

**CITY OF SALEM**  
**APRIL 9, 2020**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council held is being held remotely Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on April 7, 2020 at 10:04 A.M. This meeting is being taped and is live on S.A.T.V.

All Councillors were present.

Council President McCarthy presided.

Councillor Prosniewski moved to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting. It was so voted.

President McCarthy requested that everyone please rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**#206 – MAYORS UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE STATUS OF COVID-19**

The Mayor and Health Agent, David Greenbaum gave an update regarding the status of the COVID-19 emergency.

The Health Agent gave update on the number of positive cases in Salem and the number of deaths from COVID-19. He also informed the public that Salem is now requiring facial coverings to be worn when going into essential business and employees in those business must also wear facial coverings.

Councillor Dominguez asked if the Board of Health signs were in Spanish, what the criteria to test was. Why was a Salem resident sent to Beverly for testing.

The Health Agent responded that the signs were in both English and Spanish. Also a person may only get tested when their primary doctor refers them. Depending what hospital the primary doctor is associated with is where that person is sent regardless of the city they live in.

Councillor Madore asked how people are getting daily updates if someone doesn't have a computer. Can we set up a 3-1-1 number.

The Mayor responded it is a challenge due to social distancing and remote access. SATV posts updates. David Greenbaum responded mailing information would be old information by the time they got it. Trying to get information out rapidly. Anyone can call his office. The Mayor also stated that setting up and running a 3-1-1- number is complex.

Councillor Hapworth wanted to thank the volunteers that signed up to help the City. He also asked if the facial coverings were for outdoor lines, running or walking your dog.

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And what to do if construction crews are not obeying social orders i.e. spitting, tossing cigarette butts. They don't live in Salem.

David Greenbaum responded that you do not have to wear one if walking your dog or running. It's if you are going into an essential business like a grocery store or waiting in line to get into the store. Take out place like down the Willows should be call ahead orders and curbside pickup. If in a line outside would recommend wearing a covering. The crews regardless of where they live while working in Salem must follow our rules. The Building Department is spot checking crews but you can also call and let them know.

The Mayor added that we are taking these guidelines seriously. The Building Inspector can shut them. Some are going above guidelines or some chose not to work at this time.

Councillor Flynn inquired about the SHS Field House and if other communities in the North Shore are setting up ones in their cities or towns so Salem is not over burden as well as our Police Dept.

The Mayor responded that is being use as an isolation center especially for the homeless. The closest facility is in Lexington. The individual is not COVID positive but need to self-isolate and cannot due to their living arrangement. Since there is a lack of resources, that's why this is for the region. It costs the same if every city and town did it as well as being adequately staffed so this way we can share the cost, resources, and staffing and also get reimbursed by the State.

Councillor Dominguez asked since ventilators are hard to get do you know how many Salem Hospital has and the percent of Latinos and African Americans testing positive.

The Mayor stated she did no get an update this week from North Shore Medical Center, but they are making sure Salem and the region has what they need.

Councillor Prosniewski asked if the \$250,000.00 funding was adequate enough.

The Mayor informed the Council that some of the funding has been used for food meals prepared by Root, Citizens' Inn, and the Salem Food Pantry. Also an order was placed for PPE Equipment. The reimbursement for COVID expenses will be at 75% which will take place months later. FEMA has to reimburse the State first. Its more on a rolling basis. The city is tracking all expenditures made due to the emergency. The Fire Chief is submitting NEMA worksheets . Our revenues have been next to nothing. No parking, hotel, meals, cannabis revenue. The Mayor also stated besides the temporary shelter at the SHS, the City is also trying to find apartments for homeless families. There was an Affordable Housing Crisis before COVID-19 and more so now. We are working with Salem State University and to repurpose some unused Dorms for families to live in for

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now. Four families are moving into a Dorm. We are looking for landlords through our trash fee waivers who may have vacant units. Payments are being deferred for excise and property taxes for a month. Applying for CDBG money and PPP enrollment most business having a positive experience with small local banks; others are not with larger banks.

Councillor Sargent asked about the positive cases in Salem and when are they taken off the list.

