

City of Salem, Massachusetts  
Office of the City Clerk

*Ilene Simons*  
City Clerk



*Room 1*  
*City Hall*

June 6, 2023

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

The Salem City Council will hold its regular meeting in-person on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 93 Washington Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for the purpose of discussing any and all business.

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The public may also watch the meeting live on SATV on Channel 22.

Please note that it is the intent of the City Council that its meetings be available to the public in person, remotely and through Salem Access Television.

Very truly yours,

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS  
CITY CLERK

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City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033.”**

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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.

Absent were:

Council President Stott presided.

Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ moved to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting.

VOTED

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

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Public Testimony not to exceed 15 minutes. The President shall set the time limit depending on the number of speakers, but shall not exceed three (3) minutes each. Public Testimony is not a public hearing or question and answer period. Sign up must occur 30 minutes prior to meeting.**

**How to Sign Up:**

You may participate in Public Testimony in-person or remotely, if technologically feasible.

You may sign up to speak using the following two (2) methods:

1. On-line form by using the link below:

<https://records.salem.com/Forms/PublicMeetingSpeaker>

This form is available beginning 6:30 P.M. on the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting and remains open until 6:30 P.M. on the day of the Council Meeting. This form requests information such as your name, address, and whether you will attend in person or remotely. If the on-line form is not available due to technology issues, you must use option #2.

2. You may also sign the roster in the City Clerk’s Office, no later than 6:30 P.M. on the date of the meeting.

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HEARINGS

NONE

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APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

NONE



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NONE

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Councillor Morsillo

***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)

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.

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**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)

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)



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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 )

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.

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**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.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo	Moved refer to Ordinances, Licenses, and Legal Affairs by RCV <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Moved Adoption for first passage by RCV	Yeas    Nay    Abs
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Councillor Watson-Felt

**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

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;

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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.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Watson-Felt	Moved adoption by RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs
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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

Action Contemplated

Councillor Dominguez	Moved adoption by RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COUNCILLOR Morsillo offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs to whom was referred the matter of Granting of Certain Licenses: Seaworms has considered said matter and would recommend that the licenses be granted.

Accept the report                    by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs  
Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

COUNCILLOR Morsillo offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                    by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs  
Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

COUNCILLOR Morsillo offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                    by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs  
Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

COUNCILLOR Morsillo offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                    by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs  
Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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 \$4,4000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Capital Improvement Program in accordance with MGL Ch. 44, has considered said matter and would recommend (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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**COMMITTEE REPORT ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE - BUDGET**

COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the whole to whom was referred the matter of an appropriation of \$9,904,152.00.00 for FY ST Capital Improvement Plan has considered said matter and would recommend (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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**COMMITTEE REPORT ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE- BUDGET**

COUNCILLOR McClain offered the following report for 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 (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the report                      by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

Adopt the recommendation by RCV    Yeas   Nays   Abs

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

Accept the report by RCV                      Yeas   Nays   Abs

Mayor’s departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

City Council departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

City Clerk departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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**COMMITTEE REPORT ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE- BUDGET**

Elections & Registration departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Assessing departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Collector departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Finance Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Purchasing Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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



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

Parking Department budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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

Personnel	\$882,046.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$894,546.00</b>
Fixed Costs	<b>\$860,750.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,755,296.00</b>

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Solicitor – Licensing Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Human Resources Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Fire Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Police Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Harbormaster Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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	<u>\$785,312.00</u>
 Zoning Board of Appeals	
Non-Personnel Expenses	\$1,200.00
 Public Property	
Fixed Costs	\$714,372.00
 <b>Total</b>	 <b>\$1,500,884.00</b>

Health Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Electrical Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Planning Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Conservation Commission

Personnel	\$30,266.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 1,413.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,679.00</b>

Planning Board

Personnel	\$33,733.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$3,730.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,463.00</b>

Market & Tourist Commission

Non Personnel Expenses	<b>\$312,050.00</b>
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Historical Commission

Personnel	\$35,273.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 1,188.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,461.00</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,154,427.00</b>
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Resiliency and Sustainability Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Public Services Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Engineering Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Recreation & Community Services Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Recreation	
Personnel	\$481,703.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$495,249.00</u>
Total	\$976,952.00
Golf Course	
Personnel	\$394,502.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$263,220.00</u>
Total	\$657,722.00
Witch House	
Personnel	\$217,241.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$106,980.00</u>
Total	\$324,221.00
Pioneer Village	
Non Personnel Expenses	\$26,900.00
Winter Island	
Personnel	\$221,648.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 87,725.00</u>
Total	\$309,373.00
Charter Street	
Personnel	\$148,843.00
Non Personnel Expenses	<u>\$ 59,690.00</u>
Total	\$208,533.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,503,701.00</b>

Council on Aging Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

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Library Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

Veterans Services Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

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

School Departmental budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Administrative & Expenses	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,154,142.00</b>

**Budget Transfers out of General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024**

Total	<b>\$650,000.00</b>
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**TOTAL GENERAL FUND for FISCAL YEAR 2024**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,912,891</b>
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Moved Approval by Roll Call Vote	YEAS	NAYS	ABS
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C. McClain      Moved for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail





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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

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND for Fiscal Year 2024

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            YEAS            NAYS            ABS

C. McClain            Moved for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail - Denied



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**TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024:**

**\$194,319,509.00**

Moved for Adoption by Roll Call Vote                      YEAS                      NAYS                      ABS

C.                      Moved for immediate reconsideration in the hopes it does not prevail – Denied

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The following 2023 City Election Calendar was submitted by the City Clerk

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 nomination	August 17	5:00 P.M.	Last day and hour for filing objections and/or withdrawals to papers (C. 55B, S. 7)
Thursday	August 17 Chambers.	***5:05 P.M.	Drawing for places on ballot, by lot, by City Clerk in the Council  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 BALLOT	September 18	12:00 P.M.	LAST DAY AND HOUR TO APPLY IN-PERSON FOR AN ABSENTEE
<b>***TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19 P R E L I M I N A R Y ELECTION DATE MGL C. 43 S. 44A ***</b>			
Monday	September 25 filing	5:00 P.M.	LAST DAY & HOUR TO FILE FOR A RECOUNT. Last day & hour for withdrawals or objections to nominations made at preliminary and for 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. Chambers.	Drawing for places on ballot, by lot, by City Clerk in the Council  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

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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

- \* 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)
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 DE 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

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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

- \* Formularios de nominación solo para candidatos o sus agentes designados por escrito
- \*\* Los registradores no necesitan certificar más nombres de los requeridos más el 20 %
- \*\*\* Reunión celebrada en el Salón del Consejo. El secretario de la ciudad sorteará posiciones Por Zoom si es necesario
- + A meno que acepte MGL Capitulo 41 Seccion 110<sup>a</sup> – Solo Para Elecciones locales

ATESTIGUA:

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 ILENE SIMONS, SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL

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

(Ch. 55 de las Leyes Generales)

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Adoption by RCV

Yea Nay Abs



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The following Order was submitted by Patricia Kelleher, Preservation Planner, for an appropriation within the CPA Funds for FY2024 Projects (The full report can be found in the backup)

**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).

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	Emmerton 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
					<b>1,047,250.00</b>	<b>1,047,250.00</b>
				<b>Total Housing-- &gt;</b>		<b>108,100.00</b>
				<b>Total Historic-- &gt;</b>		<b>108,100.00</b>
				<b>Total Open Space/Rec-- &gt;</b>		<b>108,100.00</b>
				<b>Total FY24 Budget Reserve-- &gt;</b>		<b>601,910.81</b>
				<b>Total FY24 Fund Balance-- &gt;</b>		<b>121,039.19</b>
				<b>Grand Total-- &gt;</b>		<b>1,047,250.00</b>

Action Contemplated

Councillor McClain

Moved adoption by RCV

Yeas Nays Absent



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**PETITIONS**

PETITION from National Grid to install conduits on Harbor St.

HEARING ORDERED JUNE 22, 2023

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 16, 2023

Action Contemplated

Councillor Cohen	Moved Granted by RCV	Yeas Nays Absent
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The Following License Applications:

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

Councillor Morsillo	Moved Granted by RCV	Yeas Nays Absent
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The Following Drainlayer / Contract Operator License Applications

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

Councillor Morsillo	Moved Granted by RCV	Yeas Nays Absent
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The Following Claims:

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

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo

Moved Referred to Comm. on Ord., Licenses &  
Legal Affairs by RCV

Yeas Nays Absent

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Second Passage of a Traffic Ordinance Amending Traffic relative to Handicap Zones

**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:*

**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.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy            Moved Adoption for second passage by RCV            Yeas   Nays   Abs

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Second Passage of a Traffic Ordinance Amending Traffic relative to Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets

**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.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Cohen            Moved Adoption for second passage by RCV            Yeas   Nays   Abs

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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:

“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

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo                      Moved Adoption for second passage by RCV      Yeas    Nays    Abs

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Mayor’s Veto of a Resolution regarding Decriminalizing Psilocybin-containing fungi

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.

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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

Action Contemplated

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

Roll Call Vote	Yeas	Nays	Absent
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Councillor Varela

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

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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

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

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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.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Varela

Moved Adoption by RCV

Yeas Nays Absent

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On the motion of Councillor Dominguez

the meeting adjourned at

P.M.