

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2024
6:30PM

OPENING 6:30PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Cline

INVOCATION: Council President Cline

Statement of Advertisement:

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.

Roll Call:

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

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

Approval of Bills:

Motion: Gregory and Second Kellum

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

Motion to amend: Gregory and Second Kellum

Roll Call Vote: Gregory-Yes, Groce-Yes, Kellum-Yes, Loatman-Yes, Long-Yes, Smith-Yes, Cline-Yes

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.

Public Portion for Agenda Items Only:

Motion to open: Gregory and Second: Kellum

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

No questions were asked by the public

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 Salem County Coalition =, Salem Police department, Salem Prosecutors office at MLK Park for Attorney general walk on April 16, 2024 from 1-4pm.

Approval of an entertainment license for Hopelife Inc. for community promise wellness fair at Walnut Street field on May 4, 2024 from 12-4pm.

Approval of an entertainment license John Keith Davis for Gospel/Folk Concert at MLK Park on May 18, 2024 from 1-5pm.

Approval of an entertainment license Salem Area Ministerium- National Day of Prayer at MLK Park on May 2, 2024 from 6-8pm.

Approval of a Raffle License for Meals on Wheels of Salem County on May 31, 2024 at 10:00am.

Motion to approve the licenses: Gregory and second: Kellum
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Introduction of Ordinances First reading:

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for ordinance 24-15 will be on May 13, 2024 at 6:30pm.

ORD. 24-15 Calendar year 2024 ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion to Introduce: Gregory and second Kellum.

Roll Call: Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Loatman, Long, Smith, Cline voted yes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RES. 2024-135. A Resolution to average Tax Collection Rate for use in the Municipal Budget.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Resolution 2024-136 is the Budget Resolution. A Budget Resolution requires two readings and a public hearing. The public hearing for the Budget Resolution 2024-136 will be on May 13, 2024 at 6:30pm at 113 Market Street, Salem NJ.

Res. 2024-136. A Resolution authorizing the introduction of the 2024 Budget for the City of Salem.

Motion: Gregory and second Kellum.

Roll Call: Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Loatman, Long, Smith, Cline voted yes.

RES. 2024-137. Governing Body certification of compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

Motion: Gregory and second Kellum.

Roll Call: Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Loatman, Long, Smith, Cline voted yes.

Resolutions 2024-138 through 2024-149 will be done as a consent agenda. Any member of Council can at this time request to remove any of the Resolutions from the consent agenda and they can be voted on separately.

RES. 2024-138. A Resolution authorizing the City Tax collector to hold a Tax Lien Sale.

RES 2024-139. Resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with the center for community progress for a New Jersey Land Bank launch scholarship at no cost to the City of Salem.

RES. 2024-140. A Resolution authorizing the Clerk to advertise a request for proposal ("RFP") for potential redevelopers in connection with the City of Salem waterfront redevelopment project area.

RES. 2024-141. Resolution authorizing signing agreement with real auction.com LLC for processing of bid information related to Tx Lien Certificate Auction in 2024.

RES. 2024-142. A Resolution appointing Tri-County Termite & Pest Control Inc. to provide services for various City Buildings.

RES. 2024-143. A Resolution to accept the City Engineer's cost of proposal for professional services for the Environmental testing for the police department.

RES. 2024-144. A Resolution to approve movement of Jimmy Trinidad and Aileen Westcott from position of Housing Inspector Trainee to Housing Inspector.

RES. 2024-145. Authorizing the City of Salem to execute a proposal for professional services with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions Inc (BRS) for environmental study of Westside Court.

RES. 2024-146. Authorizing the City of Salem to execute a proposal for professional services with Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions Inc (BRS) for the management and implementation of the US EPA multipurpose grant for calendar year 2024.

RES. 2024-147. 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**

RES. 2024-148. Ratifying the emergency repair/replacement of the Town Bank Storm water pump repairs in critical condition.

RES. 2024-149. Resolution authorizing a refund of overpayment of utilities for Block 19, Lot 18.

Roll call Vote on the Consent Agenda

Motion: Gregory and second Kellum.

Roll Call: Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Loatman, Long, Smith, Cline voted yes.

Committee Reports and Discussion:

Administration (Cline, Gage, Groce, Kellum) Cline advised Council and the public that there are 8 Municipalities without EMS services at this time. Councilmen Gage plans on attending the next meeting to come up with a plan.

Public Safety (Groce, Gage, Gregory, Cline) Councilmen Groce announced the City has another Officer getting ready to start the police academy. Groce also stated that Public Safety is still looking into Grants to get a Police Service Dog.

Public Works (Smith, Loatman, Gage, Groce) Councilwomen Smith stated that she met with Ray Howard regarding trash clean up around the City.

Ordinance (Long, Cline, Kellum) Councilwomen Cline announced that the Ordinance committee is looking into amending an Ordinance to allow Habitat for Humanity to build modular houses.

Neighborhood Initiatives/Parks and Recs (Gregory, Long, Loatman) Councilmen Long advised Council that the Grants for Elm Street have been approved, the next step is to find someone to manage the project.

Economic and Community Development (Cline, Gregory, Long, Smith) Councilwomen Cline announced that the Metro building is currently being worked on.

Housing (Cline, Loatman, Long, Groce, Gage) Councilwomen Cline advised council that the committee is currently working on a list for City owned buildings to be auctioned off. The committee is also looking into to doing a Quick Claim where property owners can surrender their properties to the City.

Mayoral Comments: Noting to report.

CFO Report: Nothing to report.

Commerce Director Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Loatman questioned the status of the pool. Ben Angeli replied R&V is still working on the specs.

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 vehicles parking on the corner of Broad and Elm Street.

Lou Perry, Salem, NJ congratulated Mayor Veler on getting her Doctorate degree. Mr. Perry also expressed concern regarding with the flooding on New Union Street.

Joyce Johnson, Salem, NJ questioned the Choice Grant. Commerce Director Bailey explained the process.

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, Mayor Veler, Admin/Clerk Ben Angeli, Solicitor Ranieri, Commerce Director Bailey, Deputy Clerk Mandy Renner 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.

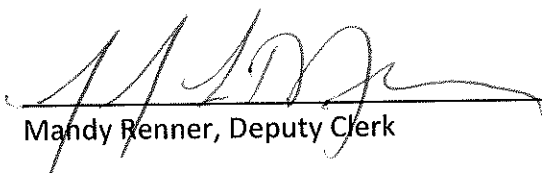
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Gregory and Second: Kellum

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE April 15, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk

