

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2023
6:30PM

OPENING 6:30PM

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.

Roll Call:

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

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

Res. 2023-194 Resolution authorizing Executive Session

(7) A matter involving client privilege pertaining to sale of the water

Motion: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Motion to go into Executive Session: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Mr. Angeli stated that Executive Session would last about 10 minutes and that no action can be taken in a closed session. He stated that action can be taken after executive session.

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

Motion to close Executive Session: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

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

Certain rules of Council Meetings read by the Clerk

Public Portion for agenda items only:

Motion to open public portion on agenda items only: Groce and Second: Smith
All Council Members present voted in favor is a voice vote

Janice Roots, Salem questioned if she could review the bid packets?
Solicitor Rhea responded after the documents are redacted.

Motion to close public portion on agenda items only: Groce and Second: Smith
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Communications/Applications/Reports:

Approval of an Entertainment License of Southern Jersey Family Health Centers, Inc on August 9, 2023 at MLK Park for a free community health fair.

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

Approval of a Vendor License for Kuan Lewis/Helz Kitchen for sale of food, beverages, Jersey Fresh produce and dry goods at 188-190 Griffith Street in Salem. This approval is contingent on the Police Chief approval.

Motion to approve: Groce and Second: Kellum
Cline=yes, Gregory=yes, Groce=abstain, Slaughter=no, Smith=yes, Gage=yes. 4-Yes and 2-no.
Motion Passes

Introduction of Ordinances for First Reading:

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for ordinance 23-10 will be on July 17, 2023 at 6:30pm

ORD: 23-10 Ordinance of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey, approving an agreement of sale between the City and New Jersey American Water Company, INC. for the sale of the City's water and wastewater systems and authorizing a proposal to be printed on the ballot for consideration by the voters within the City at the General Election on November 7, 2023 providing for the sale of the City's water and Wastewater System to New Jersey American Water Company, INC.

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

Introduction of Resolutions for Consideration:

Res. 2023-195 A Resolution appointing Dawn Mizenis as Municipal Court Administrator

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Groce-no, Slaughter-yes, Smith-yes, Gage-yes. 5-Yes and 1-no. Motion Passes

Res.2023-196 Resolution authorizing the Mayor declare a water supply emergency and institute mandatory water restrictions

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-197 A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to submit a grant application to the DOJ for Ballistic Vests

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-198 Resolution authorizing contracts for the purchase of certain chemicals and Univar

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-199 Resolution authorizing contract for the purchase of water meters

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-200 A Resolution awarding contract for the demolition of various structures in the City of Salem

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-201 A Resolution authorizing contracts for the purchase of certain chemicals from Shannon Chemicals

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-202 Reallocate funds in the 2021 transitional aid quality of life zone for Hud choice neighborhood grant match

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-203 A Resolution authorizing contracts for the purchase of certain chemicals from Coyne

Motion to Introduce: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Mayoral Comments: Mayor Veler announced that the Violence Coordinator position has been posted.

Old Business: Nothing to report at this time

New Business: Nothing to report at this time

Public Portion:

Motion to open the public portion of the meeting: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Janice Roots, questions Councilmen Groce why he voted no to Resolution 2023-195.

Councilmen Groce replied that is was nothing personal.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

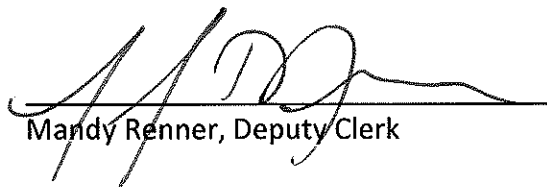
Adjournment:

Motion: Groce and Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JULY 17, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk