MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Mike McTernan at 7:30 PM. The City Clerk then read the following notice:

"Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the City Clerk in the preparation of the Council Annual Meeting Notice of Closed Session and Regular Meetings, dated January 6, 2015 which set forth the date, time, and place of this meeting and by properly posting such notice and forwarding the notice to those designated newspapers and the persons requesting meeting notices. Please be further advised that the FIRE EXITS are to my RIGHT your left, and at the BACK OF THE ROOM.

Please be further advised that the City has an Assistive Listening System for the hearing impaired. We have three (3) assistive hearing devices. If anyone needs them, please raise your hand and the device will be brought to you. Please return them to the City Clerk or leave them with the Police Dispatcher."

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Hurley, Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino, Sun, and McTernan

ABSENT: Chief Evers

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff members Rogers, Cascais, Gerba, Licatese, Weck and Visconi.

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD # 2016-04: 7:39:13 pm – 8:59:23 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Fred DeVito – Exhale Fitness

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Council President McTernan called for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Francisca Pear, wife of a city employee Paul Pear. Mrs. Pear perished in a major car accident on February 13, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Meetings of February 2, 2016

February 2, 2016 Closed Session Minutes – Approved on motion of Councilwoman Lizza, duly carried by a unanimous vote.

February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended - Approved on motion of Councilwoman Lizza, duly carried by a unanimous vote.

Amendments to the February 2 regular meeting minutes were follows:

JCP&L Update – Robert Walton, ~~Summit Area Representative~~, Area Manager with JCP&L, 52 Chatham Road, provided an update on JCP&L's degree program. He also spoke of the confirmation that ~~one of the light poles on Summit Avenue near the middle school belonged to JCP&L and not the City~~, light poles in municipal parking lots - Deforest lots, library lot and the middle school lot (across from the First Aid Squad) – belong to JCP&L and not the City and credited DCS Director Paul Cascais for his persistence in this claim, thus saving the City a lot of money. Mr. Walton advised that most of the light poles in those lots have been repaired by JCP&L and that the few that are left will be repaired shortly.

REPORTS

Items/issues noted hereunder, if any, reflect those recommending and/or needing action by City department(s) or at a future council meeting.

- Mayor, City Administrator and Council President (Summit Historical Minute)

Summit Historical Minute – The history of the Summit Public Library was presented by Tim Childers, Summit High School Senior, and is hereto attached.

PRESENTATIONS

New Downtown Merchant Introduction - Fred DiVito and Elisabeth Halfpapp, Cofounders of Exhale

Zika Virus Presentation – Megan Avallone, Health Department Director, described the virus and its impact in the United States and what steps are being taken by health and government agencies to deal with same. *(added at meeting)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR HEARINGS

The Council President called for a hearing of the following ordinance(s), which the City Clerk read by title.

GENERAL SERVICES

16-3101 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER XII, PARKS, PUBLIC AREAS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SECTION 12-3, SUMMIT FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER, SECTION 12-4, MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, SECTION 12-5, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS RECREATION PROGRAMS AND RENTALS**

No one wished to be heard and the hearing was declared closed.

Proof of publication of the introduction of this ordinance, published in the Union County Local Source of February 4, 2016, was made part of the record.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced the following ordinance(s) which was (were) individually read by title by the City Clerk for final passage and on motion, duly seconded and on roll call, unanimously adopted or adopted by the vote shown, if any:

Number	Title	Introduction Date
GENERAL SERVICES		
16-3101	**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER XII, PARKS, PUBLIC AREAS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SECTION 12-3, SUMMIT FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER, SECTION 12-4, MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, SECTION 12-5, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS RECREATION PROGRAMS AND RENTALS**	02/2/16

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Naidu
SECONDER:	Hurley
AYES:	Hurley, Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino, Sun and McTernan

RESOLUTIONS

(Resolutions, which were not identified on the agenda as same, do not appear in the minutes in the actual order in which they were addressed at the meeting, but under the proper committee heading after those that were on the agenda. Those with the name of another committee in italics after it indicate the other committee might have had some input.)

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced the following resolution(s) and on motion, duly seconded and on roll call, unanimously adopted or adopted by the vote shown, if any:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

37228 1. Adopt Revised City Hall Conference Room Use Policy

Councilman Naidu recommended a change to the proposed resolution to address the issue of the ability for meetings to be held on Fridays, which was duly seconded.

Council President McTernan questioned whether the proposed, revised policy addressed Friday business hours at City Hall during the summer. As a result of this discussion, a second motion was made by Councilman Naidu, to address Friday summer hours, which was duly seconded.

37229 2. Appoint Mayor's Arts Committee Members

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

37230 1. Authorize Emergency Temporary Appropriations

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lizza
SECONDER:	Rubino
AYES:	Hurley, Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino, Sun and McTernan

37231 2. Authorize Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lizza
SECONDER:	Rubino
AYES:	Hurley, Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino, Sun and McTernan

37232 3. Adopt Temporary 2016 Capital Budget

Councilman Naidu expressed his feelings about the need for a comprehensive analysis of the Tier Garage and its functions before such a project moves forward.

Councilman Hurley agreed with Councilman Naidu's comments regarding need for an analysis but also recognized the dire need for repairs to the structure.

In answer to Councilwoman Ogden's comments, McNany described the safety issues within the garage that needed to be addressed sooner rather than later.

Councilman Rubino suggested exploring naming opportunities for the garage to generate revenue and defray the cost of repairs and maintenance.

Challenges were raised in response to comments regarding a requirement for Planning Board review for the proposed repairs and improvements to the garage.

Visconi stated that he would research the municipal land use law regarding same before the next council meeting to determine whether Planning Board review is required.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lizza
SECONDER:	Rubino
AYES:	Hurley, Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino, Sun and McTernan

37233 4. Authorize 2016 Legal Services in Excess of $17,500.00 - Labor Counsel - Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC - Not to Exceed $40,000.00

37234 5. Authorize Settlement Agreement - Union Place Real Estate Tax Appeals

GENERAL SERVICES

37235 Authorize Execution of Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund 2015 Grant Agreement

WORKS

37236 1. Authorize Execution "Greening Union County" Grant Agreement - Spring 2016 Tree Supply & Installation

37237 2. Authorize Submission of Grant Application - Union County 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid

37238 3. Authorize Licensed Site Remediation Professionals Agreement In Excess Of $17,500.00 - DPW Facility, 41 Chatham Road - Hatch Mott MacDonald - $60,900.00

CONSENT AGENDA

Staff reports are attached, as appropriate, when resolution is not self-explanatory. Matters authorizing action, licenses, or granting permission have met all department qualifications.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Hurley
SECONDER:	Sun
AYES:	Hurley, Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino, Sun and McTernan

GENERAL SERVICES

37239 Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs

SAFETY

37240 Authorize Attendance – Fire Department - The Center for Public Safety Seminar

WORKS

37241 Authorize Change Order #1 and Final - 2015 Capital Roads Improvement Project - Reivax Contracting - $37,407.55

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

37242 Authorize Payment of Bills - $2,641,508.37

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Items/issues noted hereunder, if any, reflect those recommending and/or needing action by City department(s) or at a future council meeting which are not already being addressed by a committee.

ADJOURNMENT REGULAR MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary M. Licatese, City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter - Mayor Radest, re Arts Committee appointments

   REFERRED TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

2. Letter – Mayor Radest, re Emergency Management Committee appointments

   RECEIVED AND FILED

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Summit Historical Minute – The Summit Public Library - Presented by Tim Childers, Summit High School Student

Summit Historical Minute

Summit Free Public Library

Presentation at the February 17, 2016 Common Council Meeting
Presented by Tim Childers, Summit High School Senior

In the next minute I intend to shed light on one of our community's greatest treasures – the Summit Free Public Library.

The idea of a local library originated in 1873 when several Summit citizens created the Summit Library Association under a new state law that promoted public learning.

By 1891 the Association constructed its first building on the plot of land shaped by the intersection of Tulip Street and New England Avenue, which is now known as the Summit Playhouse.

Soon enough the Library broadened its accessibility and became free to all Summit citizens. By the turn of the century the Library was funded by City taxes and employed professionally-trained librarians.

However, in order to meet an increasing demand in inventory, members of the City Council eventually turned to public donations and in 1917 Andrew Carnegie, who was a dear friend of Summit resident, William Lyall, donated $20,000 toward the construction of a new library on the corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street, which would be referred to as "Carnegie Hall."

However, almost 30 years later, in 1951, the committee recognized an increasingly overcrowded building and limited services and in 1967 a $700,000 bond issue financed the construction of a new and improved building on the same lot, replacing "Carnegie Hall."

Recently, in 1999, a 4.5 million-dollar project was set to renovate and expand the library transforming it into the current architectural design.

The Mission Statement provided by the library clearly reads "The library serves the total community as the center for intellectual, literary and cultural curiosity, as well as information services, programs and activities."

It is clear that even after nearly 130 years of service, the Summit Free Public Library still fulfills its purpose as a community stronghold.

Thank you.