Three members serve *ex-officio*, representing the State Treasurer, Department of Environmental Protection /State Historic Preservation Office and the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature gave the Trust broad powers to initiate and promote preservation programs and encourage joint preservation efforts by the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Trust is to advance historic preservation in New Jersey for the benefit of future generations through education, stewardship and financial investment programs that save our heritage and strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, In the 2022 grant round, the Fund will accept applications for Historic Site Management grants, Heritage Tourism Planning grants, and Capital Preservation grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem understands the need to repair the roof at historic 1 New Market and will be requesting a Capital Preservation grant to cover the amount of sixty (60) percent of total project cost.

WHEREAS, the City of Salem will request \$120,000.00 from the NJHT Capital Preservation grant and will match \$80,000 meeting the forty (40) percent match requirement of total project cost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey hereby authorizes Salem City Commerce Department to prepare and a proposal to the New Jersey Historic Trust.

ATTEST:


Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

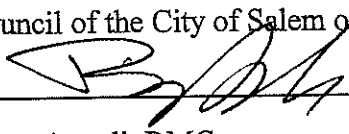

Earl Gage, Council President

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G. Slaughter			X			
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**CITY OF SALEM
RESOLUTION 2022-109**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A
LETTER OF INTENTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City has determined the need for additional staff in the areas of code enforcement and to promote financial literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps offers grant opportunities on both the State and National level; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps grant, if awarded, would increase the capacity of the city to enable a better response to the housing issues in the city; and

WHEREAS, should the grant be approved by the AmeriCorps program, a minimum of 10 AmeriCorps members will be recruited by the city to provide services in financial literacy and assist code enforcement officials in their.

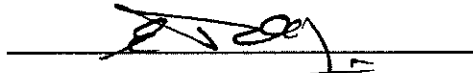
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey hereby approves the submission of a letter of intent for the purposes of submitting an AmeriCorps State and National Grant application.

ATTEST:



Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM



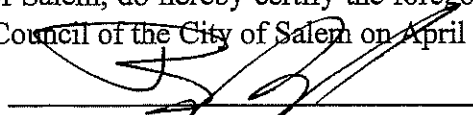
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