

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

**OPENING 6:30 PM** - Council President Gage

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council President Gage

**INVOCATION** - Council President Gage

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT** - Read by the Clerk

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

**CERTAIN RULES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS READ BY THE CLERK**

**PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

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

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.

Rebecca Gower asked about resolution 2023-109 and Mr. Angeli explained that concerned legal matters.

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

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

**COMMUNICATIONS/APPLICATIONS/REPORTS:**

Approval of a raffle license for Meals On Wheels on 10-31-23

Approval of a raffle license for Meals On Wheels on 5-31-23

Entertainment license for South Jersey Family Medical Centers Street Health Fair 3-17-23 12PM to 3PM

Entertainment license for Parting Hart Music MLK Park 5/27/23 1:30-5PM

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

RES. 2023-108      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE  
CITY OF SALEM HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

RES. 2023-109

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

(7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege*

(8) *Matters relating to the employment relationship*

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ADMINISTRATION** (Gage, Gregory, Groce, Kellum)

The Committee met and dealt with budget matters.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY** (Davis, Slaughter, Groce, Gage)

The Committee spoke about street lights that are out and pot holes. They said that the radar unit was fixed and back in operation. Mr. Groce spoke about getting LED street light in the QIZ zone. Shot spotter was also discussed.

### **PUBLIC WORKS** (Groce, Gregory, Gage, Smith)

Mr. Groce discussed the Engineer's position in the City.

### **ORDINANCE** (Cline, Smith, Kellum)

The Committee spoke about the loitering Ordinance and the possibility of moving forward.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES/PARKS AND RECS** (Slaughter, Smith, Cline, Davis)

Discussed the various parks and how to rehabilitate them.

### **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** (Smith, Davis, Gregory, Cline)

No report

### **HOUSING/QIZ** (Cline, Gregory, Gage, Davis)

The Committee spoke about the job description for the Housing Manager position and spoke about the NTI program.

### **MAYORAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Veler spoke about her discussion with Director Suarez.

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

None

### **CFO REPORT**

Ms. Nunez spoke about working on the budget.

### **COMMERCE DIRECTOR REPORT**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

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

The public is instructed that this portion of the meeting is provided for comments and questions on any matter. Please state your name and address, street name only for the record.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to go into Executive Session

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

No questions or comments.

Motion to close Executive Session

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2023-108**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO THE  
CITY OF SALEM HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey that the following be and hereby appointed as a Commissioners to the City of Salem Housing Authority;

Mikki Kornegay

SEAT #5

TERM EXPIRES 12-31-2027

ATTEST:

  
Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM

  
Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
S. Cline			X			
R. Davis			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
C. Smith			X			
E. Gage			X			

I, Ben Angeli, Clerk of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on March 13, 2023.

3-13-23  
Date

  
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RESOLUTION 2023-109**

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**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters as follows:

(1) *Matters Required by law to be confidential:* Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.

(3) *Matters involving individual privacy:* Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned.

(4) *Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement:* Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

(5) *Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or investment of public funds:* Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) *Matters of public protection:* Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.

(7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege:* Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Board is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.

(8) *Matters relating to the employment relationship:* Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.

(9) *Deliberations after public hearing.* Deliberations by the Board occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

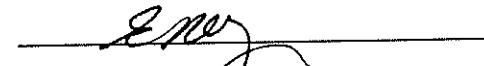
- (7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege*
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.

**ATTEST:**

  
 Ben Angeli, RMC

**CITY OF SALEM**

  
 Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
S. Cline			X			
R. Davis			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
C. Smith			X			
E. Gage			X			

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**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2023-110**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MANDY RENNER AS LOCAL REGISTRAR  
OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE CITY OF SALEM**

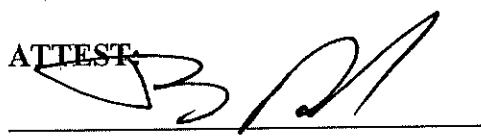
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-11 a municipality shall designate a local registrar of Vital Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body desires to appoint Mandy Renner as the Local Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to confirm her appointment as the Local Registrar of Vital Statistics

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Mandy Renner is appointed as Local Registrar for the term ending December 31, 2025.

ATTEST



Ben Angeli, RMC

CITY OF SALEM



Earl Gage, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
S. Cline			X			
R. Davis			X			
T. Gregory	X		X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum		X	X			
G. Slaughter			X			
C. Smith			X			
E. Gage			X			

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