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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

**"Know Your Rights Under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A ss. 18-25, and
City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033."**

The City Council will meet in the City Council Chamber on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to hold its regular meeting for the purpose of discussing any and all business.

The Agenda for this meeting is posted on the website and also listed below.

Very truly yours,

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK

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“Know Your Rights Under the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A ss. 18-25, and 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, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on May 8, 2018, at 9:25 A.M. This meeting is being taped and is live on S.A.T.V.

Councillors absent:

Council President Gerard presided.

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

VOTED

President Gerard 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

Name must be on roster 30 minutes prior to meeting

Agenda items only

How to Sign Up:

Anyone wishing to present testimony at a City Council meeting regarding a matter on the agenda, must sign the roster in person stating their name, address and subject matter. The Roster will be available in the City Clerk's Office (Room 1) and may sign the roster From the time the agenda is posted until thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the regular Council Meeting (by 6:30 p.m.). Only those on the roster may present testimony at the Meeting.

(For complete rules for Public Testimony please refer to Council Rules Section 28C)

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HEARINGS

ORDERED: Comcast to install new underground manhole, conduits and a vault at 23-25 High Street.

APPEARING IN FAVOR

APPEARING OPPOSED

Councillor Madore

Moved that the Hearing be Closed

Voted

Councillor Madore

Moved Granted

Voted

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HEARINGS

ORDERED: National Grid to install conduits on Beaver St. from pole 557-84 to the private property at 70-92 Boston Street.

APPEARING IN FAVOR

APPEARING OPPOSED

Councillor Flynn

Moved that the Hearing be Closed

Voted

Councillor Flynn

Moved Granted

Voted

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REGULAR MEETING

HEARINGS

ORDERED: National Grid and Verizon to relocate one (1) Jointly-owned pole on Beaver Street

APPEARING IN FAVOR

APPEARING OPPOSED

Councillor Gerard/Flynn

Moved that the Hearing be Closed

Voted

Councillor Gerard/Flynn

Moved Granted

Voted

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REGULAR MEETING

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor's appointment of Stavroula Meimeteas-Orfanos to serve as Assistant Building Inspector with a term to expire on September 14, 2019.

Councillor	Suspension of the Rules	Councillor	Objection
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Action Contemplated

Councillor Sargent	Held under the rules
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The Mayor's appointments of Stephanie Hagyard 8 Pope St., Salem and Ty Hapworth of 6 Brown St., Salem to serve as a member of The Beautification Committee with their terms to expire on May 10, 2021

Councillor	Suspension of the Rules	Councillor	Objection
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Action Contemplated

Councillor Peterson	Held under the rules
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APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor's reappointment of Deborah Amaral, 172 Marlborough Rd., Salem to serve as a member of the Salem Park & Recreation Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2023.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Milo	Moved Confirmation by roll call vote	Yeas	Nays	Abs
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The Mayor's reappointment of Tim Shea, 21 Buchanan Rd., Salem to serve as a member of the Salem Community Preservation Committee with a term to expire on May 10, 2020.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Dibble	Moved Confirmation by roll call vote	Yeas	Nays	Abs
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The Mayor's reappointment of Aiyana Lilly to serve as a member of the Salem Youth Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2021.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Gerard	Moved Confirmation by roll call vote	Yeas	Nays	Abs
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APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayor's reappointment of Valentina Mendez to serve as a member of the Salem Youth Commission with a term to expire on May 10, 2019.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Dibble	Moved Confirmation by roll call vote	Yeas	Nays	Abs
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The Mayors reappt. of Nikolas J. Berard to serve as a Constable with a term to expire on February 21, 2020.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy	Moved Received & Filed	Voted
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The Mayors reappt. of Michael J. Dobe to serve as a Constable with a term to expire on February 21, 2020.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy	Moved Received & Filed	Voted
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APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

The Mayors reappt. of Dana Hagan to serve as a Constable with a term to expire on January 25, 2021.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Received & Filed

Voted

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REGULAR MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

ORDER: Appropriation of \$20,000 from the "Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash" account to the "Mayor Contracted Services" Account for the purpose of conducting an assessment center to hire a new Fire Chief.

Councillor	suspension of the rules	Councillor	object
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Action Contemplated

Councillor Turiel	Moved Adoption Or Refer to Committee on Administration And Finance under the rules	Voted
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ORDER: Appropriation of \$17,677.93 from the "Retirement Stabilization Fund – Vacation/Sick Leave Buyback" account to be expended for the FY18 Contractual buyback for Kathleen Canney from the School Department.

Councillor	suspension of the rules	Councillor	object
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Action Contemplated

Councillor Turiel	Moved Adoption Or Refer to Committee on Administration And Finance under the rules	Voted
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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

ORDER: Appropriation of \$6,006.00 from the "Police Contracted Services" account to "Police Part-Time Salary" account

Councillor	suspension of the rules	Councillor	object
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Action Contemplated

Councillor Turiel	Moved Adoption Or Refer to Committee on Administration And Finance under the rules	Voted
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ORDERED: That a room in the Mayor Jean Levesque Community Life Center be named in honor and memory of Irene A. Willey, whose generous bequest to the City of Salem enabled the furnishings of the new Community Life Center

Action Contemplated

Councillor Flynn	Moved Adopted	Voted
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MAYOR'S INFORMATIONAL PAGE

NONE

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MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Furey

Ordered: That the regular meetings of the City Council for the months of July and August be combined and held on Thursday, July 19, 2018

Action Contemplated

Councillor Furey

Moved Adopted

Voted

Councillor Dominguez

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Health, Safety & Environment co-posted with the Committee of the Whole meet to discuss the problem of restaurant and bar customers smoking on public sidewalks around these establishments. And that the City Solicitor, Health Agent and the Director of the Salem Chamber of Commerce be invited

Action Contemplated

Councillor Dominguez

Moved Adopted

Voted

Councillor McCarthy

ORDERED: That the corner of Hawthorne Blvd and Derby St. be designated as a Veteran's Square in memory of US Army Air Corps Staff Sergeant John "Jack" Ryan and that this square be named Ryan Square.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Adopted

Voted

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REGULAR MEETING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor McCarthy offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs to whom was referred the matter of granting certain licenses has considered said matter and would recommend granting the following licenses:

TAG DAYS: S.H.S. Boys Soccer, 8/25/18, 9/8/18 & 9/22/18
Salem Witches Youth Softball, 7/7/18, 7/8/18, 7/28/18 & 7/29/18

Accept the Report	Voted
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Adopt the Recommendation	Voted
<p>1. The Board of Directors shall approve the proposed acquisition of the Company by the Company's parent, [REDACTED], and the Company shall complete the acquisition of the Company by the Company's parent, [REDACTED], on or before [REDACTED].</p> <p>2. The Board of Directors shall approve the proposed acquisition of the Company by the Company's parent, [REDACTED], and the Company shall complete the acquisition of the Company by the Company's parent, [REDACTED], on or before [REDACTED].</p>	<p>1. [REDACTED]</p> <p>2. [REDACTED]</p>

Councillor McCarthy offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs to whom was referred the matter of discussing temporary signs for street sweeping and other events has considered said matter and would recommend (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the Report	Voted
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Adopt the Recommendation	Voted
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Councillor Dibble offered the following report for the Committee on Community and Economic Development to whom was referred the matter of discussing how to correct the many issues surrounding the overhead wires, abandoned cables and double poles throughout Salem has considered said matter and would recommend that the matter remain in committee and to revisit in three months

Accept the Report	Voted
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Adopt the Recommendation	Voted
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Gerard offered the following report for the Ad-Hoc Search Committee to whom was referred the matter of filling the vacancy of the City Clerk has considered said matter and would recommend (action unknown meeting took place after agenda deadline)

Accept the Report Voted

Adopt the Recommendation Voted

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A communication from Thomas St. Pierre, Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer relative to a zoning change request for Swimming Pools Sec. 3.2.5 – (See Full letter below)

May 4, 2018
City Council-Salem
Beth Gerard-Council President
93 Washington Street
Salem Ma.01970

Re: zoning change request
Dear Council Members,

The recent discussion around the requests for zoning changes and corrections, I asked that the language regarding requirements for a fenced in area around a pool be put back into place. The language was deleted when the zoning document was codified back in 2009. There was no discussion or vote to eliminate this language and we assumed it was a mistake.

The current Massachusetts State Building Code allows a guard rail fence to be affixed around the top edge of the pool and a removable ladder. This actually met building code for many years. The City, however, added a zoning requirement (section 7-10) section (f) that stated the following: "Safety Precautions. Pools shall be surrounded on all sides with a permanent wall or fence at least four feet high and located no further than (25) feet from any side of the pool. Fences shall be constructed of pickets, or stockade or chain link material. Rail fences shall not be permitted. The fence shall have only one opening, maximum of three feet in width, with a locking and closing device so as to keep the gate shut at all times".

This section was challenged several years ago and the resident somehow got before the City Council. The Council at the time affirmed that the City wanted to be more restrictive than what the Building Code minimums required.

I understand the Planning Board is recommending that this section not be adopted. Not sure the reasoning behind their recommendation. The reason I feel the fencing requirement is important is that density of Salem's housing stock means that pools can be located as close as six feet to property line. To me, the concern is that a pool ladder is left down for even a few minutes and a child from an abutting property gets into the pool and has a tragedy. The Councilors before you were concerned about this and voted this ordinance in and reaffirmed the ordinance when it was challenged.

I strongly recommend that either this language or something similar be added back into our current Zoning Ordinance.

Thank You for your efforts regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Thomas St.Pierre
Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Recv'd & Filed

Voted

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A communication from the Planning Board submitting their recommendation relative to a proposed Zoning for Section 3.2.5 - Swimming Pools (See Full Recommendation and draft minutes below)

Report to City Council

April 30, 2018

At its meeting on April 19, 2018 the Planning Board voted to recommend denial of amending the City's Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.5. Swimming Pools to correct Scrivener's errors from the 2009 recodification of the Salem Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new paragraph at the end of this section as follows: "2. Pools shall be surrounded on all sides by a permanent wall or fence at least four (4) feet high and located no further than twenty-five (25) feet from any side of the pool. Fences shall be constructed of pickets, stockade or chain-link type material. Rail fences shall not be permitted. The fence shall have only one (1) opening, three (3) feet maximum in width, with a locking and closing device so as to keep the gate shut at all times."

The Planning Board voted, none in favor and eight (8) opposed (Mr. Anderson, Mr. Veno, Mr. Koretz, Ms. Yale, Ms. Sides, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Griset, Mr. Napolitano), to recommend approval of the proposed zoning amendment as it was referred to the Planning Board from the City Council.

In making this recommendation, the Planning Board made note of the following:

- The Board is concerned with short-term safety issues without having this language but does not agree with the language as submitted.
- The Ordinance already states that pools shall be in conformity with the requirements of the State Building Code. If there is a reason to go above and beyond the State Building Code, the Board needs to understand why this is necessary and what the additional requirements should be. The language as submitted is not clear to the Board.

The draft minutes of this item from the April 19, 2018 meeting are attached to this report for reference. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Tom Daniel, Director of Planning & Community Development, at 978-619-5685.

Yours truly,
Ben J. Anderson, Chair

CC: Ilene Simmons, City Clerk

DRAFT Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2018

A. Deliberate and vote on recommendation to City Council on two (2) separate proposed Zoning Amendments listed below:

1. To amend the City's Zoning Ordinance Section 8.4.9. Parking Requirements by deleting 4(a) in its entirety and replacing it with: "One and a half (1.5) parking spaces per dwelling unit."
2. To amend the City's Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.5. Swimming Pools to correct Scrivener's errors from the 2009 recodification of the Salem Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new paragraph at the end of this section as follows: "2. Pools shall be surrounded on all sides by a permanent wall or fence at least four (4) feet high and located no further than twenty-five (25) feet from any

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3. **side of the pool. Fences shall be constructed of pickets, stockade or chain-link type material. Rail fences shall not be permitted. The fence shall have only one (1) opening, three (3) feet maximum in width, with a locking and closing device so as to keep the gate shut at all times."**

2. Swimming Pool fencing requirements

There is some question as to whether this is correcting a scrivener's error from 2009 or if there was another change in between. The timing is unclear.

One comment brought up the question if one opening was enough; the Chair thinks it is not. The building inspector indicated he would be comfortable approving one fence around the entire yard, even if it did not meet the 25 foot requirement. The language needs clarification. Bill Grisette notes that this is not guidance, and that an ordinance is a requirement.

