

**CITY OF SALEM**  
**COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

**OPENING 6:30PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Gage

**INVOCATION:** Council President Gage

**STATEMENT OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also present: Mayor Veler, Solicitor McCann, CFO Nunez, Commerce Director Bailey, Admin/Clerk Angeli, Deputy Clerk Renner.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

**PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Veler read presentation to Project Legacy for raising \$22,471.47 for the City football field, bleachers and press box.

**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.

Caleb, New Union St. questioned Resolution 2023-264 as to what it meant. CFO Nunez explained the process of supplemental transitional aid. Caleb also asked why the City is rejecting bid. The City Clerk, Ben Angeli explained that the bid for the basketball court for Hubble Ave. came in over budget and the City is in the process of going out for Re-Bid.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS**

Approval of an Entertainment License for Beautiful Vessels Housing and Family Development for an outreach event on 10-28-2023 from 12:00-2:00pm in MLK Park.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

9-18-23 Regular Meeting

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain: Smith, Cline

9-11-23 Caucus Meeting

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain: Kellum

10-10-23 Caucus Meeting

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain: Slaughter

### **SECOND READING OF AND HEARING FOR ORDINANCES**

ORD. 23-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONE, AUTHORIZING A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 52 NEW MARKET STREET

Motion to open the public hearing on ORD. 23-15

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

No public comment

Motion to close the public hearing on ORD. 23-15  
Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Motion to adopt ORD. 23-15  
Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum  
Roll call vote: Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Groce-yes, Kellum-yes, Smith-yea, Gage-yes

### **INTRODUSTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

RES. 2023-261            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO ACCEPT THE USDA  
533 HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT AWARD

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

RES. 2023-262            A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM  
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A GRANT  
APPLICATION TO THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

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

RES. 2023-263            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM  
PROJECT LEGACY FOR THE CITY FOOTBALL FIELD BLEACHERS AND PRESS  
BOX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,471.47

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

RES. 2023-264            PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND  
APPROPRIATION IN THE 2023, BUDGET CHAPTER 159 IN THE CITY OF  
SALEM, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY NJ DCADLGS  
SUPPLEMENTL TRANSITONAL AID

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

RES. 2023-265            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF BIDS FOR RESURFACING  
BASKETBALL COURT ON HUBBLE AVENUE (RE-BID)

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

RES. 2023-266            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION  
*(4) Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement*  
*(7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client*  
*privilege*  
*(5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or*  
*investment of public funds*  
Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-267            A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALEM  
AND PRO-TEC FOR INSPECTION SERVICES  
Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-268            A RESOLUTION TO EMPLOY JERMAINE KEY AS THE PARKING  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF SALEM  
Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-269            A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE  
AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF  
SALEM  
Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-270            A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE  
AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF  
SALEM PLANNING BOARD  
Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-272            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN  
CONTRACT FOR LITIGATION  
Motion to Table: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-273            AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO  
BROWNFIELD REDEVEOPMENT SOLUTIONS, INC (BRS), GRANT  
CONSULTANTS, FOR USACOE PILOT PROGRAM FOR WATER RESOURCES  
Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second: Kellum.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

**MAYORAL COMMENTS:** Mayor Veler explained different projects the City of Salem would like to do if the City sales the water, with the consent of the state monitor.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Ben Angeli read a statement to the public and council regarding a statement that was made at a prior meeting,

**OLD BUSINESS-** Nothing to report at this time.

**Motion to open Public Portion:** Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council members present voted in favor in a voice vote

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Taj, New Union St, recommended that the city start having more events for Halloween.

Jennifer Jones, discussed the brass plaques and the history of how they were made.

Joyce Johnson, expressed concern regarding an incident with her car being broken into on Broadway and the arrival time of the police was 20 minutes.

**Motion to close Public Portion:** 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 executive session.

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

**Motion to leave executive session:** Gregory and Second: Kellum

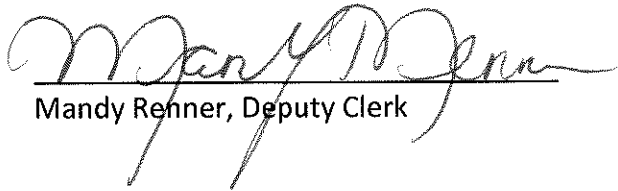
Mr. Angeli stated that no action was taken in Executive Session and that all members that entered the session are still present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Gregory and Second: Kellum  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

NEXT COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING:  
November 20, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk