

CITY OF SALEM
JUNE 8, 2023
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

***Please note that this is the first Council Meeting that Acting Mayor Robert K. McCarthy has returned to the Council Chamber as the Ward 1 Councillor. There will be eleven (11) members voting. (The new mayor was sworn in on May 27, 2023)**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on June 6, 2023, at 11:58 A.M. This meeting is being recorded and is live on S.A.T.V. and Zoom unless technological issues interrupt the transmission.

All Councillors present. Councillor Watson-Felt attended remotely.

Council President Stott presided.

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

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Karleen Jones, 1 Loring Ave. Salem State University – Blue Carbon Emissions
2. Richard Guzman, 1 Loring Ave. Salem State University – Blue Carbon Emissions

#324 – APPROPRIATION OF \$12,000.00 FOR CITY COUNCIL ADVERTISING

The following order submitted by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

ORDERED: That the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the “Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash” account to the account listed below to fund required advertising costs in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Description	Fund	Amount
Advertising (City Council)	11112-5306	\$ 12,000.00
		\$ 12,000.00

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#325 – APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500.00 TO ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS FOR SICK LEAVE BUYBACK

The following order submitted by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

ORDERED: That the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) is hereby appropriated in the "Retirement Stabilization Fund-Vacation/Sick Leave Buyback" account (83113-5146) to be expended for the sick leave buybacks to be paid out for active employees pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Salem Firefighter's Union in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

**#326 – ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC ORDINANCES CH. 42 SECS. 50A, 56 & 57C
RELATIVE TO RILEY PLAZA**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councillor Morsillo.

Councillor Morsillo's motion to amend the last paragraph in Section 2. "Four (4) hour limit." with "One (1) hour limit." was adopted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Ordinance was adopted as amended for first passage by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

An Ordinance Relative to Traffic

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

Section 1. Section 50A of Article V be amended by repealing the following:

Riley Plaza – Handicapped Parking Zones – east parking lot, easterly side from a point approximately eighty-six (86) feet north of the southern most point of the lot and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately twenty-four (24) feet. (2/14/94)

Riley Plaza – Handicapped Parking Zones – east parking lot, easterly side from a point twenty-three (23) feet north of the southern most point of the lot and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately twenty-four (24) feet. (2/14/94)

Riley Plaza – Handicapped Parking Zones – east parking lot, easterly side from the north intersection with Dodge Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately twenty-four (24) feet. (2/14/94)

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Riley Plaza – Handicapped Parking Zones – west parking lot, row one located at the northern most end of the parking lot, extending from the Margin Street side of the lot for a distance of approximately forty (40) feet. (2/14/94)

Riley Plaza – Handicapped Parking Zones – west parking lot, row twelve located at the southern most end of the parking lot, extending from the Margin Street side of the lot for a distance of approximately fourteen (14) feet in an easterly direction. (2/14/94)

Riley Plaza – Handicapped Parking Zones – east parking lot, easterly side from the northern most point of the lot and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately twenty-four (24) feet. (2/14/94)

And inserting:

Washington Street Lot – Handicapped Parking Zones – Two spaces at the southeast corner of the Washington Street Lot, adjacent to Dodge Street, and two spaces at the northeast corner of the lot, adjacent to New Derby Street.

Riley Plaza Lot – Handicapped Parking Zones – Three spaces at the northwest corner of the lot, adjacent to Margin Street, and one space at the southwest corner of the lot, adjacent to Mill Street and Margin Street.

Section 2. Section 56 of Article V be amended by repealing the following:

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – east and west parking lots, all spaces shall be metered. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – east parking lot, easterly side from a point forty-eight (48) feet north of the southern most point extending in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately thirty-eight (38) feet. Four (4) hour parking. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – east parking lot, easterly side from the intersection of Dodge Street extending in a southerly direction approximately sixty-eight (68) feet. Four (4) hour parking. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – east parking lot, easterly side from a point twenty-eight (28) feet north of the intersection of Dodge Street extending in a northerly direction approximately one hundred (100) feet. Four (4) Hour Parking. (2/14/94) (4/23/09) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – east parking lot, easterly side from the southern most point extending in a northerly direction approximately twenty-three (23) feet. Four (4) hour parking. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – east parking lot, westerly side for the entire length of the parking lot running parallel to Washington Street. Four (4) hour parking. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

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Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – west parking lot, located on the east side of the MBTA Fan building running parallel to Washington Street. Four (4) hour limit. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – west parking lot, located on the east side of the MBTA Fan building running parallel to Washington Street. No time limit. (2/14/94)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – west parking lot, rows seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven of parking beginning approximately one hundred and ninety (190) feet from the northern-most end of the lot. Four (4) hour limit. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – row twelve of parking. No time limit. (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – west parking lot, rows three, four, five and six of parking beginning approximately seventy (70) feet from the northern most end of the lot and extending approximately one hundred and twenty (120) feet in a southerly direction. All four rows will be four (4) hour metered parking. (2/14/94) (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Meter Zones Established – west parking lot, first and second row of parking approximately forty-five (45) feet from northern most end of lot, the entire rows will be one (1) hour metered parking, excluding handicap spaces. (2/14/94) (1-10-13)

Riley Plaza East – Parking Meter Zones Established – easterly side, in its entirety (not including Handicap Zones) Parking Metered Zone, Four (4) Hour Limit. (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza East – Parking Meter Zones Established – westerly side, in its entirety (not including Handicap Zones) Parking Metered Zone, Four (4) Hour Limit. (7/14/11)

And inserting:

Riley Plaza Lot – Parking Meter Zones Established - first and second row at northern most end of lot, excluding accessible spaces. Four (4) hour limit.

