City of Salem, Massachusetts Office of the City Clerk

Ilene Simons City Clerk



Room 1 City Hall

May 9, 2023

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Salem City Council will hold its regular meeting in person on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 93 Washington Street, 2nd floor for the purpose of discussing any and all business.

Individuals may listen, view, or participate remotely in the meeting via a remote participation platform called Zoom through either of the following ways:

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Very truly yours,

ATTEST: ILENE SIMONS CITY CLERK

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in-person on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on May 9, 2023, at 11:13 A.M. This meeting is being recorded and is live on S.A.T.V.

Councillors absent:

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. Public Testimony is not a public hearing or question and answer period. Sign up must occur 30 minutes prior to meeting. Signing up by email or phone will no longer be accepted.

How to Sign Up:

You may participate in Public Testimony remotely or in-person.

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

 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 requires information such as your name, address, and whether you will attend in person or remotely.

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.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor's Appointment of Brendan Casey of 29 Briggs St. to serve on the Traffic and Parking Commission with a Term to Expire on May 11, 2024

Councillor Suspension of the Rules Councillor Object

Action Contemplated

Councillor Watson-Felt Held Under the Rules by RCV Yeas Nays Abs

The Mayor's Appointment of William Jacob of 51 Memorial Dr. to serve on the Conservation Commission, with a Term to Expire March 24, 2025

Councillor Suspension of the Rules Councillor Object

Action Contemplated

Councillor Prosniewski Held Under the Rules by RCV Yeas Nays Abs

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

ORDERED: Per MGL Chapter 44 Section 64 which allows for a municipality to pay for prior fiscal year invoices using current fiscal year appropriations by two-thirds vote of the City Council we request the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Six Cents (\$1,542.06) of outstanding Fiscal Year 2020 invoices is hereby allowed to be paid from the Fiscal Year 2023 Police Department budget as listed below in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

	Department	Vendor	Amount		
	Police Department (12102-5421 Office Supplies)	Konica Minolta	\$	1,542.06	
		Total	\$	1,542.06	
	illor McClain Contemplated	Suspension of the Rules	Coun	cillor	Objection
Counc	illor McClain	Refer to the Comm. on Adnunder the rules OR Moved Adoption by RCV (2/3 needed)	nin. & Fin	ance Yeas	Voted Nays Abs

ORDERED: To accept the donation from Lifebridge in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to support costs associated with the Community Impact Unit (CIU) and Community Rescue Dog (CRD) at the Salem Police Department. These funds will be deposited into the K9 Donation Account - Fund (2412) account number 24121-4830 in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McClain Moved Adoption by RCV Yeas Nays Abs

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

ORDERED: To accept the donation from David H. Twomey in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$1,955.00) for tree plantings in the Salem Common. These funds will be deposited into the Tree Donation Fund (26C0) account number 26C01-4830 in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McClain

Moved Adoption by RCV

Yeas Nays Abs

RESOLUTION: Secure Firearm Storage Notification Resolution

The City of Salem Administration and City Council wish to echo the Salem Public School Committee's efforts, especially including that our highest priority is school safety. While we focus on all areas of safety, this particular resolution has a focus on gun violence prevention through the leadership of the district, information sharing, empowerment, and education of our school community.

Whereas, The safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff is a top priority of Salem City Council;

Whereas, In the United States, gun violence is the leading cause of death in children and teens; Whereas, Evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

Whereas, An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

Whereas, Every year, roughly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else, about one unintentional shooting per day; and 70 percent of these incidents take place inside a home;

Whereas, 1200 children and teens die by gun suicide each year and over 80 percent of children under age 18 who died by firearm suicide used a gun belonging to a family member;

Whereas, Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to a 78 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

Whereas, In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, up to 80 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home or that of relatives or friends;

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Whereas the US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommend the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes;

Whereas, Keeping students, teachers, and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at each of our school sites;

Whereas, Across the country, lawmakers, community members and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as the Be SMART Program, which is endorsed by the National PTA and encourages secure gun storage practices and highlights the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

Whereas, Secure storage of firearms is a legal requirement in Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. Chapter 140, sections 131L and 131C, and failure to comply with secure storage laws can lead to criminal prosecution, jail time, fines, and/or revocation of FID card or license, depending on the offense;

Whereas, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends storing firearms unloaded and locked, with ammunition locked separately to reduce risks of injury to children;

Whereas, in order to continue with preventive measures to increase student and school safety we must act now; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Salem City Council Committee and the Mayor will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and non-profit organizations to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents and guardians of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes and vehicles.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Prosniewski Moved Adoption by RCV Yeas Nays Abs

A Letter from the Acting Mayor requesting the Council send a City Seal and Letter of Thanks to Sandra Power.

Honorable City Councillors,

On behalf of the Beautification Committee and Acting Mayor Bob McCarthy, we would like to thank Sandra Power for her contributions over the past many years in working to make the City of Salem beautiful.

As a member of the community and a member of the Salem Beautification Committee, Sandi has worked tirelessly creating and maintaining the lovely gardens that community

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members and visitors have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy for many years. These spaces throughout the City have been closely monitored and maintained by Sandi and her dedicated volunteer group. We recognize Sandi played an important role initiatives such as the Window Box Competition and finding traffic island sponsors.

We thank Sandi for her passion, dedication, and talent that you shared for so many years. I recommend that the Salem City Council please send an official recognition through a letter of thanks with the City Seal and send to Ms. Power to extend our unified thanks and gratitude.

Thank you, Acting Mayor Bob McCarthy

Action Contemplated

Councillor Varella

Moved that the City Clerk send a letter of thanks and City Seal to Ms. Power by RCV

Yea Nay Abs

CITY OF SALEM MAY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MAYOR'S INFORMATIONAL PAGE NONE

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Stott

In the year two thousand and twenty-three

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

North Street - in front of #227 North Street, running in a southerly direction for a distance of twenty (20) feet, "Handicap Parking, Limited Time, Tow Zone"

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

Action Contemplated

Councillor Stott Moved Adoption for first passage by RCV Yeas, Nays, Abs

Councillor Watson-Felt

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 17 – Penalties of Article I is hereby amended by deleting the following from Section 17B - Municipal Parking Lot Made Available for Local Youth Fundraising:

of \$20.00

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

Action Contemplated

Councillor Watson-Felt Moved Adoption for first passage by RCV Yeas, Nays, Abs

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Prosniewski

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 75A – Parking prohibitions towing zone (October resident parking) of Article V-A is hereby amended by repealing the following Section A - Temporary October Resident Permit Parking:

Essex Street from Cambridge Street to Summer Street

And inserting the following:

Lynch Street from Congress Street to Perkins Street

Section 2. Section 75A – Parking prohibitions towing zone (October resident parking) of Article V-A is hereby amended by deleting the following:

Section D - Free Weekend Parking for Salem Residents. The Church Street West Lot and the City of Salem Lot at the MBTA Station shall be made available for use by Salem residents free of charge on weekends in October. Nonresidents seeking to park at the Church Street West Lot on weekends in October shall be charged a rate of \$30.00.

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

Action Contemplated

Councillor Prosniewski Moved Adoption for first passage by RCV Yeas, Nays, Abs

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Prosniewski (the following 6 orders)

Ordered: That the parking rate for the parking lot locations identified below shall be \$20.00 per day*:

Crombie Lot (283 Essex Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 8:00am to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register at the Parking Kiosk or with the Passport Parking App.

Old Salem Jail Lot (Adjacent to 13 Howard Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 8:00am to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register at the Parking Kiosk or with the Passport Parking App.

Crescent Lot (252 Bridge Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 8:00am to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register at the Parking Kiosk or with the Passport Parking App.

* Visit shall be defined as any length of stay between 0-12 hours

** When Halloween falls on a weekday, higher rates go into effect at 3PM

Ordered: That the parking rate for the parking lot locations identified below shall be \$40.00 per day:

Church Street East Lot (15 Federal Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 8:00am to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register at the Parking Kiosk or with the Passport Parking App.

Church Street West Lot (15 & 29 Federal Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 8:00am to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register at the Parking Kiosk or with the Passport Parking App.

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Ordered: That the parking rate for the parking garage locations identified below shall be \$20.00 for 0-2 hours and \$50 for 2 hours and up:

Museum Place Garage (1New Liberty Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023 Weekends including Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day) and Halloween**.

South Harbor Garage (245 Derby Street) – October 1 to October 31, 2023 Weekends including Indigenous People's Day (Columbus Day) and H

- * Visit shall be defined as any length of stay between 0-12 hours
- ** When Halloween falls on a weekday, higher rates go into effect at 3PM

Ordered: That the parking rate for the locations identified below shall be \$1.00 per hour:

Canal Street – Temporary Parking Meter Zone Established – both sides, from the intersection with Lyme Street to a point approximately two hundred fifty (250) feet south of the intersection with Washington Street / Mill Street. October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register with the Passport Parking App.

Margin Street – Temporary Parking Meter Zone Established – east side only, from the intersection with Endicott Street to a point just north of the Salem Police Department's driveway (95 Margin St). October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register with the Passport Parking App.

Ordered: That the parking rate for the location identified below shall be \$2.00 per hour:

North Street – Temporary Parking Meter Zone Established – 22 perpendicular spaces located adjacent to the North Street Bridge and 4 Franklin Street. October 1 to October 31, 2023. Saturday through Sunday, 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Residents may park for free during these times but must register with the Passport Parking App.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordered: That the streets set forth below, with limited resident permit parking, shall be designated as temporary resident permit parking only streets from October 1 to November 1, 2023, during the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., Monday through Friday, and 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Saturday through Sunday.

Temporary Resident Permit Parking Only Streets

- 1. Chestnut Street from Cambridge Street to Summer Street
- 2. Derby Street from Becket Avenue to Webb Street
- 3. Essex Street from Monroe Street to Summer Street
- 4. Hawthorne Boulevard from Essex Street to Charter Street

Action Cont	emplated
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Councillor Prosniewski Moved Adopted by RCV Yeas, Nays, Abs

Councillor Prosniewski

The Traffic and Parking Commission submitted the following Advisory Recommendation Action Report relative to waiting on extending the October resident Parking period in order to monitor parking activity in September 2023 (more data can be found in back-up)

Notice to the City Council of Traffic and Parking Commission Action At a meeting of the Salem Traffic and Parking Commission held on __April 26, 2023__ and attended by:

- [x] Tanya Shallop, Chair[x] Jaime Garmendia
- [] Jeff Swartz
- [x] Lt. David Tucker

The Commission took the following action:

[x] Advisory Recommendation
[] Ordinance Change Recommendation
[] Handicap Parking
[] Resident Parking
[] Other Change

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Background and notes: During a meeting of the Traffic & Parking Commission on April 26, 2023, city staff presented data related to parking activity in 2022 with a focus around parking utilization during the middle to end of September. This was based on a request from the Commissioners at a prior meeting to help determine whether an extension of October resident permit parking was warranted. Based on the data presented, staff recommended that an extension be postponed and further monitoring take place in the fall of 2023. At this meeting, the commissioners reviewed the data and agreed with the staff's recommendation.

Motion and Vote: On a motion duly made by Commissioner Garmendia and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Traffic and Parking Commission voted to recommend waiting on extending the October resident parking period in order to monitor parking activity in September 2023. **The vote is three (3) in favor, and none (0) opposed, the motion passes.**

Vote:					
The motion was made by Commissioner <u>Garmendia</u> and seconded by Commissioner <u>Tucker</u> .					
In Favor: [x] Tanya Stepasiuk, Chair Chair	Opposed: [] Tanya Stepasiuk, Chair	Abstained: [] Tanya Stepasiuk,			
[x] Jaime Garmendia[] Jeff Swartz[x] Lt. David Tucker	[] Jaime Garmendia[] Jeff Swartz[] Lt. David Tucker	[] Jaime Garmendia [] Jeff Swartz [] Lt. David Tucker			
Action Contemplated					
Councillor Prosniewski	Received & Filed by RCV	Yeas, Nays, Abs			

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor McClain offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom it was referred the matter of reviewing the Compensation of the School Committee, Ch 2, Article 4, Division 11 (School Committee), Sec. 2-142 (Compensation), has considered said matter and would recommend: Action Unknown, meeting held after agenda deadline.

Accept the Report by RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs
Adopt the Recommendation RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs

Councillor Morsillo offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs to whom it was referred the matter of discussing Granting of Certain Licenses – Tag Days –, SHS Marching Band December 2, 2023, has considered said matter and would recommend: Granted

Accept the Report by RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs
 Adopt the Recommendation 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 it was referred the matter of a presentation from CFO Anna Freedman with information relative to Water and Sewer Rates, has considered said matter and would recommend: Received and Filed

Accept the Report by RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs
Adopt the Recommendation RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs

Councillor Varela offered the following report on the Committee on Public Health, Safety and Environment to whom it was referred the matter of discussing Draft Ordinance to create a Composting Ordinance, has considered said matter and would recommend: Matter to remain in Committee

Accept the Report by RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs
Adopt the Recommendation RCV	Yeas	Nays	Abs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Varela offered the following report on the Committee on Public Health, Safety and Environment co-posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom it was referred the matter of meeting with Mr. James Davis from Bay Staters for Natural Medicine to discuss legalizing certain plant medicines, has considered said matter and would recommend: Action Unknown, meeting held after agenda deadline.

Accept the Report by RCV	Yeas	Nays Abs
Adopt the Recommendation RCV	Yeas	Nays Abs

Councillor Stott offered the following report for the Committee of the Whole to whom it was referred the matter of discussing City Council and Subcommittee meetings primary and secondary methods, has considered said matter and would recommend: Action Unknown, meeting held after agenda deadline.

Accept the Report by RCV	Yeas	Nays Abs
Adopt the Recommendation RCV	Yeas	Nays Abs

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

The City Solicitor submitting two (2) Exemptions to MGL Ch. 268A for Linda Abbene and Kristen Stevens.

ORDERED: In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) the City Council hereby declares that Linda Abbene has met the requirements for exemption as set forth in this Section and may be retained as an Art Teacher by the Park, Recreation and Community Services Department and Council on Aging, not to exceed 500 hours in this calendar year.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo Moved adopted by RCV

Yeas, Nays, Abs

ORDERED: In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) the City Council hereby declares that Kristen Stevens has met the requirements for exemption as set forth in this Section and may be retained as a Lacrosse Leader by the Park, Recreation and Community Services Department, not to exceed 500 hours in this calendar year.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo

Moved adopted by RCV

Yeas, Nays, Abs

The following letter submitted by Tom Daniel, City Planner requesting a meeting with the Committee of the Whole relative to a Flood Ordinance.

Honorable Salem City Council Salem City Hall Salem, Massachusetts 01970

RE: Request to Present Flood Ordinance to Committee of the Whole

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

At the City Council meeting on May 26, 2022, the City Council adopted an order authorizing Short-Term Capital funds to support the update the Flood Hazard Overlay District Zoning Ordinance to require new and renovated buildings to be resilient to not only today's flood risk, but to flooding projected to worsen in the coming decades as a result of climate change.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

DPCD and Sustainability staff, with technical support from Beals + Thomas, Inc., have been developing the ordinance with a working group consisting of staff from the DPCD, Engineering, Building, and Sustainability Departments, representatives from the City Council, land use boards, local environmental groups, the development community, and the general public. The project team hosted a public forum on April 10 and presented the proposed ordinance to the Sustainability, Energy, and Resiliency Committee on May 26.

We anticipate formally submitting a draft ordinance for the Council's consideration later this year. However, we propose to present preliminarily to the Committee of the Whole to request input prior to formal submittal. Ideally, the Committee of the Whole meeting would be scheduled in May.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Devine at tdevine@salem.com or 978-619-5685.

Sincerely,

Tom Daniel, AICP, Director

Cc: Acting Mayor McCarthy

Action Contemplated

Councillor Stott Moved Adoption by RCV Yeas

Yeas, Nays, Abs

PETITIONS

Petition from National Grid to install a Conduit on Jefferson Ave.

HEARING ORDERED MAY 25, 2023

Petition from National Grid and Verizon to install 1Jointly owned Pole on Jefferson Ave.

HEARING ORDERED MAY 25, 2023

Request from residents of Beach St and Bay View Ave to hold a Block Party on June 3, 2023, from 2:00PM – 9:00PM

Action Contemplated

Councillor Prosniewski Granted by RCV Yeas Nays Abs

Petition from Berman Properties, LLC to keep/store Inflammables, 4000 gallons of LP-gas in 4 Above ground Storage Tanks at 373 Highland Avenue.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo Moved Hearing Ordered May 25, 2023 by RCV Yeas, Nays, Abs

Petition from the Saltonstall Safe Cycling Coalition to make the bike lane on Lafayette Street safer for all cyclists by moving the bike lane to the other side of the parked cars to create a car protected bike lane.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Cohen Moved Received and Filed by RCV Yeas, Nays, Abs

CITY OF SALEM

MAY 11, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

PETITIONS

The Following License Applications:

PUBLIC GUIDES: Brittney Avila 63 Federal St., Salem

Ryan Sullivan 8 Hersey St., Salem Diane Sanchez 6 Sutton Ave., Salem Erik Smith 35A Pond St., Marblehead Tom Frara 25 Elaine Ave., Saugus

Tess Hosman 119 highland St., South Hamilton Sharon Cazenave 15 Barnstable St., Swampscott

Hilary Ippolito-Wan 42 Walter St., Salem Peter White 233 Kelton St., Boston

TAXI OPERATORS: Genarina A. Corsino Veras 11 Prince St., Pl., Salem

Victor Alfonso Ozoria Toribio 9 Prince St., Pl., Salem

LIMOUSINES:

Salem Taxi Co. 30 Federal St. (4 Limos) Super Witch Taxi 88B Lafayette St (2 Limos) Witch City Taxi 92 Jackson St. (3 Limos)

VEHICLE FOR HIRE:

OPERATORS ONLY Mario J. Bergner 10 Boxford Rd., Rowley

Karen P. Horgan 6 MacArthur Terr., Peabody

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo Granted by RCV Yeas Nays Abs

The Following Claims:

Kelsey Tenore 137 Brendans Way, Wells ME Gregory Worth Sr. 8 Village St. Marblehead

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo Moved referred Comm. on Yeas Nays Abs

Ord., Lic. & Legal Affairs by RCV

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

In the year two thousand and twenty-three

An ordinance to establish a flag raising policy

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

SECTION 1: City of Salem Code, Ordinances, Chapter 1, is hereby amended by inserting a new section as set forth below:

"Sec. 1-13. Flag Raising

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish guidelines for the display by the City of Salem of (1) flags of governments recognized by the Federal Government, and (2) other flags on Riley Plaza.

(b) Policy

It is the policy of the City of Salem that flags should be displayed in conformance with Federal and State policies, as stated in the Federal "Our Flag" publication of the Congress, House Document No. 96-144 and Chapter 2, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 2.

(c) Order of Precedence

Outdoor flags will be flown Riley Plaza in the following order of precedence: first, the United States flag and second, the Missing in Action Prisoners of War flag.

- (d) Special occasions of Federal, State and local proclamation
 - 1.Flags at Riley Plaza shall be displayed in accordance with the above standards. However, the Mayor may order flags to be lowered to halfstaff including, but not limited to flags of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in honor of the death of a City employee killed in the line of duty, or in observance of a specific event or circumstance.
 - 2.Pursuant to proclamation of the Mayor, or resolution of the City Council, other flags may be flown by the City in place of the Missing in Action Prisoners of War flag.

(e) Other Flags

The City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The following flags may be displayed by the City as an expression of the City's official sentiments:

- Flags of Governments Recognized by the United States. Flags of governments recognized by the United States may be displayed upon the proclamation of the Mayor or by resolution of the City Council.
- 2. Flags Displayed in Conjunction With Official Events or Ceremonies as Announced by Mayoral Proclamation or City Council Resolution. By proclamation of the Mayor or resolution of the City Council, other flags may be displayed as official City events or ceremonies.
- 3. Flags of Professional Sports Teams. The Mayor may order the display of the flag of a professional sports team in commemoration of a significant achievement involving the City of Salem.
- 4. Ownership of Other Flags. The City shall acquire ownership of all flags that it flies in place of the City of Salem flag.

(f) Time limit

Flags other than the United States and of the Missing in Action Prisoners of War flags shall be displayed for 24 hours, but no more than two weeks, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Salem Mayor's Office no less than two weeks before the scheduled flag raising. The display shall not exceed two weeks.

(g) Application

Any entity or individual requesting a flag raising shall submit an application to the Mayor's Office no less than two weeks prior to the desired flag raising date.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Morsillo Moved adopted for second passage by RCV Yea Nay Abs