

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 9/16/16

Approved: 9/20/16

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 5, 2016 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: Council Members Lizza, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino and Council President McTernan

ABSENT: Council Members Hurley and Sun, City Treasurer Gerba and Fire Chief Evers

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff Members Rogers, Cascais, Licatese, Weck, Cruz, Deputy Fire Chief Nelson and Assistant City Treasurer Berger.

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD # 2016-16- 7:43:58 pm – 9:58:37 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michael D'Ecclessis, President - Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular and Closed Session Minutes of July 26, 2016 - Approved on motion of Councilwoman Ogden, duly carried by a unanimous vote.

**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)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor's Proclamations:

Constitution Week - Ruth Huneke, Regent & Lois Hageman, Vice Regent - Daughters of the American Revolution, Beacon Hill Chapter accepted the proclamation.

Volunteer First Aid Squad Month - Michael D'Ecclessis, President and Captain Kari Phair accepted the proclamation.

Mayor's Recognition - Constantine W. Scerbo, 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration - Mr. Scerbo accepted the certificate.

Gateway Signs Update - City Planner Tony Somers, City Planner, presented a PowerPoint slideshow, hereto attached.

Councilman Naidu asked questions as to cost and whether an economic study had been done. He questioned inclusion of this project in the current Capital Plan and expressed his thoughts as to the need for the upgrades at this time.

Councilwoman Lizza and Councilman Rubino commented as follows:

1. Important that Summit have a presence as visitors enter the City.
2. Good signage helps make a distinctive community and offers a positive first impression to visitors.

Vivian Furman, Arts Committee Co-Chair, provided history regarding pricing and design of the existing sign on Broad Street and stated that it was a source of pride for the community.

Greg Vartan, 15 New England Avenue, commented on fiscal responsibility and questioned necessity of the signs.

Rosemary Grace, 174 Summit Avenue, expressed her opinion regarding the appeal of the signs and suggested reconsideration be given to a more welcoming design.

Council President McTernan explained the process re Capital Plan projects and noted that there was discussion regarding sign upgrades in 2014 and that projects included in the Capital Plan sometimes take years before they are implemented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Parkline Project - Jack Callahan, 15 Stony Hill Court; Greg Vartan, 15 New England Avenue and Rosemary Grace, 174 Summit Avenue, each made comments regarding the proposed project, a collective summary of the key points or questions are as follows:

1. There are existing underutilized parks in the community.
2. Are taxpayer dollars being used?
3. Concern regarding safety and emergency first responder access.



**GENERAL SERVICES**

37500 Authorizing Execution of a Dynamic Ridesharing Pilot Program Agreement - Not to Exceed \$250,000

**WORKS**

37501 Amend Resolution No. 37450 - 2016 Greening Union County Grant Application - Spring 2017 Tree Supply and Installation - Correct Grant Amount \$9,000.00

**SAFETY**

37502 Authorize Placement of Banners at the Morris Avenue Bridge *(added at meeting, from the floor)*

**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.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Lizza, McTernan, Naidu, Ogden, Rubino*
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Patrick J. Hurley, Richard Sun
*Councilman Rubino recused himself on Works #2 before vote on Consent Agenda took place.	

**GENERAL SERVICES**

37503 1. Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs

(ID # 4411) 2. Amend Professional Services Agreement - Tatlock Tennis Court Replacement Project Construction Administration and Inspection Services - Additional Fees - \$5,677.04 *(pushed to 9/20/16 agenda)*

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Councilman Rubino raised questions regarding the responsibility of the additional cost associated with the project and requested that the resolution consideration be postponed so that clarification could be provided.

**SAFETY**

37504 Amend Permissions and Conditions - Home for Good Dog Rescue 2016 "Bark-a-que" Event

**WORKS**

37505 1. Authorize Bid Advertisement - Colt Road Improvement Project

37506 2. Authorize Release of Performance Guarantee - 466 Springfield Avenue - \$90,477.16

**FINANCE/PERSONNEL**

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| 37507 | 1. | Authorize 2016 League Conference Attendance  |
| 37508 | 2. | Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - NJ-DOT - DeForest Avenue  |
| 37509 | 3. | Authorize Refund of Property Use Escrow - Overlook Medical Center - \$500.00                 |
| 37510 | 4. | Refund Overpayment of Third Quarter 2016 Taxes   |
| 37511 | 5. | Authorize Parking Refunds - Summit SmartCard, Prepaid Parking, and Overnight Parking Permits |
| 37512 | 6. | Authorize Payment of August Bills (7/15-8/12) - \$1,553,228.47                               |
| 37513 | 7. | Authorize Payment of Bills – (8/15-9/6) \$690,499.34   |

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS**

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**ADJOURNMENT REGULAR MEETING**

Respectfully submitted:

Rosalia M. Licatese  
City Clerk

*The official copy, as approved by the Common Council including any and all amendments, and signed by the City Clerk, is on permanent file in the City Clerk's Office.*

**MINUTES ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Summit Historical Minute - History of Public/Private High Schools in Summit - Presented by Council President McTernan
2. Gateway Signs Update Presentation - Tony Somers, City Planner