It is noted that swimming pool and fencing requirements are laid out in the code used at the state level, the Building Officials Code Administrators International (BOCA) code. Bill Grisette notes that that code has many details, so there is no need to redevelop Salem's code. There is some question as to whether Salem's mirrors that code. Bill Grisette cites a section of the BOCA National Building Code from May 1, 1999, section 421.10.1, "Barriers and Fencing." Noah Koretz notes that these are developed industry standards providing greater detail and safety than what is proposed.

Chair Anderson notes that administratively, the Board must vote yes or no on the language before them, but he senses that members are not comfortable with it so recommends a no vote with recommendations for further changes. However, if the language is not changed, this still presents an opportunity for homeowners building pools to challenge the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer since there is currently no language at all in the Zoning Ordinance. The missing language was accidentally omitted during the recodification. All construction must comply with building code regardless of zoning, but those are not in sync and they should be. Chair Anderson notes that if the Board votes no and the City Council does too, there would be no guidance in the Zoning Ordinance but pools and fencing would still have to meet Building code.

Additional discussion of what State Code vs. Salem's Ordinance say occurs. It is unclear whether the City's matches the Building Code. Chair Anderson cites section 3.2.5, "Swimming Pools." Bill Grisette notes that the State code adopts the International Pool and Spa Code, and that the section above states that pools must conform to those, but there is no mention of fencing.

It is noted that the conversation in the Council meeting as well as the language itself are confusing. Is it more desirable to have this confusing language vs. no language at all for a period of time? It is again noted that the City Council will vote on the language as it is, regardless of Planning Board input, but that commentary and explanations can be provided. The Board can note that this is an urgent matter that it is recommending being approved due to the need to have some language, not because it is appropriate and complete.

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Ultimately whether the Board votes no or yes, with guidance, does not really matter.

A motion to recommend that the City Council so amend item 2 re swimming pool fences is made by Noah Koretz, seconded by DJ Napolitano, and fails to carry in a roll call vote with Ben Anderson, Dale Yale, Helen Sides, Noah Koretz, DJ Napolitano, and Carole Hamilton, and Matt Veno opposed (8 opposed, 0 in favor).

Noah Koretz notes that since the ordinance references building code, instead of matching the building code, if it needs to go above and beyond that, is acceptable but the Council must understand why and what the language should be.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Received & Placed on File

Voted

In the year two thousand and eighteen

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to Zoning

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

Section 1. Section 3.2.5 Swimming pools is hereby amended to correct Scrivener's errors from the 2009 recodification of the Salem Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new paragraph at the end of this section as follows:

"2. Pools shall be surrounded on all sides by a permanent wall or fence at least four (4) feet high and located no further than twenty-five (25) feet from any side of the pool. Fences shall be constructed of pickets, stockade or chain-link type material. Rail fences shall not be permitted. The fence shall have only one (1) opening, three (3) feet maximum in width, with a locking and closing device so as to keep the gate shut at all times."

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

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Uphold the Denial
OR

Moved Adoption for first passage
(requires 2/3 vote by roll call vote)

Yeas

Nays

Abs

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

A communication from the Planning Board submitting their recommendation relative to a proposed Zoning for Section 8.4.9 – Parking Requirements section 4(a) – North River Canal Corridor (See Full Recommendation and draft minutes below)

Report to City Council

April 30, 2018

At its meeting on April 19, 2018 the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of amending the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance Section 8.4.9, Parking Requirements by deleting 4(a) in its entirety and replacing it with: "One and a half (1.5) parking spaces per dwelling unit."

The Planning Board voted, eight (8) in favor (Mr. Anderson, Mr. Veno, Mr. Koretz, Ms. Yale, Ms. Sides, Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Griset, Mr. Napolitano) and none opposed, to recommend the proposed zoning amendment as it was referred to the Planning Board from the City Council.

In making this recommendation, the Planning Board made note of the following:

- The parking requirement of 2.0 spaces per unit is the greatest parking requirement in any zoning district in Salem. Given that this area is accessible to transit and is within walking and biking distance to most amenities, the district is ideal for Transit Oriented Development. To encourage this, the City should lower the parking requirement from 2.0 spaces per unit to 1.5 spaces per unit.
- The NRCC district was established in 2004. The Planning Board now has the benefit of over a decade of actual development under the current regulations, and having data on the usage of parking for projects the Board has approved, the Board is now aware that the 2.0 parking space requirement is not necessary. Instead, this requirement is a burden to developers to try to fit more parking on the site when they could instead be adding other site amenities. The data collected from developments over this period indicate that the usage is below 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit.

The draft minutes of this item from the April 19, 2018 meeting are attached to this report for reference. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Tom Daniel, AICP, Director of Planning & Community Development, at 978-619-5685.

Yours truly,

Ben J. Anderson, Chair

CC: Ilene Simmons, City Clerk

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 2. **To amend the City's Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.5. Swimming Pools to correct Scrivener's errors from the 2009 recodification of the Salem Zoning Ordinance by inserting a new paragraph at the end of this section as follows: "2. Pools shall be surrounded on all sides by a permanent wall or fence at least four (4) feet high and located no further than twenty-five (25) feet from any side of the pool. Fences**

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shall be constructed of pickets, stockade or chain-link type material. Rail fences shall not be permitted. The fence shall have only one (1) opening, three (3) feet maximum in width, with a locking and closing device so as to keep the gate shut at all times."

1. Change parking requirements for NRCC district from two to 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit

DJ Napolitano feels that this change would pose a burden, but he was not a Planning Board member when the discussion regarding this issue occurred. Carole Hamilton notes that this is an amendment the Planning Board specifically pushed for because of difficulties with Site Plan Review (SPR) on buildings in that area. It is close to the train station and does not warrant that kind of space. It is the largest parking requirement of anywhere in the city, yet is right in the heart of the City.

Noah Koretz observes that data from the City on existing developments in that Zone indicate that they do not even see usage even at the level of 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit in their current use, so the Ordinance is forcing developers to build more parking when they could be adding other site amenities instead. Good planning practice is to push for Transit Oriented Development (TOD), yet more parking is required in the NRCC than in any other downtown parking site. The Board wants to avoid having seas of parking, and allow Applicants to avoid being required to seek variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). All sites that this Board is aware of are self contained, fully parked on the site, and not using public parking, which Noah Koretz feels is something they should be doing. He feels that lowering the requirement to 1.5 is still a compromise and that it could be lowered further. It would be better to have multi-purpose parking; for example, the T garage is almost empty at 5:30 or 6PM, so could be used for residential parking at night. He concedes that this is not a political reality but reducing the required spaces is a step in the right direction.

Matt Veno says that the approval of the NRCC district was something he voted on in City Council as a member years ago, and he remembers the process and its politics. Councilors were doing their best and considering what "might be needed" in a brand new zone. The Planning Board, now having the benefit of over a decade of actual development under these rules, and having data on the usage of parking in projects it has approved, is simply acknowledging that learning and is making well informed and judicious changes to the zoning to accommodate that knowledge. As previous ward councilor, he would not have supported less parking, however being on this Board gives a different perspective and he thinks 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit will work. Chair Anderson notes that this is a City, an urban environment; we must think far enough ahead to attract transit oriented residents and businesses, so managing development must be considered. This is a progressive step, if a small one, forward.

Noah Koretz agrees, adding that Salem is a city in a regional housing crisis, and is out of space. Developments must be more dense in order for people to continue to be able to afford to live here as they get priced out of Boston. This affects our market.

Matt Veno opines that these are all zero sum game projects in that more parking means less green space and fewer amenities, so requirements must be considered along with other project goals. Chair is concerned that those opposed are not really considering the environment that they are in. They think they are in a rural environment but they are not, and this is a difficult change for some. Helen Sides notes that when improvements were made and downtown got busier, merchants on Front St. complained that when meters were installed, that they could no longer park in front of their own shops (as if that was desirable). This is no longer "just a quiet town." You cannot drive and park anywhere as there are businesses everywhere now.

Noah Koretz notes that the Board is in "repair mode," fixing an erroneous decision made when "cars were king." Every vibrant downtown has a "parking problem" because people want to be there. There are many ways that this Board controls development in this City, but using the overbuilding of parking as a way to control development is fundamentally harmful; there are better ways. Those engaging in political conversations make the argument that "buildings will get bigger if we have less parking," but the converse of that is to have small buildings dominated by parking otherwise. Chair Anderson cites Hartford CT, a sea of parking with small footprint buildings. Noah Koretz states that he sympathizes with concerns but advocates smart growth.

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Noah Koretz opines that based on various comments, he is not convinced that this will pass, so in that case, the inclusion of an explanation from the Board to City Council is important. Matt Veno notes that the deliberation the Board just had is good, so the Council should be presented with these minutes.

Chair Anderson notes that the Board has voted to approve a proposal with less parking than what was required, but then the Applicant must go before the Zoning Board of Appeals. If the Ordinance is changed, they will need to go before the ZBA if they are seeking to include fewer than 1.5 spaces per dwelling unit, not fewer than 2 as they have in the past.

Noah Koretz feels that an explanation will help the City Council make a decision in favor of this change. Ashley Green will summarize the discussion and run it by Chair Anderson, then a letter from him will be sent to the Council highlighting important issues. A copy of these minutes will also be attached for reference.

A motion to recommend that the language be changed is made by Helen Sides, seconded by Matt Veno, and passes 8-0.

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Received & Placed on File

Voted

In the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance relative to Zoning

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

Section I. Sub-paragraph 4(a) of Section 8.4.9 Parking Requirements is hereby amended by deleting 4(a) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“a. One and a half (1.5) parking spaces per dwelling unit.”

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

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Adoption for first passage
(requires 2/3 vote by roll call vote)

Yeas

Nays

Abs

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PETITIONS

Communication from Peabody Councillor-At-Large, Tom Gould and Executive Director of the Citizen's Inn, Corey Jackson to address the Salem City Council regarding the services they provide to Salem Residents and to also provide an overview of the full spectrum of services they offer in the North Shore.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Milo

Moved Received & Filed

Voted

Request from HAWC to hold their walk and use of city streets on May 12, 2018
(housekeeping purposes only)

Action Contemplated

Councillor Madore

Moved Granted

Voted

Request from the residents of Bay View Avenue to hold a Block Party on Sunday, May 27, 2018
from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Action Contemplated

Councillor Madore

Moved Granted

Voted

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PETITIONS

The Following License Applications:

PUBLIC GUIDE: Jeffrey Horton, 31 Sculpin Way, Swampscott

TAXI OPERATORS: Alexis Infante, 34 Harbor St., Salem

**VEHICLE FOR HIRE
OPERATORS ONLY:** Douglas Pilkington, 1102 The Heights at Cape Ann, Gloucester
Joel Cassidy, 35 March St., Salem
Mary Ann Garnham, 7 March St. Ct., Salem
Mark Gauthier, 40 Oak Avenue, Peabody

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Moved Granted

Voted

The Following License Application:

TAG DAY: S.H.S. Spring Track – 6/3/18 & 6/10/18
Salem Fire Dept. – MDA Boot Drive 9/1/18, 10/19/18, 10/21/18
S.H.S Boys Basketball – 12/8/18, 12/15/18, 1/6/19 & 1/13/19

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy

Refer to Comm. on Ord., Lic. &
Legal Affairs

Voted

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REGULAR MEETING

PETITIONS

The Following Claims:

John Dumas, 20 Bridge St., Salem
Andrew Ingemi (Village Tavern), 168 Essex St., Salem
Saman Abazari, 23 Park St., Salem

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy	Refer to Comm. on Ord., Lic. & Legal Affairs	Voted
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The Following Bonds:

CONSTABLE: Dana Michael Hagan, 21 Roman Ave., Danvers

Action Contemplated

Councillor McCarthy	Refer to Comm. on Ord., Lic. & Legal Affairs & Returned Approved	Voted
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REGULAR MEETING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND PASSAGE Ordinance amending Traffic Chapter 42, Section 10, - "One Way Streets" is hereby amended by adding Orne Square from Broad Street to Hathorne Street, in a southwesterly direction only, One Way Traffic

Action Contemplated

Councillor Peterson

Moved Adoption for second and final passage

Voted

On the motion of Councillor

the meeting adjourned at

P.M.