

CITY OF SALEM

MARCH 26, 2020

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held by remote participation on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on March 24, 2020 at 1:24 P.M. This meeting is being taped and is live on S.A.T.V (and via zoom).

All Councillors were present.

Council President McCarthy presided.

Councillor Turiel 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.

(#160) – APPOINTMENT OF FILIPE ZAMBORLINI TO THE AHTF BOARD

Held from the last meeting the Mayor's appointment of Filipe Zamborlini to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board with a term to expire March 12, 2021 was confirmed under suspension of rule 29A by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Hapworth, Madore, Morsillo, Prosnowski, Riccardi, Sargent, Turiel and McCarthy were all recorded in the affirmative.

#189 – REAPPOINTMENTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Mayor's reappointment of the following Department Heads with terms to expire as follows were confirmed by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Hapworth, Madore, Morsillo, Prosnowski, Riccardi, Sargent, Turiel and McCarthy were all recorded in the affirmative.

NAME	TITLE	TERM	EXPIRES
Laurieann Giardella	Finance Director/Auditor	3 years	31-Jan-23
Lisa Cammarata	Director of Human Resources	2 years	31-Jan-22
John Giardi	City Electrician	2 years	31-Jan-22
Thomas Daniel	Director of Planning and Community Development	2 years	31-Jan-22
David Knowlton	City Engineer	2 years	31-Jan-22
Thomas St. Pierre	Director of Inspectional Services	2 years	31-Jan-22
Kathleen Winn	Assistant Planning Director	2 years	31-Jan-22

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The Mayor's reappointment of Sara Moore of 34 Leach St to the Board of Health for a term of 3 years to expire March 26, 2023 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Hapworth, Madore, Morsillo, Prosniowski, Riccardi, Sargent, Turiel and McCarthy were all recorded in the affirmative.

#191 – REAPPOINTMENT OF SUMNER JONES TO THE BOARD OF TRUST FUND COMMISSIONERS

The Mayor's reappointment of Sumner Jones of 8 Osborne Hill Drive to the Board of Trust Fund Commissioners for a term of 12 years to expire March 26, 2032 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 11 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Councillors Dibble, Dominguez, Flynn, Hapworth, Madore, Morsillo, Prosniowski, Riccardi, Sargent, Turiel and McCarthy were all recorded in the affirmative.

#192 – APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000.00 FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules and referred to the Committee of Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Dominguez moved to refer to finance committee there was no second.

ORDERED: That the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is hereby transferred and appropriated from the "Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash" account (1-3245) to the General Fund Mayor's COVID-19 Emergency Funds Account to cover costs associated with mitigating local COVID-19 emergency expenses as they arise in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor

Description	Fund	Amount
Mayor - COVID-19 Emergency Fund	11212-5780A	\$250,000.00

TOTAL \$250,000.00

CITY OF SALEM**MARCH 26, 2020****CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING****#193 – APPROPRIATION OF \$54,350.46 FOR RETIRMENT BUYBACK – FIRE**

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.
(Councillor Flynn recused himself on this matter)

ORDERED: That the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$54,350.46) be approved within the “Retirement Stabilization Fund-Vacation/Sick Leave Buyback” account (83113-5146) to be expended for the FY 2020 contractual buyback as listed below in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor.

Name	Department	Amount
Richard Brennan	Fire	\$54,350.46
		\$54,350.46

#194 – APPROPRIATION OF \$6,603.00 TO PUBLIC PROPERTY

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.

ORDERED: That the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$6,603.00) is hereby transferred and appropriated from the “Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash” account (1-3245) to Public Property Building Inspection Clean/Lien account 12412-5713C to cover costs associated with the removal of light poles located in the Palmer Cove Park which was determined to be necessary to eliminate the risk any possibility of structural failure in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor.

#195 – SUBMISSION OF MSBA STATEMENT FOR SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

The following Resolution introduced by the Mayor was adopted 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 in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STATEMENT OF INTEREST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

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Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting March 26, 2020 prior to the SOI submission closing date, the City Council of Salem, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated no later than May 6, 2020 for the Salem High School located at 77 Willson Street, Salem, MA 01970 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

- Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.
- Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.
- Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

And hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority or commits Salem, MA to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

#196 – TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDING SPEED ZONES – VALLEY STREET

The following ordinance introduced by the mayor was adopted for first passage.

Ordinance Amending Traffic Ch. 42 Sec. 88 – Speed Zone Regulations

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty

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

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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.

#197 – MAYOR ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

The following communication from the Mayor to address the City Council on March 26, 2020 to provide the public and the Council with an update on the City's response to the COVID-19 outbreak was received and filed.

The Mayor and Health Agent David Greenbaum gave the following update. The amount of positive cases in Salem as of March 26, 2020 was at 14 and the process that is followed when a person develops symptoms, what the city's response has been, what areas have been determined response specific, overview of what Salem Together is

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doing and how to sign up, update on Salem public schools and meal programs, and common questions.

Councillor Dominguez asked how are we getting the number of cases in Salem. Important to know so people do not take this lightly. City should have a list of essential business. Many of our businesses are small mom and pop stores. The Mayor responded we are following the same list the state put out.

Councillor Hapworth was concerned about the Parks and Playgrounds. Still seeing groups gather at these places. No social distancing. The Mayor responded all parks and playgrounds are shut down, signs are posted. Will look into taking the hoops down for now because nicer weather will bring out more people or maybe some caution tape. David Greenbaum stated if you see gatherings call the Park & Rec, Board of Health or the police.

Councillor Madore – Asked about unemployment assistance especially servers. System is difficult to navigate is there anyone at the local level to help these people sign up? Business owners are worried about evictions. We as a City urge building owners to give relief to tenants during the next few months. Mayor responded Tom and Kate are brainstorming ideas how to revitalize downtown at the end of this.

Councillor Dibble stated that the Mayor and other leaders are doing a great job. Wanted to know where the \$250,000 is going. The Mayor responded we don't have a list but need the resource to spend money now until we get reimbursed. It will cover such items as equipment for first responders, cleaning equipment to disinfect buildings, etc.

Councillor Riccardi echoed her thanks as well. State many people still using parks in her Ward also.

Councillor Prosniewski want to mention the bright spots as well. That most people recover from this. Do we have any numbers to show the positive as well? David Greenbaum responded that there is not enough tests to go around to get these real numbers.

Councillor Flynn asked if the bike rental and scooter program has been suspended. The Mayor responded that the Bike rental is still up and running due to students and people in general trying to get around. They are being sanitized.

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

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty

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:

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 – TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDING STOP SIGNS – WALTER STREET

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

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty

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.

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#200 – SALEM ARTS FESTIVAL

Request from the Salem Main Streets to hold the Salem Arts Festival and close Front Street on Saturday June 6, 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Sunday June 7 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. was granted (as long as social gatherings can take place)

201- WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Request from Wreaths Across America (Mark Lovely & Cushing Amusements) to hold a Carnival on June 18 – June 21, 2020 was granted (as long as social gatherings can take place)

#202 - #203 – GRANTING LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Following License Applications were granted

LIMOS: Witch City Taxi 92 Jackson St. (1 Limo)

TAXI OPERATORS:

Glennys Garcia-DeFabian 10 Northend St., Peabody
Juan Nunez 21 Bowditch St., Peabody
Antonio Fernandez 230 Jefferson Ave., Salem
Cristian Vicioso-Jose 22 Pingree St., Salem
Padero Sanchez 38 Allen Ave., Lynn
Franklin Pimentel 300 Washington St., Salem
Arison Sanchez Corniel 16 ½ Chase St., Salem
Lao Rosario-Payamps 71 Palmer St., Salem
Ramon Guzman 20 Elina St., Lynn
Anthony Jose Pimemtel 34 Prince St., Salem
Ramon Aristide Rodriguez 2 Park St., Salem
Victor Rodriguez 52 Peabody St., Salem
Alberto Guerrero 12 Cherry St., Salem
Miguel Jimenez 4 Heritage Dr., Salem
Antonio Santiago Batista 96 Congress St., Salem
Ramon de Jesus Gomez 88R Congress St., Salem
Wade Durkee 116 Lafayette St., Salem

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The Following Claims were referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs:

Deborah Richards 224 Lafayette St., Salem

Subrogated: Atty. Kevin Donovan 1818 Market St., Philadelphia

(#169) – AMEND RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Second Reading of an Order to amend the Rules and Orders of the City Council by adding and replacing the following was then taken up. The matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs.

ORDERED: That Section 36 of the Rules and Orders of the City Council be amended by deleting the reference to “Cushing’s Manual” and inserting in place thereof “Roberts Rules of Order”

On the motion of Councillor Sargent the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK