

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 5/17/19

Approved: 5/21/19

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 3, 2019 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

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Vartan and Council President Naidu

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff members Michael Rogers, Paul Cascais, Eric Evers, Marge Gerba, Rosemary Licatase, Robert Weck and Matthew Giacobbe.

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD #2019-08 7:42:02 pm-9:16:10 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Donna Goggin Patel and Melissa Spurr

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Meetings of April 23, 2019 - Upon motion of Councilmember Gould, duly seconded and unanimously approved.

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

CEREMONIAL AWARDS

Mayor Radest presented the following proclamation:

- Mayoral Proclamation - Drowning Prevention & Water Safety Month
- Mayoral Proclamation - Metastatic Breast Cancer

PRESENTATIONS

Green Summit Survey Results - Donna Patel, Environmental Commission Chair & Melissa Spurr, Green Summit member, provided a summary of the results of the survey, which is hereto attached and then responded to questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sidewalk Master Plan Discussion at 4/23/19 Council Meeting - Dr. Robert Rubino, 84 Prospect Hill Avenue, thanked the governing body for the open discussion at the last meeting regarding sidewalk master plan and the importance and benefits of safe walkability and connectivity.

China's Organ Transplant Practices - Ted Le Strange, 43 Prospect Hill Road, New York, spoke of the cultural differences and current practices involving organ transplant and gave reasons why he is opposed to it.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR HEARINGS

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

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
19-3188	ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE “BROAD STREET WEST REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” DATED MARCH 20, 2019, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7	04/2/19

Vivian Hardy, One Oak Knoll Road:

1. Questioned the impact of the Redevelopment Plan (“the plan”) on the public library.
2. Spoke of the library property having a restriction on the deed.
3. Questioned why the library was still part of the plan if there is a deed restriction.
4. Spoke of the importance of having a library in the community.

Joseph Maraziti, the City’s redevelopment attorney, responded as follows:

1. There is no obligation on any of the property owners within the plan to participate.
2. The City does not have condemnation powers relative to the plan.
3. The title search of the library property indicates that the building is restricted for use of the property as a library; the library lot is not restricted.
4. Adopting the plan as is does not affect the library’s ability to make its own decision.
5. The Library Board of Trustees could not override a deed restriction.

Mayor Radest:

1. The City has a vibrant library that is vital to the City and the community.
2. Expressed her assurance that all interests of all citizens are her best interests.
3. Language in the library’s deed speaks for itself.

Richard Wheelless, 34 Kings Hill Court:

1. Has lived in Summit since 1972.
2. Is devoted to the library and expressed his thoughts about the importance of having a library in town.

3. Asked that the City not put a parking lot between the library and the YMCA.

Melissa Spurr, 61 Woodland Avenue:

1. Questioned the maximum height of buildings in the redevelopment plan, to which Annie Hindenlang of Topology advised that the maximum building height would be 3 stories.
2. Encouraged the City to look at the importance of Summit historic properties in the plan.
3. Questioned which school children would go to if living within the redevelopment area, to which Mayor Radest explained that it was too early in the process for that discussion.

Robert Trugman, 181 Springfield Avenue, read from a prepared statement which is hereto attached.

Gil Owren, 45 Wallace Road, and downtown property owner:

1. Possible move of the firehouse to the Broad Street East Lot would have an impact on parking.
2. Parking is the number one problem in the downtown.
3. Moving the firehouse to the Broad Street East Lot will eliminate 120 spaces permanently and 60 more displaced during construction.
4. The redevelopment plan must include replacement of lost parking.
5. Felt the City should address the parking issue first, then proceed with the firehouse and redevelopment.

Ric Bell, 22 Laurel Avenue, Summit:

1. Recommended the plan focus on sustainability.
2. The plan should create an open space and include cultural uses.
3. Urged making improvements without sacrificing identity or character of the City and area.

Councilmember McTernan:

1. A lot of hard work went into creating the plan.
2. Has concerns with parking and sequencing of the project.
3. The plan does not address additive parking and it must; details must be worked out with the developers.
4. The library is the jewel of the town. Involvement in the plan is up to the library.
5. Each entity's board will have to decide participation in the plan.

Mayor Radest:

1. There has been a lot of community engagement.
2. Largest group in the town is millennials and the plan must include workforce housing - teachers, nurses, etc.
3. The investment in the community is worthwhile and necessary to work, live and shop in Summit.
4. The plan provides a framework for negotiations with developers.

Councilmember Fox:

1. Reiterated the Mayor's comments emphasizing the plan being a framework for negotiations.
2. There are a lot of people guiding the City and just because it is not addressed in the plan does not mean it is not going to be discussed.

No one else 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 April 11, 2019, was made part of the record.

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FINANCE

19-3189	AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE 2019 SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATIONS OF AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY <i>(Establish 2019 Salaries - Union and Non-Union Employees)</i>	04/23/19
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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 April 25, 2019, 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:

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RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Fox
SECONDER: Gould
AYES: Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Vartan

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RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Little
SECONDER: Bowman
AYES: Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Vartan

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:

LAW & LABOR

- 38863 1. Grant Permission - Grand Opening Reception - Summit Community Center
- 38864 2. Appoint Municipal Court Judge (*Pending Closed Session discussion*)
- 38865 3. Appoint Public Defender (*Pending Closed Session discussion*)

FINANCE

- 38866 1. Authorize 2019 Salaries Effective January 1, 2019
- 38867 2. Authorize 2019 Salaries Effective May 7, 2019

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 38868 1. Authorize Use of Online Auction Services Through New Jersey State Contract #T-2581 - Municibid.com, LLC
- 38869 2. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement - 2019 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant
- X 3. Authorize Submittal of Community Forestry Management Plan (*pulled*)
- 38870 4. Approve Amended Temporary Art Placement Process
- 38871 5. Authorize Submittal of 2018 Tonnage Report to State
- 38872 6. Appoint Housing Authority Member

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 38873 Authorize Change Order #1 and Final - Hobart Avenue Section 1 Improvement Project - \$5,008.57

SAFETY & HEALTH

- 38874 1. Appoint Volunteer Firefighter
- 38875 2. Authorize Attendance - Fire Department - Fire Station Design Conference
- 38876 3. Grant Permission and Set Forth Conditions - Family Promise - Family Fun Day

FINANCE

- 38877 1. Cancel Outstanding Checks
- 38878 2. Authorize Refund Overpayment of 2018 Taxes
- 38879 3. Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs
- 38880 4. Authorize Parking Refunds - Summit SmartCard, Prepaid Parking, and Overnight Parking Permits
- 38881 5. Authorizing Payment of Bills - \$990,665.61

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 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

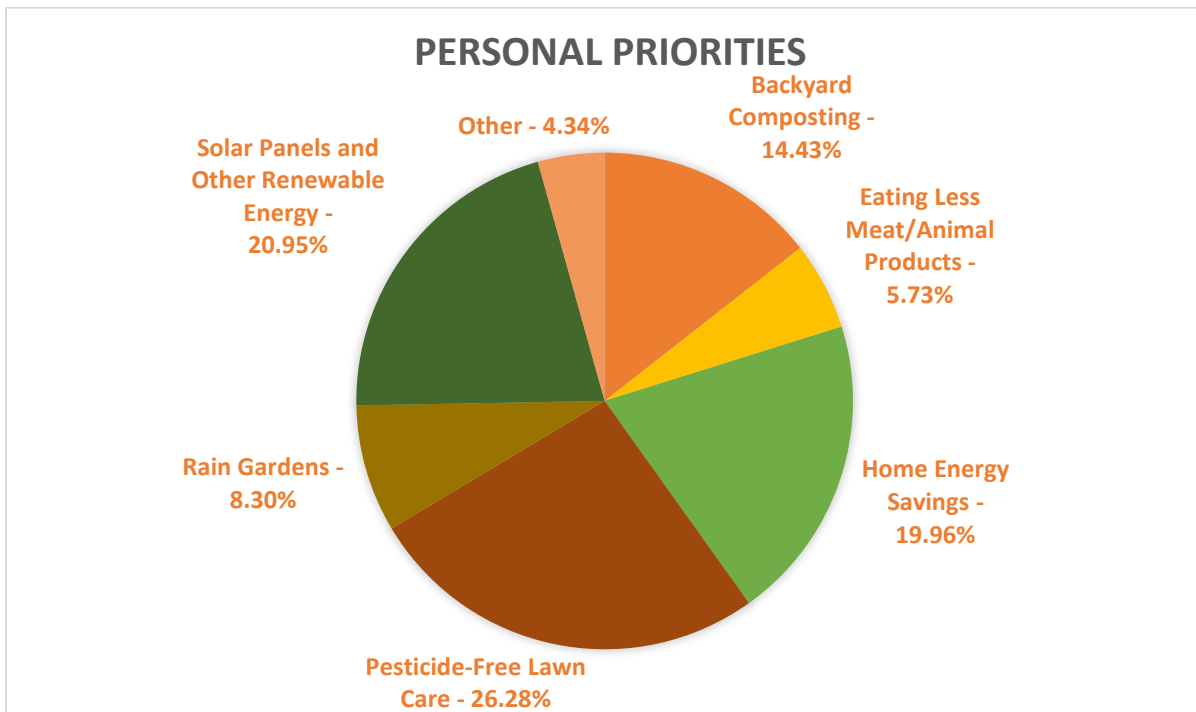
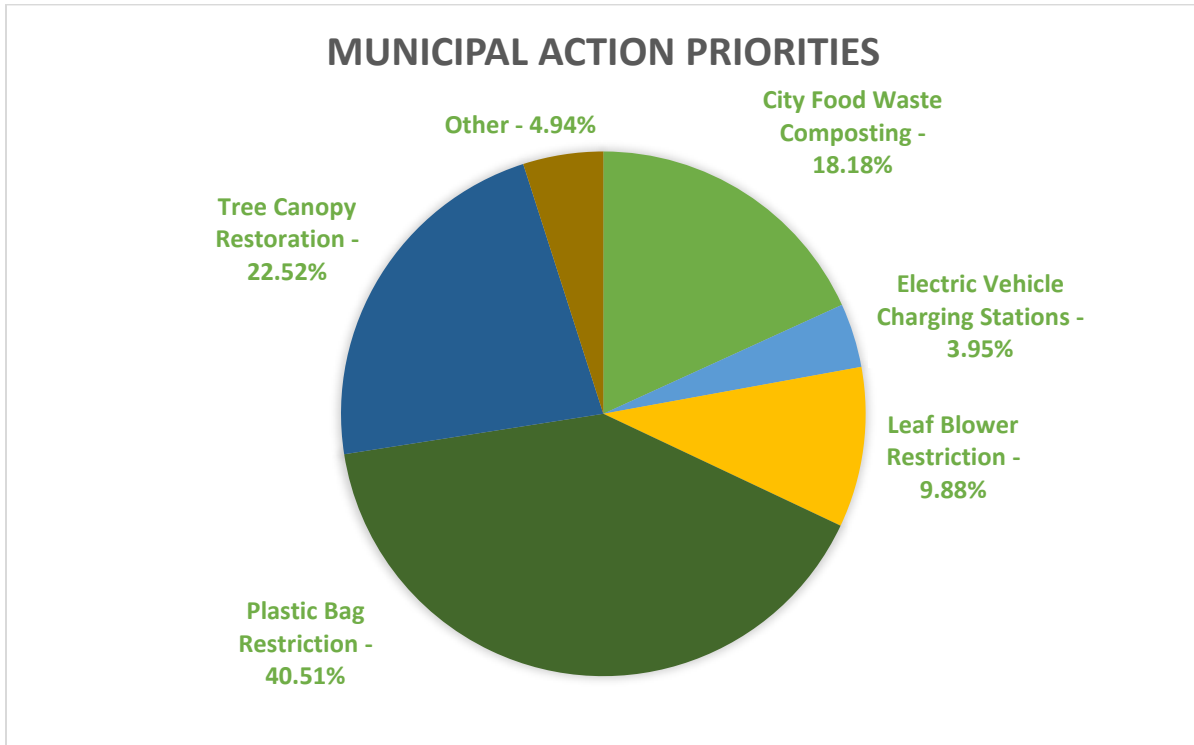
Rosalia M. Licatese, City Clerk

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Green Summit Survey Results Presentation - Donna Goggin Patel and Melissa Spurr
- 2. Statement during Ordinance for Hearing of 19-3188 - Robert Trugman, 181 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ

GREEN SUMMIT NJ SURVEY RESULTS

These charts tally the responses of 506 individuals who took Green Summit NJ's survey between March-September 2018.



GOOD EVENING MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND FELLOW RESIDENTS.

MY NAME IS ROBERT TRUGMAN. I AM A RESIDENT AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER IN SUMMIT. I COME BEFORE YOU WITH A THREE PHASE CONCEPT, AS IT RELATES TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BROAD STREET... BEFORE I LAY OUT MY CONCEPT, ALTHOUGH BACKGROUNDED INFORMATION.

IN THE PAST I CAME BEFORE THE CITY IN THE CHAMBERS ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE CITY IMPLEMENTED.

#1 THE CITY WANTED TO BUILD A YOUTH CENTER ON BROAD STREET AT THE TRIANGLE. I CAME BEFORE THE MAYOR COUNCIL AND EXPLAINED IT WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION BECAUSE IT WAS A SAFETY HAZARD AND THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT SPACE FOR THE YOUTH TO PLAY OUTDOORS. I PROPOSED SELLING THE BUILDING THAT WAS GRACIOUSLY DONATED BY MR. JOHNSON OF AIR CAST AS A YOUTH CENTER, TAKING THOSE FUNDS AND ADDING TO IT AND BUILD ON TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER THAT HAD MORE THEN ENOUGH LAND TO FACILITATE THESE NEEDS.