The Health Agent explained that only numbers are being added to the case numbers when a person has a positive test confirmed. It's very difficult to track when those people get better to take away from the numbers. We can get a better idea on recoveries once we get data inputted and we need information on people getting re-infected so report can be actual recoveries.

**#207 – REAPPOINTMENT OF REBECCA CHRISTIE TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

The Mayor's reappointment of Rebecca Christie of 17 Marlborough Rd to the Commission on Disabilities for a term of 3 years to expire April 13, 2023 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Hapworth, Madore Morsillo, Prosniewski, Riccardi, Sargent, Turiel and McCarthy were all recorded as voting in the affirmative.

**#208 – APPROPRIATION FOR THE MACK PARK FARM PROJECT**

ORDERED: That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) is hereby appropriated and transferred from the "Capital Outlay Fund 2000" to the ST CIP Health Mack Park Farm Project account for the construction of a split-farm fence, French drain and irrigation pond in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.

**#209 – APPROPRIATION OF \$10,931.06 TO THE ELECTIONS OVERTIME AND PART-TIME SALARY ACCOUNTS**

ORDERED: That the sum of Ten thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One dollars and six cents (\$10,931.06) is hereby transferred from the "City Council Advertising Account" (11112-5306) to the "Elections Overtime Account" and the "Elections Part Time Salary Account" as provided below to cover early voting costs and those costs resulting from the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.

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<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Election Overtime	11621-5131	\$ 7,735.64
Elections Part-Time Salary	11621-5113	\$ 3,195.42
		<b>\$ 10,931.06</b>

**#210 – APPROPRIATION OF \$8,090.00 TO THE ELECTION POLL WORKER ACCOUNT**

ORDERED: That the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars Ninety dollars (\$8,090.00) is hereby transferred and appropriated from the “Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash” account (1-3245) to the General Fund Election Poll Worker Account to cover the cost of poll workers for the March third Presidential Primary election in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Election Poll Worker Account	11622-5309	\$ 8,090.00
		<b>\$ 8,090.00</b>

**#211 – NAMING OF THE F. CARROLL SARGENT ARBORETUM AT THE GREENLAWN CEMETERY**

The following Order introduced by Councillor Riccardi was adopted as amended.

Original Order

ORDERED: That the Salem City Council, consistent with an Order of the Salem Cemetery Commission adopted on April 6, 2020, hereby establish an arboretum at Greenlawn Cemetery and name it the F. Carroll Sargent Arboretum at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Order Adopted

ORDERED: That the Salem City Council, consistent with an Order of the Salem Cemetery Commission adopted on April 6, 2020, hereby adopt the name of; ‘F. Carrol Sargent Arboretum at Greenlawn Cemetery’ in reference to the historical collection of tree species for the process of establishing an arboretum at Greenlawn Cemetery.

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**#212 – ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC CH. 42 SEC. 57A & 13 – WASHINGTON STREET**

The following Ordinance introduced by Councillor Turiel was adopted for first passage.

***In the year Two Thousand and Twenty***

**An Ordinance to amend an ordinance relative to Traffic Ch. 42 Sec. 57A – Parking Time Limited; unmetered & Sec. 13 – Service Zones**

***Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:***

**Section 1.** Section 57A – Parking time limited; unmetered zones Article V be amended by repealing the following:

Washington Street – Parking time limited; unmetered – southwest side beginning at #248 and continuing to #264, two hour parking, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Section 2.** Section 13 – Service zones of Division 2 of Article V be amended by repealing the following:

Washington Street – Service zones – in front of #264 Washington Street, for a distance of forty (40) feet, Service Zone, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Washington Street – Service zones – in front of #264, eastbound for a distance of forty (40) feet. No Parking Service Zone.

Washington Street – Service zones – beginning sixty (60) feet from the intersection of Pond Street and Washington Street, westerly side, and running south for a distance of sixty (60) feet.

Washington Street – Service zones – on the southwesterly side of Washington Street, for a distance of fifteen (15) feet, extending from a point twenty (20) feet southeasterly of Pond Street.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

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**#213 – ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC CH. 42 SEC. 11 – BUS STOPS**

The following Ordinance introduced by Councillor Hapworth was adopted for first passage.

***In the year Two Thousand and Twenty***

**An Ordinance to amend an ordinance relative to Traffic – Bus Stops**

***Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:***

**An Ordinance**

***Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:***

**Section 1.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be amended by repealing the following:

Essex Street – Bus Stops – northerly side, for a distance of fifty (50) feet from Hawthorne Boulevard alongside Hawthorne Hotel as indicated by signs.

Essex Street – Bus Stops – northerly side, for a distance of seventy-two and one-half (72 ½) feet extending easterly from North Street as indicated by signs.

Essex Street – Bus Stops – southerly side, for a distance of fifty (50) feet from Hawthorne Boulevard alongside Hawthorne Hotel as indicated by signs.

Jefferson Avenue – Bus Stops – westerly side, for a distance of sixty (60) feet from Willson Street in a northerly direction as indicated by signs. (10/27/65 DPW 13207)

New Derby Street – Bus Stops – southerly side, for a distance of seventy-six and five-tenths (76.5) feet extending westerly from the westerly side of Dodge Street Court as indicated by signs.

North Street – Bus Stops – westerly side, for a distance of fifty-two (52) feet extending northerly from a point opposite the southerly line of Lynde Street as indicated by signs.

Washington Street – Bus Stops – easterly side, from a point beginning sixty (60) feet from northerly corner of New Derby Street and extending northerly a distance of seventy (70) feet between signs. This stop shall be marked "Bus Stop". (9/8/88)

Washington Street – Bus Stops – westerly side, for a distance of forty (40) feet extending from a point twenty (20) feet north from Essex Street as marked by signs. (12/7/87)

**Section 2.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be further amended by adding the following:

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Essex Street – Bus Stops – northerly side, beginning at a point 290 feet west of North Street, for a distance of fifty (50) feet in an easterly direction. One (1) hour limit. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. yes

Fort Avenue – Bus Stops – westerly side, beginning at a point eight hundred fifty (850) feet from the intersection with Memorial Drive, for a distance of six hundred ten (610) feet. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. October 1 to November 1.

**Section 3.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be further amended by repealing the following:

Congress Street Bridge – Bus Stops – outbound, southeasterly direction for a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet starting at the beginning of the Bridge curbing. Near 26 Congress Street. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone.

And replacing it with:

Congress Street Bridge – Bus Stops – outbound, southeasterly direction for a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet starting at the beginning of the Bridge curbing. Near 26 Congress Street. Two (2) hour limit. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Section 4.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be further amended by repealing the following:

Lynde Street – Bus Stops – northerly side in a westerly direction, beginning three hundred twenty-six (326) feet from Washington Street and extending fifty (50) feet, (front of #16 Lynde Street), "Tour Bus Parking Tow Zone"

And replacing it with:

Lynde Street – Bus Stops – northerly side in a westerly direction, beginning three hundred twenty-six (326) feet from Washington Street and extending fifty (50) feet, (front of #16 Lynde Street). One (1) hour limit. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Section 5.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be further amended by repealing the following:

New Liberty Street – Bus Stops – beginning twenty (20) feet from Brown Street in front of National Park Service Visitor's Center for a distance of forty (40) feet. "Bus drop off only, 10-minute limit."

And replacing it with:

New Liberty Street – Bus Stops – beginning twenty (20) feet from Brown Street in front of National Park Service Visitor's Center for a distance of forty (40) feet. Ten (10) minute limit. Tour Bus Drop Off only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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**Section 6.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be further amended by repealing the following:

Washington Square South – Bus Stops – beginning one hundred ninety-eight (198) feet from the intersection of Washington Square West and extending one hundred twenty (120) feet in an easterly direction. Tour Bus Parking, Tow Zone."

And replacing it with:

Washington Square South – Bus Stops – beginning one hundred ninety-eight (198) feet from the intersection of Washington Square West and extending one hundred twenty (120) feet in an easterly direction. Two (2) hour limit. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Section 7.** Section 11 – Bus stops of Article I be further amended by repealing the following:

Washington Square West – Bus Stops – Bus drop off only, 10-minute limit. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., two spaces, in front of the Andrew Stafford House.

And replacing it with:

Washington Square West – Bus Stops – westerly side beginning twenty (20) feet from the intersection of Brown Street for a distance of one hundred (100) feet in a southerly direction. One (1) hour limit. Tour Bus Parking only, Tow Zone. 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Section 8.** This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

**#214 – (#162) – BOND ORDER FOR THE BENTLEY ACADEMY BIOLER SYSTEM**

Councillor Turiel offered the following report for the Committee on Administration & Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation

The Committee on Administration & Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom it was referred the matter of a Bond Order in the amount of \$1,565,000.00 to replace the boiler system at Bentley Academy has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for second and final passage by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Hapworth, Madore Morsillo, Prosniewski, Riccardi, Sargent, Turiel and McCarthy were all recorded as voting in the affirmative.



A hearing was ordered for April 23, 2020 on a petition from Comcast to install a Conduit on 125 Essex Street.

A hearing was ordered for April 23, 2020 on a petition from National Grid and Verizon to install 2 JO Poles. 1 on Ferry St. and 1 on Waite St.

201 Derby St.  
389 Lafayette St.  
8 Loring Ave.  
198 Loring Ave.  
28 Raymond Rd.  
13 Washington Sq.

The Following License Application was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs

TAG DAYS: Salem Academy Charter School September 4, 11, 18  
& 25, 2020

The Second Passage of an Ordinance amending Traffic Ch. 42 Sec. 88 – Speed Zone Regulations was adopted for second and final passage.

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## An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to Traffic

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Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 88 – Speed Zone Regulations of Article VIII be amended by repealing the following:

Valley Street – eastbound, beginning at the junction of Gallows Hill Road, thence easterly 0.15 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, 0.18 miles at thirty-five (35) miles per hour, 0.18 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, ending at the junction of Route 107, Highland Avenue; the total distance being 0.51 miles. (2/25/76 DPW 1019)

And replacing it with:

Valley Street – eastbound, beginning at the junction of Gallows Hill Road, thence easterly 0.15 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, 0.18 miles at thirty-five (30) miles per hour, 0.18 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, ending at the junction of Route 107, Highland Avenue; the total distance being 0.51 miles. (2/25/76 DPW 1019)

**Section 2.** Section 88 – Speed Zone Regulations of Article VIII be further amended by repealing the following:

Valley Street – west bound, beginning at the junction of Highland Avenue, Route 107, thence westerly, 0.18 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, 0.18 miles at thirty-five (35) miles per hour, 0.15 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, ending at the junction of Gallows Hill Road; the total distance being 0.51 miles. (2/25/75 DPW 1019)

And replacing it with:

Valley Street – west bound, beginning at the junction of Highland Avenue, Route 107, thence westerly, 0.18 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, 0.18 miles at thirty-five (30) miles per hour, 0.15 miles at twenty-five (25) miles per hour, ending at the junction of Gallows Hill Road; the total distance being 0.51 miles. (2/25/75 DPW 1019)

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect as provided City Charter.

**(#198) – ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC CH. 42 SEC. 49 – STOP SIGN – OSBORNE STREET**

Second Passage of an Ordinance amending Traffic Ch. 42 Sec. 49 Stop Sign was adopted for second and final passage.

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Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

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Section 1. Amending Chapter 42, Section 49 – “Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs” is hereby amended by adding the following:

Osborne Street, northeasterly bound on Osborne Street and Walter Street. Osborne Street, southwesterly bound traffic on Osborne St. at Walter St.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

**(#199) – ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC CH. 42 SEC. 49 – STOP SIGN –  
WALTER STREET**

Second Passage of an Ordinance amending Traffic Ch. 42 Sec. 49 Stop Signs was adopted for second and final passage.

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An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to Traffic

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section 1. Amending Chapter 42, Section 49 – “Obedience to Isolated Stop Signs” is hereby amended by adding the following:

Walter Street, northwesterly bound traffic on Walter Street at Osborne Street. Walter Street, southeasterly bound traffic on Walter Street at Osborne Street

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

On the motion of Councillor Sargent the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS  
CITY CLERK