Section 3. Section 57C of Article V be amended by repealing the following:

Monthly parking zones are established on the streets or parts of streets designated in this section. No person shall park a vehicle in a monthly zone without the appropriate monthly zone pass between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

This restriction shall not apply during the hours of legal holidays during which business establishments are required by law to remain closed.

(7/14/11) (7/9/20)

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Riley Plaza – Parking Time Limited: Monthly Zones – west parking lot, rows 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (from northern-most end) and spaces east of MBTA fan house (7/14/11)

Riley Plaza – Parking Time Limited: Monthly Zones – east parking lot, western row of parking (closest to Washington Street), southern-most 20 spaces (7/14/11)

And inserting:

Monthly parking zones are established for both on- and off-street parking areas designated in this section. No person shall park a vehicle in a monthly zone without the appropriate monthly zone pass between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Sunday.

This restriction shall not apply during the hours of legal holidays during which business establishments are required by law to remain closed.

Riley Plaza Lot - Parking Time Limited: Monthly Zones – Entirety of Riley Plaza parking lot, except any accessible, metered, and carshare spaces.

Section 4. Section 17A of Article I be amended by inserting the following:

Section 57C – \$25.00 fine/\$75.00 fine during month of October for violation of Parking Time Limited; Monthly Zone

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

#327 – RESOLUTION – JUNE PRIDE MONTH

The resolution introduced by Councillor Watson-Felt was adopted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Resolution: June Pride Month

WHEREAS, In the month of June, for over 50 years, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, A-romantic, and A-gender people across the country have commemorated and memorialized the anniversary of the “Christopher Street Uprisings” – of which the Stonewall Uprising is the most known – a pivotal moment in LGBTQIA+ history; and

WHEREAS, June was first historically and civically designated as Gay Pride Month by President Clinton in June 2000; and

WHEREAS, “Pride Month” is an opportunity to memorialize members of the LGBTQIA+ community who have been lost to us, and who are still dying every day, from the AIDS epidemic and the fallout ripple effects of those terrible days, from hate and violence, from suicide, and the perils of living on the streets when young people are neglected and excommunicated from their families and communities; and

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WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice and “Pride month” is a life affirming opportunity to celebrate our diversity and bring awareness and strong allyship to the ongoing struggles of the LGBTQIA+ community – especially at this time of hostile legislation in parts of our nation and increasing legal and bodily threats to the dignity, humanity, and safety of transgender and non-binary people in America and;

WHEREAS, these times, in particular, are seeing increasing attacks – politically and physically – on trans individuals, including, trans children and youth, which demand action, allyship, and advocacy in support of trans lives; and

WHEREAS, Salem has long been a community of diversity, acceptance, and inclusion and acknowledges that Salem’s LGBTQIA+ residents make great contributions to all aspects of life in Salem as business owners, artists, public and private leaders, educators, doctors, lawyers, civil servants, volunteers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Salem wishes to honor the important history of the LGBTQIA+ liberation movement which includes the historic and ongoing fight for equitable treatment in healthcare, fair and equal legal rights, justice, and accurate education of the history and lives of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Salem wishes to acknowledge, support, and actively work to advance the rights of the broadly intersectional diversity of our community, here in our City of Peace, to ensure all citizens experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem is once again raising the Inclusivity flag on June 1st in downtown Salem, painting crosswalks in Salem with Pride colors, and serving as host for the North Shore Pride Parade as means of showing support of the LGBTQIA+ community and to celebrate our diversity and shared humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Salem, in partnership with His Honor Mayor Dominick Pangallo, hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as Pride Month in Salem, Massachusetts, and encourages all people to share in the Pride of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors.

#328 – CITY COUNCIL SUMMER MEETINGS

The following Order was introduced by Councillor Dominguez.

ORDERED: That the Regular Meetings of the City Council for the months of July and August be combined and held on Thursday, July 13, 2023

Councillor Cohen made a motion to add Thursday, August 10, 2023 as a second meeting for the Summer. Councillor Varela seconded the motion.

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Councillor Cohen stated he brought this in last year and explained that we need to continue our work during the summer.

Councillor Stott reminded the Council that committees can meet in the Summer, nothing is stopping that from happening. We can hold a Special Meeting if necessary. Has concern about adding a date without everyone having a calendar in front of them. I don't want to meet just to meet, but open to it.

Councillor Dominguez requested and received suspension of the rules to allow the City Clerk to speak.

The City Clerk stated she wished she knew about the amendment ahead of time so she wouldn't have been caught off guard. However, I am opposed to having a second meeting in August, not only because we had 2 extra elections this year, but this is the time for us to have a break both physically and mentally and to catch up on other work related items that we haven't been able to do. My offices take vacations in the summer. We can hold a special meeting if needed. I know I will need a special meeting in late August to bring in my Election Order. Again I am opposed to it.

Councillor Merkl asked for clarification – so we can schedule a special meeting if we needed to pass something for second passage.

City Clerk replied – yes if it is time sensitive; if not then wait until first meeting in September

Councillor Morsillo asked to clarify that I need a special meeting in late August for Election matters.

City Clerk replied yes.

Councillor McClain thinks this amendment is reasonable – he doesn't think this is a heavy lift is planned in advance. He stated it was a heavier lift to collect 6 signatures for a special meeting. He is in support of this amendment.

Councillor Varela stated we are elected to do a job. He said if I can be candid vacation is a privileged and there are a lot of Salem residents who do not have this privilege. It think it sets an example, we were set up to do a job and we need to have a meeting and be productive and continue to have meetings.

Councillor Hapworth stated just to be clear we are not going on a vacation as a Council. The work is happening in committee that's where the work always happens. What we are doing here is to make sure the Clerk's office gets the time they are due. The public is not typically tuned into these meetings and that's why August meetings haven't been held in the past. The Council didn't feel comfortable passing things when the public is not paying attention. I'd be more than happy to continue meeting as a committee and if we have to come in then we can have a special meeting. He is comfortable with what is on the record.

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Councillor Prosniewski stated we should table this to the next meeting since it is a surprise to the City Clerk. She can provide us with impact.

Councillor Prosniewski's motion to table the matter until June 22, 2023 was carried by a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 3 nays and 0 absent.

#329 – (#319) – GRANTING CERTAIN LICENSES

Councillor Morsillo offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs to whom was referred the matter of Granting of Certain Licenses has considered said matter and would recommend that the licenses below be granted.

Seaworms

Paul Lynch, 28 Anawan Ave., Saugus
Timothy Lynch, 28 Anawan Ave., Saugus

#330 – (#301) – ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES OF USE OF WATER

Councillor Morsillo offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. The recommendation was adopted by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 1 nays and 0 absent. Councillor Varela was recorded in the negative.

The Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of an Ordinance amending Rates of Use for Water has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for first passage.

#331 – (#302) – ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES OF USE FOR SEWER

Councillor Morsillo offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. The recommendation was adopted by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 1 nays and 0 absent. Councillor Varela was recorded in the negative.

The Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of an Ordinance amending Rates of Use for Sewer has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for first passage.

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#332 – (#303) ORDINANCE AMENDING SOLID WASTE RATES (TRASH FEES)

Councillor Morsillo offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillor Dominguez recused himself from this matter and was recorded as absent. It was voted to adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 8 yeas, 2 nays and 1 absent. Councillor Varela and Councillor Hapworth were recorded in the negative and Councillor Dominguez was recorded as absent.

The Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of an Ordinance amending Solid Waste Rates has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for first passage.

#333 – (#289) – BOND ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,982,000.00 FOR FY24 WATER/SEWER CIP

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of the following Bond Order in the amount of \$18,982,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024 Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Program in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7 & 8 has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for first passage.

#334 – (#290) – BOND ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,400,000.00 FOR FY 24 GENERAL FUND CIP

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of the following Bond Order in the amount of \$4,400,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Capital Improvement Program in accordance with MGL Ch. 44, has considered said matter and would recommend adoption for first passage.

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**#335 – (#292) – APPROPRIATION OF \$450,000.00 FROM RETAINED EARNINGS
WATER/SEWER FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of the appropriation in the amount of \$450,000.00 from Retained Earnings from the Water/Sewer Funds to Capital Improvement Funds has considered said matter and would recommend adoption.

#336 – (#293) – APPROPRIATION OF \$16,000.00 FOR TRASH TRUCK REPLACEMENT

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of the appropriation in the amount of \$160,000.00 to the Trash Fund – Trash Truck Replacement has considered said matter and would recommend adoption.

**#337 – (#300) – ACCEPT MGL CH. 60 SEC. 15B TO ESTABLISH A TAX TITLE COLLECTION
REVOLVING FUND**

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of the accepting MGL Ch. 60 Sec. 15B to allow the City to establish a Tax Title Collection Revolving Funds for the Collector has considered said matter and would recommend adoption.

#338 – (#299) – FY2024 LIST OF REVOLVING FUNDS

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

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The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of the FY2024 List of Revolving Funds pursuant to MGL Ch. 44 Sec. 53E1/2 has considered said matter and would recommend adoption.

#339 – (#291) – APPROPRIATION OF \$3,904,152.00 FOR SHORT-TERM CIP

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of an appropriation of \$3,904,152.00 for FY24 ST Capital Improvement Plan has considered said matter and would recommend adoption.

#340 – (#288) – FY2024 PROPOSED FIVE YEAR CIP 2024 - 2028

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. It was voted to accept the report and adopt the recommendation by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Five Year CIP 2024 – 2028, has considered said matter and would recommend adoption.

#341 – (#288, #341.1 - #341.36) – FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of Fiscal Year 2024. It was voted to accept the report.

#341.1 – MAYOR

Mayor's departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$449,498.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$124,400.00</u>
Total	<u>\$573,898.00</u>

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#341.2 – CITY COUNCIL

City Council departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$178,700.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$74,907.00</u>
Total	\$253,607.00

#341.3 – CITY CLERK

City Clerk departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$350,249.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$13,870.00</u>
Total	\$364,119.00

#341.4 – ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Elections & Registration departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$248,176.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 56,650.00</u>
Total	\$304,826.00

#341.5 – ASSESSORS

Assessing departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$366,047.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$70,885.00</u>
Total	\$436,932.00

#341.6 – COLLECTOR

Collector departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$270,674.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$8,300.00</u>
Total	\$278,974.00

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#341.7 – FINANCE

Finance Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$388,470.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$134,015.00</u>
Total	\$522,485.00

#341.8 – PURCHASING

Purchasing Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$183,741.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 25,396.00</u>
Total	\$209,137.00
 Fixed Costs	 \$39,181.00
 Total	 \$248,318.00

#341.9 – TREASURER

Treasurer Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Treasurer	
Personnel	\$287,908.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$127,101.00</u>
Total	\$415,009.00
 Debt Service Expenses	 \$8,560,828.00
 Short Term Debt.	 \$280,503.00
 Essex NS Agricultural & Technical School	 \$2,565,518.00
 State Assessment Expenses	 \$10,352,002.00
 Contributory Retirement	
Non- Personnel Services	\$14,930,794.00
 Non-Contributory Retirement	 \$10,625.00
Non-Personnel Services	

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Medicare	
Non-Personnel Services	\$1,382,574.00
Municipal Insurance	
Non-Personnel Expenses	\$335,397.00
Total	\$38,833,250.00

#341.10 – PARKING

Parking Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$1,165,504.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 445,035.00</u>
Total	\$1,610,539.00

#341.11 – ITS

Informational Technology Services (ITS) departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$882,046.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
Total	\$894,546.00

Fixed Costs	\$860,750.00
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Total	\$1,755,296.00
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#341.12 – SOLICITOR

Solicitor – Licensing Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$490,787.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$81,100.00</u>
Total	\$571,887.00

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#341.13 – HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$555,813.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$31,800.00</u>
Total	\$587,613.00
Workmen's Comp-Non-Personnel	\$556,660.00
Unemployment Comp-Non-Personnel	\$200,000.00
Group Insurance-Non-Personnel	\$16,949,561.00
Total	\$18,293,834.00

#341.14 – FIRE

Fire Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$9,975,423.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 522,203.00</u>
Total	\$10,497,626.00

#341.15 – POLICE

Police Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (Councillor Prosniewski recused himself from this matter)

Personnel	\$11,846,133.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$957,099.00</u>
Total	\$12,803,232.00

#341.16 – HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$373,897.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$60,049.00</u>
Total	\$433,946.00

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#341.17 – PUBLIC PROPERTY

Public Property/ Building/Plumbing/Gas Inspections departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Inspectional Services	
Building, Plumbing, Gas	
Inspector	
Personnel	\$733,528.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$51,784.00</u>
Total	\$785,312.00
 Zoning Board of Appeals	
Non-Personnel Expenses	\$1,200.00
 Public Property	
Fixed Costs	\$714,372.00
 Total	\$1,500,884.00

#341.18 – HEALTH

Health Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$598,475.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$123,139.00</u>
Total	\$721,614.00

#341.19 – ELECTRICAL

Electrical Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$436,394.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$445,997.00</u>
Total	\$882,391.00

#341.20 – PLANNING

Planning Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$645,619.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 91,155.00</u>
Total	\$736,774.00

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Conservation Commission	
Personnel	\$30,266.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 1,413.00</u>
Total	\$31,679.00
Planning Board	
Personnel	\$33,733.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$3,730.00</u>
Total	\$37,463.00
Market & Tourist Commission	
Non Personnel Expenses	\$312,050.00
Historical Commission	
Personnel	\$35,273.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 1,188.00</u>
Total	\$36,461.00
TOTAL	\$1,154,427.00

#341.21 – RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Resiliency and Sustainability Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$251,623.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 20,700.00</u>
Total	\$272,323.00

#341.22 – PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Services Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Public Services	
Personnel	\$2,060,370.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$1,747,850.00</u>
Total	\$3,808,220.00
Snow & Ice	
Personnel	\$50,000.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$408,935.00</u>
Total	\$458,935.00
TOTAL	\$4,267,155.00

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#341.23 – ENGINEERING

Engineering Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Engineering	
Personnel	\$160,965.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$26,000.00</u>
Total	\$186,965.00

#341.24 – PARK & RECREATION

Recreation & Community Services Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Recreation	
Personnel	\$481,703.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$495,249.00</u>
Total	<u>\$976,952.00</u>

Golf Course	
Personnel	\$394,502.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$263,220.00</u>
Total	<u>\$657,722.00</u>

Witch House	
Personnel	\$217,241.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$106,980.00</u>
Total	<u>\$324,221.00</u>

Pioneer Village	
Non Personnel Expenses	\$26,900.00

Winter Island	
Personnel	\$221,648.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 87,725.00</u>
Total	<u>\$309,373.00</u>

Charter Street	
Personnel	\$148,843.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 59,690.00</u>
Total	<u>\$208,533.00</u>

Total	\$2,503,701.00
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#341.25 – COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$559,296.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$116,750.00</u>
Total	\$676,046.00

#341.26 - LIBRARY

Library Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$1,214,047.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$392,704.00</u>
Total	\$1,606,751.00

#341.27 – VETERANS

Veterans Services Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Personnel	\$142,923.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$410,800.00</u>
Total	\$553,723.00

#341.28 – SCHOOL

School Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Administrative & Expenses	
Total	\$71,154,142.00

#341.29 – BUDGET TRANSFERS OUT

Budget Transfers out of General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024

Total	\$650,000.00
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#341.30 – FY2024 TOTAL GENERAL FUND

TOTAL GENERAL FUND for FISCAL YEAR 2024

Total \$173,912,891

Moved Approval by Roll Call Vote 11 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABS

Councillor McClain motion for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail was denied by a roll call vote of 0 yeas, 11 nays and 0 absent.

#341.31 – SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND for Fiscal Year 2024

Public Services Sewer	
Personnel	\$509,119.00
Expenses	<u>\$202,325.00</u>
Total	\$711,444.00

Engineer - Sewer	
Personnel	\$207,246.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$1,010,150.00</u>
Total	\$1,217,396.00

Treasurer	
Debt Services	\$1,722,592.00
Short Term Debt Services	\$51,414.00
Sewer Assessment SESD	\$4,731,615.00
Insurance Deductibles	\$10,000.00

Total Sewer Enterprise:

Personnel	\$716,365.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$7,728,096.00</u>
	\$8,444,461.00

TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND: \$8,444,461.00

Moved Approval by Roll Call Vote 11 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABS

Councillor McClain motion for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail was denied by a roll call vote of 0 yeas, 11 nays and 0 absent.

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#341.32 – WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND for Fiscal Year 2024

Public Services Water	
Personnel	\$564,119.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$202,450.00</u>
Total	\$766,569.00

Engineering - Water	
Personnel	\$207,246.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$745,050.00</u>
Total	\$952,296.00

Treasurer - Water	
Water Long Term Debt	\$2,333,167.00
Water Short Term Debt	\$72,278.00
Salem Beverly Water Board	
Assessment	\$3,017,336.00
Insurance Deductible	\$5,000.00

Total Water Enterprise:

Personnel	\$ 771,365.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$6,375,281.00</u>
	\$7,146,646.00

TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE FUND: \$7,146,646.00

Moved Approval by Roll Call Vote 0 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABS

Councillor McClain motion for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail was denied by a roll call vote of 0 yeas, 11 nays and 0 absent.

#341.33 – TRASH ENTERPRISE FUND

TRASH ENTERPRISE FUND for Fiscal Year 2024

Engineering -Trash Enterprise	
Personnel	\$83,426.00
Non personnel Expenses	<u>\$4,040,835.00</u>
Total	\$4,124,261.00

Councillor McClain motion for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail was denied by a roll call vote of 0 yeas, 11 nays, 0 absent.

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#341.36 – FY2024 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024:

\$194,319,509.00

Moved Approval by Roll Call Vote 11 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABS

Councillor McClain motion for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail was denied by a roll call vote of 0 yeas, 11 nays, 0 absent.

#342 – 2023 CITY ELECTION CALENDAR

The following 2023 City Election Calendar submitted by the City Clerk was adopted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Friday	July 28	*5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour for taking out Nomination Papers (C. 53, S. 9A) (48 weekday hours prior to last day to certify). Candidates or designee must file signed statement of intent. Nomination papers to candidates only or to their agents appointed in writing. (C. 53, S. 17)
Tuesday	August 1	5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour for filing all Nomination Papers and petitions with Board of Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures (Ch. 53, S. 7A) Registrars need not certify more names than required plus 20%. (14 days prior to last day to certify)
Tuesday	August 15	**5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour for filing certified nomination papers by the Board of Registrars of Voters with City Clerk (Ch. 53, S.10) (35 days prior to election)
Wednesday	August 16	-----	Post the list of names and addresses of candidates
Thursday	August 17	5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour for filing objections and/or withdrawals to Nomination papers (C. 55B, S. 7)
Thursday	August 17	***5:05 P.M.	Drawing for places on ballot, by lot, by City Clerk in the Council Chambers. Public/ Candidate or representative may be present.
Friday	September 8	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE (C. 41, S. 110A)+
Tuesday	September 12	5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY AND HOUR TO RECEIVE VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS
Tuesday	September 12	-----	LAST DAY TO POST WARRANT
Monday	September 18	12:00 P.M.	LAST DAY AND HOUR TO APPLY IN-PERSON FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

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******TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19 P R E L I M I N A R Y ELECTION DATE MGL C. 43 S. 44A ******

Monday	September 25	5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY & HOUR TO FILE FOR A RECOUNT. Last day & hour for filing withdrawals or objections to nominations made at preliminary and for filing written acceptances by write-in or sticker candidates who won in the preliminary with City Clerk (C. 55B, S. 7)
Monday	September 25	***5:05 P.M.	Drawing for places on ballot, by lot, by City Clerk in the Council Chambers. Public /Candidate/Representative may be present.
Friday	October 27	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE (C. 41, S. 110A)+
Tuesday	October 31	5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY AND HOUR TO RECEIVE VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS
Tuesday	October 31	-----	LAST DAY TO POST WARRANT
Monday	November 6	12:00 P.M.	LAST DAY AND HOUR TO APPLY IN-PERSON FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

******TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7 BIENNEL ELECTION DATE ******

Friday	November 17	5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY & HOUR TO FILE FOR A RECOUNT
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- * Nomination forms to candidates only or their agents appointed in writing
- ** Registrars need not certify more names than required plus 20%
- *** Meeting held in Council Chambers. City Clerk will draw positions (By Zoom if necessary)
- + Unless accept MGL Chapter 41 Section 110A - For local elections only

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS, CITY CLERK

**IMPORTANT: All Candidates must comply fully with CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW
(Chapter 55 of General Laws)**

Viernes	28 de julio	*5:00 P.M.	Último día y hora para sacar Papeles de Nominación (C. 53, S. 9A) (48 horas entre semana antes del último día para certificar). Candidatos o la persona designada debe presentar una declaración de intenciones firmada. Documentos de nominación únicamente a los candidatos o a sus agentes designados por escrito. (C. 53, S. 17)
Martes	1 de agosto	5:00 P.M.	Último día y hora para presentar todos los documentos de nominación y peticiones ante la Junta de Registradores de Electores para certificación de firmas (Ch. 53, S. 7A). Los registradores no necesitan certificar más nombres de los requeridos más el 20%. (14 días antes del último día para certificar)
Martes	15 de agosto	**5:00 P.M.	Último día y hora para la presentación de documentos de nominación certificados por la Junta de Registradores de Votantes con el Secretario Municipal (Ch. 53, S.10) (35 días antes de la elección)
Miércoles	16 de agosto	-----	Publicar la lista de nombres y direcciones de los candidatos
Jueves	17 de agosto	5:00 P.M.	Último día y hora para presentar objeciones y/o retiros a la postulación documentos de nominación. (C. 55B, S. 7)

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Jueves	17 de agosto	***5:05 P.M.	Sorteo de lugares en la boleta, por sorteo, por el Secretario Municipal en las Cámaras del Concejo. El candidato o representante puede estar presente.
Viernes	8 de septiembre	8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA REGISTRAR VOTANTES (C. 41 S.110A)+
Martes	12 de septiembre	5:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA Y HORA PARA RECIBIR SOLICITUDES DE VOTO POR CORREO
Martes	12 de septiembre	-----	ULTIMO DIA PARA POSTEAR CERTIFICACION
Lunes	18 de septiembre	12:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA Y HORA PARA SOLICITAR EN PERSONA UNA PAPELETA DE VOTO AUSENTE

******MARTES 19 DE SEPTIEMBRE FECHADE ELECCIÓN - P R E L I M I N A R ******

Lunes	25 de septiembre	5:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA Y HORA PARA SOLICITAR UN RECuento. Último día y hora para presentar retiros u objeciones a las nominaciones realizadas preliminar y para la presentación de aceptaciones escritas por escrito o candidatos de etiqueta que ganaron en la preliminar con secretario Municipal 55B, S. 7)
Lunes	25 de septiembre	***5:05 P.M.	Sorteo de lugares en la boleta, por sorteo, por el Secretario Municipal en las Cámaras del Concejo. El candidato o representante puede estar presente.
Viernes	27 de octubre	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA REGISTRAR VOTANTES (C. 41 S.110A)+
Martes	31 de octubre	5:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO TIMO DÍA Y HORA PARA RECIBIR SOLICITUDES DE VOTO POR CORREO
Martes	31 de octubre	-----	ULTIMO DIA PARA POSTEAR CERTIFICACION
Lunes	6 de noviembre	12:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA Y HORA PARA SOLICITAR EN PERSONA UNA PAPELETA DE VOTO AUSENTE

******MARTES 7 DE NOVIEMBRE FECHA DE ELECCIÓN - BIENAL******

Viernes	17 de noviembre	5:00 P.M.	ÚLTIMO DÍA Y HORA PARA SOLICITAR UN RECuento
<p>* Formularios de nominación solo para candidatos o sus agentes designados por escrito</p> <p>** Los registradores no necesitan certificar más nombres de los requeridos más el 20 %</p> <p>*** Reunión celebrada en el Salón del Consejo. El secretario de la ciudad sorteará posiciones Por Zoom si es necesario</p> <p>+ A meno que acepte MGL Capitulo 41 Seccion 110ª – Solo Para Elecciones locales</p>			

ATESTIGUA:

 ILENE SIMONS, SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL

IMPORTANTE: Todos los Candidatos Deben Cumplir Totalmente con la LEY de FINANCIAMIENTO DE CAMPANAS

(Ch. 55 de las Leyes Generales)

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#343 – PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT FOR THE PHILLIPS HOUSE

A Preservation Restriction Agreement between the Salem Housing Authority and the City of Salem was submitted by and through the Salem Historical Commission for the Phillips House located at 86 Essex Street was adopted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

#344 – APPROPRIATION OF \$1,081,000.00 TO THE CPA FUNDS FOR FY2024 FOR EXPENSES, STIPENDS AND RESERVES

The following Order was submitted by Patricia Kelleher, Preservation Planner, for the FY2024 CPA funds in the amount of \$1,081,000.00 was adopted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

ORDERED: That One Million Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,081,000.00) is hereby appropriated to the CPA Funds for FY 2024 to the accounts listed below in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

Fund	Description	Org/Obj	Amount
2001	CPA - General Admin - Expenses	2001324-5713	49,050.00
2001	CPA - General Admin - Stipends	2001324-5150	5,000.00
2001	Bertram Field Bond	20012-5912	100,000.00
2001	CPA - General Admin - Reserves	2001324-5000	602,650.00
2002	CPA - Open Space - Reserves	2002324-5000	108,100.00
2003	CPA - Historical Preservation - Reserves	2003324-5000	108,100.00
2004	CPA - Community Housing - Reserves	2004324-5000	108,100.00
			1,081,000.00

#345 – APPROPRIATION OF \$1,047,250.00 WITHIN CPA FUNDS FOR FY2024 PROJECTS

The following Order was submitted by Patricia Kelleher, Preservation Planner, for an appropriation within the CPA Funds for FY2024 Projects was adopted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

ORDERED: That One Million Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,047,250.00) is hereby appropriated within the CPA Funds for the FY 2024 projects listed below in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

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FY2024 CPA Funding Requests						
FY	Fund	Fund Name	Description	Funding	Amount	Total
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Roof Replacement 5 Barton Sq	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	141,900.00	
2024	2004	Community Housing	Roof Replacement 5 Barton Sq	FY24 Housing Reserve	108,100.00	250,000.00
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Residences at El Centro	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	100,000.00	100,000.00
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Old Town Hall Restoration	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	41,900.00	
2024	2003	Historical Resources	Old Town Hall Restoration	FY 24 Historic Reserve	108,100.00	150,000.00
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Emmertown House Repointing	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	100,000.00	100,000.00
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Gables Tea House & Barn Roof Replacement	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	44,000.00	44,000.00
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Pickering House & Barn Exterior Restoration	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	60,250.00	60,250.00
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Hamilton Hall Exterior Restoration	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	93,000.00	93,000.00
2024	2002	Open Space/Rec	Palmer Cove Renovation Phase II	FY2024 O/S Reserve	108,100.00	
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Palmer Cove Renovation Phase II	FY24 Budgeted Reserve	20,860.81	
2024	2001	CPA General Funds	Palmer Cove Renovation Phase II	FY24 Fund Balance	121,039.19	250,000.00
					1,047,250.00	1,047,250.00
				Total Housing-- >		108,100.00
				Total Historic-- >		108,100.00
				Total Open Space/Rec-- >		108,100.00
				Total FY24 Budget Reserve-- >		601,910.81
				Total FY24 Fund Balance-- >		121,039.19
				Grand Total-- >		1,047,250.00

#346 – PETITION FROM NATIONAL GRID TO INSTALL CONDUITS ON HARBOR ST.

A hearing was ordered for June 22, 2023 on the petition from National Grid to install conduits on Harbor St.

#347 – BLOCK PARTY – LINDEN/LAUREL STREETS

The request from the Residents on Linden/Laurel St.(s). to hold a block party on June 17, 2023, from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M with a rain date of June 18, 2023 was granted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

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#348 - #349 – LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Following License Applications were granted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

PUBLIC GUIDES: Kelleigh Welch 10R Joseph St., Somerville MA
 Scott Severance 191 Washington St., Dover NH
 Carol Cohen 274 East Main St., Norton
 Rachel Sinclair 12 Hawthorne Blvd, Salem
 Julianna Connor 53 Lindor Rd., North Reading
 Stephanie Clements 9 Appleton St., Salem

VEHICLE FOR HIRE: Salem Trolley 8 Central St., Salem (8 trolleys)

#350 - DRAINLAYER / CONTRACT OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATION

The Following Drainlayer / Contract Operator License Application was granted by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

DRAINLAYERS: Bartlett and Steadman 67R Village St., Marblehead

#351 - #353 – CLAIMS

The Following Claims were referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Rachel Dawnes 15 Andrew St., Salem
 Thomas Cobb 31 Symonds St., Salem
 Zahara Janoowalla 24 Lynder St., Salem

(#305) - SECOND PASSAGE OF A TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDING HANDICAP ZONES – FORRESTER ST.

The Second Passage of a Traffic Ordinance Amending Traffic relative to Handicap Zones was taken up. It was adopted for second and final passage by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to Traffic, Ch. 42 Sec. 50B

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

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Section 1. Chapter 42, Section 50B – “Handicap Zone Limited Time” is hereby amended by adding the following:

In front of #44 Forrester Street for a distance of 20 feet, “Handicap Parking,Limited Time, Tow Zone”

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

(#306) - SECOND PASSAGE OF A TRAFFIC ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS – JEFFERSON AVE.

The second passage of a Traffic Ordinance Amending Traffic relative to Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets was then taken up. It was adopted for second and final passage by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

An Ordinance Relative to Traffic

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

Section 1. Ch. 42 Section 51 – “Parking Prohibited on certain streets”

Jefferson Ave – Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets – starting at the driveway at 399 Jefferson Avenue and running east for 35 feet.

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

(#314, #232, #265 & #314A) – ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMPENSATION

The second passage of an ordinance amending an ordinance relative to School Committee Compensation was taken up. It was adopted for second and final passage by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent.

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to School Committee Compensation

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

Section I. Chapter 2, Section 2-956. Compensation of members is hereby amended by deleting the first two sentences of this section and replacing them with the following:

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“Commencing January 1, 2024, members of the school committee, with the exception of the mayor, shall receive a salary equal to eight percent of the salary of the mayor in effect on January 1st of each year. This salary shall be paid to members biweekly.”

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

(#304) – MAYOR’S VETO OF RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PRACTICES RELATED TO PSILOCYBIN

The Mayor’s Veto of a Resolution regarding Decriminalizing Psilocybin-containing fungi was then taken up.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

In accordance with Section 55 of the City of Salem Charter, I am offering my VETO and returning, with written objections, Resolution 269A of 2023 adopted by the City Council on May 11, 2023, ordering the Mayor to adopt a resolution relative to enforcement and practices related to psilocybin.

I fully appreciate the passion and interest that the Council has in furthering our commitment to mental health and related stigmas associated with various medicinal alternatives. Having not personally attended all the related Sub-Committee and Council meetings on the topic, I want to be respectful of the process and the collective deliberation and leadership relative to this topic.

However, upon follow-up with related law enforcement leaders, especially including Police Chief Lucas Miller, our understanding is that final language included terminology that was originally designed to be omitted. In particular, any language that includes the words “distribution” will not be authorized under this Administration.

My objections to this Resolution remain solely focused on the inclusion of the word “distribution,” as we strongly believe this encourages illicit operations that will not be compatible with a lawful society. However, should the Council submit a revised proposal – which we strongly encourage – with these adjustments, we will welcome the matter for successful final adoption.

Sincerely,

Robert K. McCarthy
 Acting Mayor
 City of Salem

Shall the Resolution be adopted notwithstanding the Veto of the Mayor? (2/3 vote needed)

Roll Call Vote 0 Yeas 10 Nays 1 Present 0 Absent

Councillor McCarthy voted present since he as Acting Mayor submitted this veto.

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#354 – (#269A) – DECRIMINALIZE PSILOCYBIN-CONTAINING FUNGI

The following revised resolution introduced by Councillor Varela was adopted by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays, 1 present and 0 absent. Councillor McCarthy voted present since he was Acting Mayor at the time this matter came forward. (Submitting revised Resolution on the recommendation of the Mayor to remove the word “distribution”)

Resolution to Decriminalize Psilocybin-containing fungi

WHEREAS: Along with many cities and states across the country, Salem has begun in recent years to recognize that criminalizing users of substances such as cannabis is neither a just or effective legal approach; and

WHEREAS: Drug policy in the United States and the so-called “War on Drugs” has historically led to unnecessary penalization, arrest, and incarceration of vulnerable people, particularly people of color and of limited financial means, instead of prioritizing harm-reduction policies that treat drug abuse as an issue of public health; and

WHEREAS: Psilocybin-containing fungi have been used for centuries by people in different cultures to address conditions including substance abuse, addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), elements of Persistent Traumatic Stress Environment (PTSE) conditions, chronic depression, end-of-life anxiety, grief, cluster headaches, migraines, and tendencies toward recidivism, as well as to improve mental and socio-emotional health; and

WHEREAS: The pandemic has led to a wave of heroin and opioid overdose deaths and depression in Massachusetts communities, two ailments that psilocybin-containing fungi have been shown to have particular strength in treating according to peer-reviewed medical research; and

WHEREAS: The Salem City Council has adopted goals that include: Ensure City’s budget allocates resources responsibly and responsively. Ensure Public Safety efforts reflect current and emerging challenges and opportunities in a way that incorporates Salem’s core values; and

WHEREAS: Cities in the United States have long possessed an inferred constitutional right to regulate commerce and public safety within their jurisdictions, a principle acknowledged by the Cole Memorandum produced by the U.S. Department of Justice that permitted states and localities to deprioritize law enforcement of cannabis charges; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct city staff to work with the City’s state and federal partners in support of decriminalizing all psilocybin-containing fungi and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council calls upon the Essex County District Attorney to deprioritize the prosecution of persons involved in, but not limited to psychedelic-assisted therapeutic services, possession, sharing or cultivation of psilocybin-containing fungi and the use or possession without the intent to distribute; and be it further

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JUNE 8, 2023
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby maintains that it should be the policy of the City of Salem that the arrest of adult persons for using or possessing psilocybin-containing fungi shall be amongst the lowest law enforcement priority for the City of Salem; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby maintains that no City of Salem department, agency, board, commission, officer or employee of the city should use city funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of laws imposing criminal penalties for the use and possession of psilocybin-containing fungi by adults; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby maintains it should be the policy of the City of Salem that the investigation and arrest of adult persons for cultivating, purchasing, transporting, engaging in practices with, and/or possessing psilocybin-containing fungi shall be amongst the lowest law enforcement priority for the City of Salem; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council does not have the power and this resolution does not authorize or enable any of the following activities: commercial sales or manufacturing of psilocybin-containing fungi, possessing or distributing these materials on school grounds, driving under the influence of these materials; or public disturbance.

On the motion of Councillor Dominguez the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK