

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 5/29/19

Approved: 6/5/19

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**

**ROLL CALL**

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, Ron Kavanagh and Matthew Giacobbe (arrived at approximately 8:55 pm).

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD #2019-09 - 7:38:48 pm-9:07:50 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council President Naidu

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular and Closed Session Meetings of May 7, 2019 - On motion of Councilmember Fox, 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

**SWEARING-IN**

Police Officer Christopher Walsh was sworn in by Mayor Radest.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

National Gun Violence Awareness Day - After Mayor Radest presented the proclamation to representatives of *Moms Demand Action* organization, spokesperson Jill Kogan-Vilat6 talked about the need for heightened awareness, shared statistics, and asked for a moment of silence to remember those who have perished by gun violence.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Great Swamp Watershed Association - Sandra Lavigne, Director of Water Quality Programs spoke of the efforts of the Association and the water quality of the Passaic River.

Ms. Lavigne spoke of the Association’s desire to engage with the Summit community and described various workshops and the various testing that is conducted by the organization.

**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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**CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

19-3190	<b>AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A SEWER EASEMENT ON KNOB HILL DRIVE, BLOCK 3002, LOTS 5, 11, 12, 13, AND 14 IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND TO RELEASE ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS AND INTERESTS THEREIN RESULTING FROM ANY DEDICATION THEREOF. (<i>Vacate Sewer Easement on Blackburn Road and Knob Hill Drive</i>)</b>	06/5/19
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 6/5/2019 7:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fox	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Gould	
<b>AYES:</b>	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**

- 38882           1.    Re-Appoint Tax Assessor
- 38883           2.    Declare Vacancy - Department of Community Services - Division of Public Works

**FINANCE**

- 38884           1.    Authorize Schedule of School Levy Payments
- 38885           2.    Request Permission for Dedication by Rider for Revenues - Acceptance of Bequests, Legacies, Gifts for Hometown Heroes Trust, Pursuant to NJSA 40A:5-29

**SAFETY & HEALTH**

- 38886           Amend Professional Services Agreement - New Fire Headquarters Architectural Design Services - Phase 1 Design Development Additional Fees - \$33,790.00

**CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 38887           1.    Award Bid - City of Summit/Summit City Cooperative Pricing System (#192SCCPS) - 2019 Micro-Surfacing Program not to exceed \$124,662.78
- 38888           2.    Authorize Five Year Extension - Lease Portion of 3 Constantine Place for Construction and Maintenance of One Monopole and Related Facilities
- 38889           3.    Authorize Execution of Agreements - Public Art Easement Agreement and Artist's Contract - Public Art Wall Mural at 360 Springfield Avenue Overlooking Lyric Park
- 38890           4.    Authorize Submittal of Community Forestry Management Plan

City Forester John Linson provided an overview of the Community Forestry Management Plan and then responded to questions.

Mayor Radest recommended the Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) put together an information pamphlet for residents about tree maintenance and the importance of trees for the ecology.

Councilmember Bowman, as Liaison to the STAC, advised that the committee has taken steps to expand its public outreach including such information as suggested by the Mayor.

In response to a question from Councilmember Gould on the best ways to encourage property owners to plant more trees, Mr. Linson commented as follows:

- 1. Explained how having a variety of trees is the best approach to tree planting, so that not all trees die at the same time, referring to the recent Ash Borer blight.
- 2. There is no perfect tree, as all trees have flaws.
- 3. All trees require maintenance and it is important for residents to do annual preventative tree maintenance.
- 4. Suggested contacting tree experts to do inspections annually, which are sometimes free.

5. Trees provide beautification, help the environment.

Council President Naidu:

1. Spoke of the city's reduced tree canopy over the past 10 years, emphasizing that the tree replacement program is lacking and not sustainable.
2. Suggested that the Forester find ways to improve the city's tree count.
3. Trees are an effective way to deal with multiple environmental issues.
4. There should be better enforcement of the City's ordinance regulating trees on private residences
5. Suggested there be an improved plan in place to ensure that whenever trees are being removed on private property, other trees are planted or the property owner pays a fee.

**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>MOVER:</b>	Little
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fox
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, McTernan, Naidu, Vartan

**CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 38891 Authorize Bond Reduction - 68-72 Franklin Place - PB-13-212

**SAFETY & HEALTH**

- 38892 1. Authorize Additional Permission - Summit Downtown Inc. Cars & Croissants Event
- 38893 2. Grant Permission & Set Forth Conditions - Summit YMCA - Yoga Starts with Y
- 38894 3. Grant Permission, Set Forth Conditions - Kent Place School 5K Run

**FINANCE**

- 38895 1. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - PSEG 2019 Municipal Grant Award
- 38896 2. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - Junior League of Summit 2019 Community Grant
- 38897 3. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - NJ DOT Village Green Pedestrian Safety Improvement Grant
- 38898 4. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - NJ DOT Pine Grove Avenue Improvement Grant
- 38899 5. Authorize Estimated 3rd Quarter 2019 Tax Bills
- 38900 6. Authorize Refund of Property Use Escrow - Our House Foundation
- 38901 7. Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs
- 38902 8. Authorizing Payment of Bills - \$644,073.49

**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 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalia M. Licatese  
City Clerk