

**CITY OF SALEM**  
**COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**6:30PM**

OPENING 6:30PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Earl Gage

INVOCATION: Council President Earl Gage

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:

The Deputy 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, Kellum, Smith, Gage

Also present: Mayor Veler, Admin/Clerk Ben Angeli, Solicitor McCann, Deputy Clerk Mandy Renner.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion: Kellum Second: Smith

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.

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Motion to open: Kellum and Second: Smith

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: Kellum and second: Smith

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

Mayor Veler appointed Eric Pankok to the free library Board of Trustees for a term that expires 12-31-2023

COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:

Approval of an Entertainment License for Salem Little League to use pole barn building for winter training from 2023 to April 2024

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Approval of an Entertainment License for Stand Up for Salem Magic of Christmas Parade 9AM to 12 Noon on 12/2/2023

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

2/28/2022 Special Council Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smtih  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Smith

3/14/2022 Caucus Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Smith

3/14/2022 Executive Session

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Smith

3/21/2022 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Groce and Smith

4/11/2022 Caucus Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Smith

4/11/2022 Executive Session

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith  
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Smith

5/09/2022 Caucus Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Smith

5/09/2022 Executive Session

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Abstain- Gregory and Smith

10/16/2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RES. 2023-274            A RESOLUTION TO AWARDED THE BID FOR THE CITY OF SALEM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING FIRST FLOOR FIT-OUT TO ALIANO BROTHERS  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

Motion to adopt: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-275            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR CHEMICALS AND WATER METERS FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR THE  
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Motion to Introduce: Kellum Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-276            A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CITY ROAD/STREET ENGINEER'S COST  
PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PRELIMINARY  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSITIONAL AID  
ROAD PROJECT PHASE 2

Motion to Introduce: Kellum Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-277            RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REVIEW AND SUBMISSION OF THE BEST  
PRACTICES INVENTORY FOR 2023

Motion to Introduce: Kellum Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-278            A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SALEM  
MANOR, LLC.

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

RES. 2023-279            RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF SALEM CITY RESCINDING  
RESOLUTION 2023-271

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

RES. 2023-280            RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF SALEM CITY AUTHORIZING  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL TO THE NJDOT SMITH STREET  
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT A DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$6,070.66)

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

RES. 2023-281            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE AND  
MAINTENANCE BOND POSTED BY A.C. SCHULTES INC FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF WELL #9

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

RES. 2023-282            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT  
WITH HMR ARCHITECTS, PA TO PREPARE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS  
FOR PHASE 1 EXTERIOR RESTORATION FOR THE SARAH NICHOLSON  
ALLEN HOUSE, 67 WEST BROADWAY IN SALEM, NEW JERSEY

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

RES. 2023-283            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PLAN FOR THE SALEM  
CITY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

Motion to table: Kellum Second: Smith.  
All Council Members present voted in favor in voice vote

RES. 2023-284            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 USDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

RES. 2023-285            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

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

RES. 2023-286            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*  
*(8) Matters relating to the employment relationship*

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

RES. 2023-287,            A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALEM CITY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO EXECUTE THE LOCAL EFFICINECY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP) GRANT AGREEMENT AS AMENDED

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

ADMINISTRATION (Gage, Gregory, Kellum, Smith) Gage confirmed Re-Org will take place on January 1, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Gage, Smith, Groce, Davis) Lt. Michael Brooks stated that the City of Salem will have a shared service agreement for EMT's.

PUBLIC WORKS (Groce, Gregory, Gage, Slaughter) Mayor Veler expressed concern about the slide needing repairs. Ben Angeli suggested looking into a new trash agreement.

ORDINANCE (Cline, Smith, Groce) Cline discussed the five-year road moratorium.

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/PARKS AND RECS (Slaughter, Smith, Cline, Davis: Nothing to report.

HOUSING (Cline, Gregory, Gage, Davis) Cline spoke about the October 24, 2023 meeting. The meeting was an ice break that involved different agencies.

QIZ COMMITTEE REPORT (Cline, Gregory, Groce, Gage) Cline stated that Charlie Hassler as well as herself tagged City of properties within the city.

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Veler stated that Americorp is still assisting with energy repairs.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Noting to report.

CFO REPORT: Nothing to report.

COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Bailey spoke about holding interviews for the Grant Writer position.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open: Kellum Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Jim Cherry, Chestnut St. expressed concerns regarding the loud music, speeding and blocked fire hydrants on Chestnut Street. Ben Angeli replied that he will look into it.

Dawn Puni, suggested that Crossland needs a speedbump.

Joyce Johnson, question the status of the choice grant. Earl Gage updated Ms. Jonson on the status.

Motion to close the public portion.

Motion to close: Kellum Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into executive session: Kellum and Second Smith

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: Kellum and Second: Smith

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

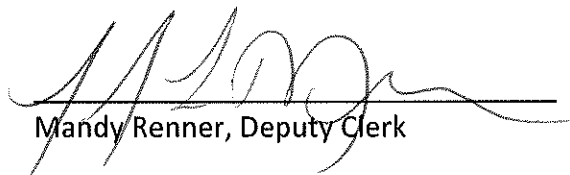
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE  
November 20, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk