

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2024
6:30PM

OPENING 6:30PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Salem School District students of the Month

INVOCATION: Mayor Veler

The 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.

Statement of Advertisement as read by the Clerk

Roll call:

Present: Cline, Gage, Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Loatman, Long, Smith

Also present: Mayor Veler, Solicitor Ranieri, Business Admin/Clerk Ben Angeli, Deputy Clerk Mandy Renner, Solicitor Ranieri, Commerce Director Bailey, CFO Kenia Nunez.

Approval of Bills

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum.

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

Certain rules of council meeting as read by the Clerk

Public portion for agenda items only:

Motion to open: Gregory and Second: Kellum.

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

Ben 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 Public Comment

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

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

Second reading of and Hearing for Ordinances:

ORD. 24-05 An Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article II and Chapters 53 of the code of the City of Salem, New Jersey to establish the position of a certified Public Works Manager.

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 24-05: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-05: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Motion to adopt Ord 24-05: Gregory and Second Kellum.
Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-06 An Ordinance of the City of Salem amending section 2 of Chapter 43 of the Municipal Code of the City of Salem fixing the titles, salaries and compensation ranges of officers and employees of the City of Salem.

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 24-06: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-06: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Motion to adopt Ord 24-06: Gregory and Second Kellum.
Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-07 An Ordinance amending Chapter 130, Part 8 (Stormwater Management) of the Code of the City of Salem, New jersey by adding New Article XXXI to be titled "Privately-Owned Salt Storage"

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 24-07: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-07: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Motion to adopt Ord 24-07: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-08 An Ordinance amending Chapter 130, Part 8 (Stormwater Management) of the code of the City of Salem, New Jersey by adding Article XXX to be titled "Tree Removal- Replacement"

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 24-08: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-08: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Motion to adopt Ord 24-08: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-No, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-09 An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Salem, New Jersey to establish the position of Acting Chief of Police

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 24-09: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-09: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Motion to adopt Ord 24-09: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-10 An Ordinance amending Chapter 225, Section 37 Handicapped Parking Zone, authorizing a handicapped parking sign to be placed at 108 Thompson Street

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 24-10: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-10: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Motion to adopt Ord 24-10: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-11 An Ordinance amending Chapter 185, Article II of the Code of the City of Salem, New Jersey for the purpose of established proper management of residential yard waste.

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-11: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Motion to adopt Ord 24-11: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-12 An Ordinance amending Chapter 153 of the Code of the City of Salem, New Jersey to regulate wild animal feeding in parks and recreation areas.

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-12: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Motion to adopt Ord 24-12: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-13 An Ordinance amending Chapter 130, part 8 (Stormwater management) of the Code of the City of Salem, New Jersey by adding new article XXXII to be titled "improper disposal of waste"

No questions were asked

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-13: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Motion to adopt Ord 24-13: Gregory and Second Kellum.

Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

ORD. 24-14 An Ordinance amending Chapter 189, Article II of the Code of the City of Salem, New Jersey relating to street opening permit fees.

Bill Corbin, Salem, NJ questioned the meaning of this Ordinance. Ben Angeli explained that any company opening the road for any type of construction would need to get a permit.

Motion to close public hearing on Ord. 24-14: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Motion to adopt Ord 24-14: Gregory and Second Kellum.
Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

Introduction of Ordinances for first reading:

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for ordinance 24-16 will be on May 20, 2024 at 6:30pm.

ORD. 24-16: An Ordinance amending Chapter 230of the Code of the City of Salem, New Jersey entitled "Water and Sewers" in order to establish a new rate for Public Fire Service.

Motion to Introduce: Gregory and Second Kellum.
Roll call vote: Cline-Yes, Gregory-Yes Gage-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes

Introduction of Resolutions for Consideration:

RES. 2024-150. A Resolution of the City of Salem, County of Salem, New Jersey authorizing execution of an Escrow agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement authority.
Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in a favor in a voice vote.

RES. 2024-151. 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
(7) Mattes relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege
Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in a favor in a voice vote.

RES. 2024-152. Resolution for Emergency Repair/Replacement of the Town Bank Stormwater Diesel pump in Critical Condition.
Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in a favor in a voice vote.

RES. 2024-153. A Resolution appointing Michael Pelura as director of the office of Emergency Management for the City of Salem for a term ending on December 31, 2026

Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

RES 2024-154. A Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to execute and record discharge of mortgages related to the City of Salem and New Jersey Department of community affairs neighborhood preservation program and small cities program

Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

RES. 2024-155. Resolution amending resolution 2024-148 the Emergency Repair/Replacement of the Town Bank Storm Water Pump repairs in critical condition to change the budget line the funds are to be drawn from.

Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

RES. 2024-156 Resolution to accept the proposal from atrium executive Abstract, LLC to perform title searches on Seven properties deeded to the City.

Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum.

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

Mayoral Comments: Mayor Veler expressed thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the community clean up.

Old Business: Ben Angeli stated that the tile in the upstairs bathroom at the Police Station has come back with a positive report of asbestos.

New Business: No new business

Public Portion:

Motion to open: Gregory Second: Kellum.

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Bill Corbin, Salem, NJ expressed concern regarding the curbs having yellow paint to be more visible. Councilwomen stated that she would looked into it.

Jennifer Jones questioned the statues of Town Bank and when it be repaired. Ben Angeli responded within 14-16 weeks, still waiting on parts.

Mr. Hudson expressed thanks for supporting his upcoming event.

Bill Corbin, Salem stated that he needs to install a French Drain on his property, is this something the City would help with. Councilmen Groce replied that the City is not responsible.

Motion to close the public portion.
Motion to close: Gregory 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, , Commerce Director Bailey, CFO Kenia Nunez moved into a closed session.

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

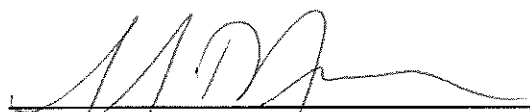
Mr. Angeli stated that no action was taken in Executive Session and that all members that entered the session are still present.

Adjournment:

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

The next council meeting will be May 13, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk