

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 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: Gage, Gregory, Groce, Kellum, Loatman, Long, Smith, Cline

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

Mayor Veler did the swearing in for the New Police Officers.

Approval of Minutes

5-20-24 Regular Meeting

Motion: Gage and Second Kellum

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

Approval of Bills:

Motion: Gage and Second Kellum

All Council Members present voted in a 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: Gage 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: Gage and second: Kellum
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Communications/Applications/Reports:

Approval of a Vendor License for Ezell Barnes for stationary food truck at 442 East Broadway from June 2024 to June 2025

Approval of an entertainment license for Gateway CAP Salem Family Success Center for a Women's Health Fair on June 26, 2024 from 11AM to 2PM on property at 21 New Market Street.

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 Jocelyn Johnson and Second Baptist Church for church services on June 30, 2024 from 11AM to 2PM at 255 Wesley Street.

Approval of an entertainment license for Pastor Frances Wen and House of Prayer Ministry on July 20, 2024 on from 11AM to 4PM at MLK Park for an Outreach Ministry event.

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

Approval of an entertainment license for the Huddle on June 16, 2024 5PM to 9PM at MLK Park for a Father's Day music event

Motion to approve the license: Gage and second: Long
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Gregory-abstain

Introduction of Resolutions for Consideration:

RES. 2024-185. A Resolution amending Resolution 2024-163 authorizing the Municipal Tax Collector to send estimated tax bills.

Motion: Gage and second: Kellum
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

RES. 2024-186. A Resolution providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 These items are for (7) *Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege*

Motion: Gage and second Kellum.
All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Committee Reports and Discussion:

Administration (Cline, Gage, Groce, Kellum) Cline advised Council that an email will be sent out regarding how the ARPA funds will be spent.

Public Safety (Groce, Gage, Gregory, Cline) Chief Brooks stated that 3 new officers have been hired. K-9 dog is still in the works and new cameras have been ordered.

Public Works (Smith, Loatman, Gage, Groce) Councilwomen announced that the Public Works committee have started the interviews for the Public Work manager position.

Ordinance (Long, Cline, Kellum) Councilwomen Cline advised council that changes need to be made to the Cannabis Ordinance.

Neighborhood Initiatives/Parks and Recs (Gregory, Long, Loatman) Councilmen Gregory suggested the idea of having a "Play Street" with a basketball court. Gregory also announced that Mr. Gillett has been working with students doing a Photography class.

Economic and Community Development (Cline, Gregory, Long, Smith) Mr. Gillett submitted a proposal to do a video for the City of Salem

Housing (Cline, Loatman, Long, Groce, Gage) Councilwomen Cline advised council that the committee will be meeting again this upcoming Wednesday. Matt Bailey stated that 3 more applications have been received for the housing program but, were incomplete.

Mayoral Comments: Nothing to report.

CFO Report: Nothing to report.

Administrator Report: Ben Angeli announced that the closing with American Water will take place June 25, 2024 at 2pm.

Commerce Director Report: Matt Bailey reported that Carpenter St. Village has paid all rental property registration fees for 2024. Late fees for rental registration will begin once the new Ordinance is passed.

Old Business: No old business

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, expressed thanks with all of the wonderful events that happened in Salem this past weekend.

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

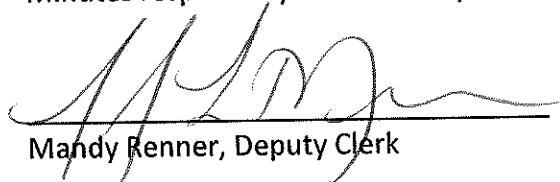
Mr. Angeli stated that no action was taken in Executive Session and that all members that entered the session are still present.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk