

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 4/12/18

Approved: 4/17/18

The meeting was called to order by Council President David Naidu 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 8, 2018 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: Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Ogden

ABSENT: City Administrator Rogers, Fire Chief Evers (after presentations)

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff members Cascais, Gerba, Licatese, Weck and City Solicitor Giacobbe.

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD # 2018-07: 7:40:41 pm - 10:02:39 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jozi Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Minutes of March 20, 2018 - On motion of Councilmember Gould, duly seconded, the minutes were approved with the following vote:

MOVER:	Gould
SECONDER:	Fox
ABSTAIN:	Ogden
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu

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 Township of Summit - Jozi Coates, Summit High School student provided read from a prepared statement, which is hereto attached.

IN MEMORIAM - FORMER COUNCILMAN BILL ROSEN

Council President Naidu spoke of the recent passing of former Councilman Bill Rosen and asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

CEREMONIAL AWARDS

Fire Chief's Awards - December 31, 2017 Fire at 125 Summit Avenue - Chief Evers and Mayor Radest recognized and thanked first responders and local businesses and organizations for their efforts in the aftermath of the apartment building fire on Summit Avenue by providing food, clothing, shelter, gift cards, and community support.

Receiving the Chief's Award for Valor were:

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| Battalion Chief Clint Evers | Firefighter Chris Esposito |
| Lieutenant James Pignatello | Firefighter Brian Tavis |
| Firefighter Gabe Iannella | Police Officer Ruddy Garita |
| Firefighter Dwight Nichols | |

Also receiving awards were the following businesses and organizations:

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| The Summit First Aid Squad | The Summit YMCA |
| The Committed Pig Restaurant | The American Red Cross - Summit Chapter |
| Pizza Vita | The Grand Summit Hotel |
| The Summit Diner | The Other Fellow First Foundation |

Upon the conclusion of the presentations, Council President Naidu called for a brief recess at 8:05 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

Summit Free Market Update - Emily Pommier, Free Market Student Chair, and Christine Lijoi, Free Market Adult Mentor, provided a slideshow presentation and described the Free Market program as well as the positive impact and interaction it is evoking within the community. Also discussed was the cost savings to the City as a result of repurposing items which might otherwise be part of the waste stream.

Technology Advisory Board - Chairman Jordan Greene, spoke of projects the Technology Advisory Board is working on with the Police Department and the Parking Services Agency. He spoke of livestreaming on Facebook and other social media as a communication tool for the community.

Spatial Data Logic (SDL) Software Demonstration - Paul Cascais, Director, Department of Community Services and Jin Blades, Asst. Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating the newly implemented software program recently launched in the Construction Office. Ms. Blades and Mr. Cascais explained the convenience for contractors and homeowners interacting with the user friendly program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced, for first reading, the following ordinance(s) as it (they) came up for consideration during the meeting, which was (were) individually read by City Clerk Licatese and unanimously adopted by the vote indicated below and referred to the Law Committee for study and report with a hearing(s) scheduled as indicated under Hearing Date below.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hearing Date</u>
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GENERAL SERVICES

18-3161	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS <i>(Rate Increase, 90-minute meters in Zone A)</i>	04/17/18
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/17/2018 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Ogden	
SECONDER:	Little	
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Ogden	

SAFETY

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hearing Date</u>
<i>PULLED</i>	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS <i>(Lowell Avenue, north side, no parking at certain times)</i>	

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

18-3163	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXV, SEWAGE AND WASTEWATERS, SECTION 25-6 SEWER USER CHARGES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT <i>(Set sewer user fees by resolution and change payment due date to June 15)</i>	04/17/18
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/17/2018 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Little	
SECONDER:	Ogden	
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Ogden	

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

18-3164	AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO HOLD A PRIVATE SALE OF A PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY ON BLOCK 3204, LOT 7 LOCATED ON 1000 SUMMIT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY <i>(Declare portion of property on Summit Avenue – known as 1000 Summit Avenue-- as no longer needed for public use and authorize sale of same)</i>	05/1/18
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/1/2018 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Fox	
SECONDER:	McTernan	
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Ogden	

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

38342 Authorize Execution of a Construction and Use Agreement Between the City of Summit and the Summit Conservancy for the Construction of a Free Market Building at the Summit Transfer Station

Before introduction of the resolution, Council President Naidu recused himself from the discussion and took a seat in the audience. Council President Pro Tem Gould presided over this portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Ogden asked whether the City's existing curbside pickup service, Dial-a-truck, could be used to pick up items for the Free Market, to assist residents in getting items to the Free Market that are too bulky or heavy to bring themselves.

Mr. Cascais advised he would look into the feasibility of an added service using Dial-a-truck to pick up Free Market items.

John Sacks, Rotary Drive resident and President of the Summit Conservancy commented as follows:

1. The Free Market is a great project with wonderful volunteers.
2. This event takes a tremendous number of items out of the waste stream.
3. Appreciates the City's support.

Adam Zucker, West End Avenue resident:

1. Supports the project by donating many goods.
2. The Free Market serves as a potential educational opportunity.

Councilmember McTernan:

1. The Free Market building is a long time coming.
2. This was a passionate project for former Mayor Ellen Dickson.
3. The program brings great community involvement.
4. The City is providing 25% of the cost in the form of in-kind services and materials.
5. Concerned that there is very little allocated for contingency costs.

Upon adoption of the resolution, Council President Naidu resumed his place at the dais and Councilmember Gould returned to his seat.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Fox
SECONDER:	Gould
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Ogden
RECUSED:	Naidu

GENERAL SERVICES

38343 Increase Dynamic Ridesharing Program - Number and Eligibility of Participants

In response to a question from Council President Naidu, Parking Services Manager Rita McNany explained the plan to promote the Lyft program to Summit Downtown employees.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

38344 1. Establish Procedure Authorizing Special Tax Appeal Attorney, Upon Advice of and After Request from the Tax Assessor, to File Corrective Appeals, Counter Petitions and Counter Claims, and Stipulations of Settlement with the Union County Tax Board and the New Jersey Tax Court (pending closed session discussion)

38345 2. Establish The Summit Economic Development Advisory Committee

The following comments made or questions raised as follows:

Councilmember Bowman questioned the need for the number of members on the committee.

Councilmember McTernan questioned the need for a new committee. He noted that city staff, volunteers, private businesses and the city's grant writer as well as the Master Plan process are already doing the same things as the proposed committee would be charged with doing.

Councilmember Ogden concurred with Councilmember McTernan's comments.

Council President Naidu:

1. There are other committees equally as large.
2. There is a need for expertise in different areas, and the City could not afford to pay for such expertise.
3. The Master Plan process is finite.
4. The City needs to invest in the town and the downtown.
5. Most large communities look at trend lines and this committee could look further out to the future, not just at the next six months.
6. The City should try to make sure Summit positions itself for the future.

Councilmember Little:

1. This committee is similar to Summit Parking Advisory Committee, which brings ideas and recommendations forward and looks at the city holistically.
2. This type of committee has been successful in other communities.

Mayor Radest, and Councilmembers Gould and Fox expressed support for the committee.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Little
SECONDER:	Ogden
AYES:	Fox, Gould, Little, Naidu
NAYS:	Bowman, McTernan, Ogden

WORKS

- 38346 1. Authorize 2018 Arbor Day Festivities
- 38347 2. Authorize Submission of the 2018 Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant Application and Acceptance - Hazardous Tree Removal and Pruning
- 38348 3. Authorize Submission of Grant Application - 2018 Union County Recycling Enhancement Grant
- 38349 4. Grant Extension of Injury Leave With Pay - DPW Employee
- 38350 5. Declare Vacancy - Full Time Administrative Manager - Department of Community Services

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:	Gould
SECONDER:	Fox
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Ogden

GENERAL SERVICES

- 38351 Authorize Change Order #2 - \$15,721.53 and Change Order #3 - \$14,806.25 Community Center Renovation Project

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

- 38352 1. Authorize Attendance 2018 Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of New Jersey
- 38353 2. Authorize Deputy City Clerk Attendance - 2018 Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey Annual Conference
- 38354 3. Refund Overpayment of 2017 Taxes- Tax Court Judgment
- 38355 4. Authorize Parking Refunds - Summit SmartCard, Prepaid Parking, and Overnight Parking Permits
- 38356 5. Authorizing Payment of Bills - \$544,755.20

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 – on motion of Councilmember Gould, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalia M. Licatase, City Clerk

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter - Mayor Radest, re Board of Education Appointments
2. Summit Historical Minute - Township of Summit - Presented by Jozi Coates, Summit High School Student

THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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March 27, 2018

The Common Council
City Hall
Summit, NJ 07901

Dear Members of Common Council:

The following appointments have been made effective May 15, 2018. These appointments do not require your confirmation but are respectfully provided for your information:

EDUCATION, BOARD OF

Peggy Wong	Re-appointed	3 years	Expires	5/ 14/ 21
Michael Colon	Newly appointed (<i>exp. Hanley</i>)	3 years	Expires	5/ 14/ 21
Joshua Weinreich	Newly appointed (<i>exp. Dietze</i>)	3 years	Expires	5/ 14/ 21

Sincerely,



Nora G. Radest

c: L. Pepe, Asst. Supt'd of Schools/Board Secretary

Jozi Coates

Summit has a history steep in independence and its story of becoming a township provides a lesson in the strong will and keen foresight of a few select people. Springfield, Summit, and New Providence were a part of a larger area, consisting of one-half a million acres, purchased from the Lenape Indians in 1644 and named Elizabethtown, after England's queen Elizabeth. In 1793, Springfield Township, which included New Providence at that time known as Turkey and Summit known as Turkey Hill, separated from Elizabethtown. In 1809, New Providence and Turkey Hill separated from Springfield Township, but Turkey Hill operated politically under New Providence Township. By the late 1860s, Summit Township was growing increasingly irritated at New Providence Township's lack of care for Summit.

One of the reasons for Summit's increase in demand for independence was its growing economy due to the railroad coming to Summit in 1837, thanks to a local sawmill owner, Jonathan Crane Bonnel, who had offered land, at no charge to the Morris and Essex Railroad to build the rails through Summit. Because of the railroad, Summit began its shift from a largely farming economy to a capitalist resort for wealthy.

Another notable person in Summit history is G.J. Thebaud, a NY lawyer and resident of Summit who not only rallied residents to seek independence from New Providence, but secured the introduction of the bill to NJ House and Senate. As the bill was being passed through the House and Senate, he found a clause that had been slipped into the bill requiring a vote of people in each township which surely meant defeat for the people of Summit. Thebaud alerted the governor to this and the governor demanded the bill be returned in its original form which was easily passed as The Act to form Summit Township was approved March 23, 1869.