YEARS LATER THE CITY MOVED FORWARD ON THAT CONCEPT AND TODAY THAT PROJECT IS AT NEAR COMPLETION.

#2 THE VACANT LAND AT THE TRIANGLE... I CAME BEFORE THESE CHAMBERS WITH A RECOMMENDED CONCEPT, DONATING A FIVE COLOR ARCHITECTURAL PLAN TO DEVELOPE A TREE LINED PARKING FACILITY, WHICH WOULD BENEFIT THE CITY HALL AND OUR COMMUNITIES NEEDS.

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THE City moved FORWARD ON THAT RECOMMENDATION, AND THAT CONCEPT WAS COMPLETED.

#3RD BROAD STREET FOR DECADES HAD A PROBLEM UNDER THE STREET, FROM BROAD STREET AND MORRIS AVENUE, GOING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO EAST SUMMIT. I CONTACTED CITY HALL AND SPoke TO MICHAEL TOWNLEY ABOUT THIS UNDETERMINED PROBLEM. WE HAD WEEKLY CONVERSATIONAL UPDATES FOR OVER A YEAR ON DETERMINING WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS, HOW TO FIX IT, AND WHO HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY.

THE City moved FORWARD, SLEEVING THE BROKEN PIPING UNDER BROAD STREET, AND PROJECT WAS COMPLETED.

TODAY I COME BEFORE YOU WITH A CONCEPT³ OF WHAT THIS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COULD LOOK LIKE.

1. AT THE LOCATION OF OUR EXISTING FIRE HOUSE, TO THE INTERSECTION OF BROAD STREET AND MORRIS AVENUE, THE CITY OF SUMMIT SHOULD GIVE DIRECTION TO THE DEVELOPERS TO MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER, INTEGRITY AND CHARM OF OUR EXISTING LANDMARK BUILDINGS AND TO INCORPORATE THEIR ARCHITECTURAL FASADES TO THESE NEW STRUCTURES.

2. TO BUILD BEHIND THE POST OFFICE LOT A SENIOR RESIDENCES, MAINTAINING THIS TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE, SO WHEN THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE YOU WON'T KNOW WHERE THE DOWNTOWN ENDED AND THE BROAD STREET REDEVELOPMENT BEGAN. THIS WOULD DEVELOPE A TOTAL AND COMPLETE SYNERGY OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT, MAINTAINING THE UNIQUE CHARM OF SUMMIT, THIS WILL ALSO ADD TO THE TAX RATABLES WITHOUT IMPACTING OUR SCHOOLS INSTITUTIONS AND CONTROLLING COSTS. AT THE SAME TIME ENABLING OUR SENIOR POPULATION TO SIZE DOWN, STAY IN TOWN, AND HAVING THE ABILITY TO WALK EVERY WHERE AND TO LIVE A VITAL LIFE STYLE. NOTING THIS WOULD ENHANCE FOOT TRAFFIC TO OUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT.

3. PARKING JUST BECAUSE OTHER TOWNS HAVE A HALF A DOZEN UNSIGHTLY TIERED PARKING FACILITIES SCATTERED IN THEIR TOWNS DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD FOLLOW SUIT.

I PROPOSE A 100 YEAR PARKING PLAN, 4
UNDERGROUND, DIRECTLY OFF THE CENTER
OF OUR DOWNTOWN UNDER THE GREEN, A
CENTRALIZED LOCATION. IT WOULD FACILITATE
THE NEEDS OF CITY HALL, THE REDEVELOPMENT
OF BROAD STREET, THE CHURCHS, LIBRARY, THE
POST OFFICE, CUSTOMER PARKING, EMPLOYEE PARKING
AND COMMUTER PARKING.

THIS PARKING WOULD FLOW ONTO UNION PLACE
UP MAPLE STREET, BEECHWOOD AND SUMMIT AVENUE
TO SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, FULLFILLING OUR PARKING
NEEDS FOR THE NEXT CENTURY,

THE MAYOR COUNCIL WILL FIGURE OUT
THE OPTIMAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES,
1,000 - 2,000 ETC.

THE CITY WOULD SELL BONDS TO BUILD, AND
AT IT'S COMPLETION, WE WILL HAVE A
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT OF OUR PARK.

IT WILL BE FUNDED BY CIVIC MINDED RESIDENCE
BUSINESS AND CORPORATE PARTNERS.

THIS PROPOSED CONCEPT HAS HISTORY
TRADITION, INTEGRITY, CHARM AND FORM
FOR FUNCTION THAT OUR FOUNDING FATHER
INVISIONED AND NOW YOU HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO EMBRACE AND SECURE
FOR GENERATIONS. LET'S RAISE SUMMIT
TO A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING, FOR
ALL OF IT'S RESIDENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

ROBERT TRUGMAN