

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 6/14/18

Approved: 6/19/18

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: Councilmembers Bowman, Fox, Gould, Little, Ogden and Council President Naidu

ABSENT: Councilmember McTernan and staff members Cascais and Evers.

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

Minutes of this meeting are recorded on CD # 2018-12 - 7:45 pm - 9:20 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – City Hall Summer Interns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Minutes of May 15, 2018 – 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 (Summit Historical Minute)

Introduction of City Hall Summer Interns – Preceding his report, Council President Naidu asked all summer interns to step forward and be recognized. Each intern was asked to state their name, the name of the college they are attending and what department at City Hall they are currently working with.

CEREMONIAL AWARDS

Certificate of Recognition – Mayor Radest presented the certificate to Aalia Smith who was a Semi-finalist in the 2018 Louis Bay 2nd municipal Leader Scholarship Contest.

Certificates of Recognition – Mayor Radest and Council President Naidu presented certificates to Emily Pommier and Timothy Ritter and thanked them for their volunteer service as Summit Free Market Student Members

PRESENTATION

Shaping Summit Together - Annette Dwyer, Chair, provided a slideshow presentation discussing the origins and the mission of the organization, as well as how it uses City funding in its efforts to promote the anti-drug message through various events and programs.

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.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
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FINANCE/PERSONNEL

18-3166	BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,375,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. (Various Improvements)	05/15/18
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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 May 17, 2018, was made part of the record.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

18-3167	BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$712,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY, FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. (Sewer Utility Improvements)	05/15/18
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FINANCE/PERSONNEL

18-3169 **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,560,000 THEREFOR, DIRECTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF PART OF THE COST THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,482,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING THE SAME. (Wallace Rd, Hobart Ave, Linden Pl, Oakland Pl, Laurel Ave, Larned Rd, Road Improvements - Special Assessment)** 05/15/18

Dave Goodstein, 25 Wallace Road, stated that while there is a plan to improve the curbs, sidewalks and roadways on Wallace Road, drainage work is not included in this ordinance.

Mr. Goodstein, with authorization of the Council President, provided a video clip of a heavy rainfall event demonstrating the flooding issue on Wallace Road to support his concerns regarding the need for drainage improvements.

Comments from the Mayor and members of Council were as follows:

1. The City understands that the flooding issue needs to be addressed by other properties including the golf course.
2. While there are no plans in this ordinance regarding drainage, the Engineering Division recognizes that there is an issue and is working with the County to address it.
3. If the road work on Wallace begins and it is determined that there is a need for further funding, the City Engineer would go back to Council with another bond ordinance for more funding.
4. More deliberation regarding Wallace flooding will occur.
5. Properties should not “get a pass” for allowing flooding onto other properties.

6. City Engineer shared problems on Wallace before public comments were made at a previous meeting by Wallace Road residents.

In answer to a question from Mr. Goodstein, Councilmember Little advised that she would speak with the City Engineer to find out if Rose Lane is on the schedule for improvements.

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

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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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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 Licatase 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.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

38413 Authorize Disbursement Sherrie Murphy Memorial Fund

LAW

38414 Renew 2018-2019 Liquor Licenses

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

38415 1. Authorize Placement of Historical Marker on City Property - Fountain Baptist Church

Betty Livingston Adams, resident and member of the Fountain Baptist Church, read a prepared statement, which is attached hereto.

In response to a suggestion from Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Fox advised she would speak with the City's Chief Communications Officer regarding recognizing the church's milestone.

38416 2. Re-Appoint Plumbing Subcode Official

38417 3. Appoint Zoning Board Member - Alternate No. 4

WORKS

38418 1. Authorize Execution of Grant Agreement - 2018 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant

38419 2. Authorize Execution of Agreement Between City of Summit & Summit Downtown, Inc for the Installation/Removal & Storage of Over-the-Street Promotional Banners on Springfield Avenue

38420 3. Reject Bids and Authorize New Advertisement - 2018 Curb and Sidewalk Project

38421 4. Authorize Union County Cooperative Pricing System (UCCPS) Purchase - Road Materials Not to Exceed \$130,000.

38422 5. Appoint Recycling Advisory Committee Members

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

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

x 1. Authorize Performance Bond Release and Cash Portion - MRY Euclid, LLC, 31 Euclid Avenue - ZB 16-1818 (*this resolution was previously adopted on 5/1/18, duplicated in error*)

38423 2. Authorize Performance Bond Release - 128 Morris Avenue - ZB-15-1764

WORKS

38424 Authorize Refund-Storm Sewer Deposit & Fee - 231 Mountain Ave

FINANCE/PERSONNEL

- 38425 1. Authorize Estimated 3rd Quarter 2018 Tax Bills
- 38426 2. Refund Overpayment of 2017 Taxes- Tax Court Judgment
- 38427 3. Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs
- 38428 4. Authorize Parking Refunds - Summit SmartCard, Prepaid Parking, and Overnight Parking Permits
- 38429 5. Authorizing Payment of Bills - \$1,205,391.15

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 – Upon motion of Councilmember Ogden, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalia M. Licatase, City Clerk

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Fountain Baptist Historical Marker Comments - Betty Livingston Adams, Resident and Member of the Fountain Baptist Church

RECEIVED AND FILED

*Council President Raddu
Mayor Robert
members of the Council*

Comments by Betty Livingston Adams, during
Fountain Baptist Church Historical Marker
Resolution consideration.
June 6, 2018 Common Council Meeting

Good evening. I am Betty Livingston Adams, a 30 plus-year resident of Summit, Yale-trained historian, and associate minister at Fountain Baptist Church. This month, marks Fountain Baptist's 120th anniversary. In commemorating this milestone of continuous presence and service in our town, I wish to thank the Mayor and City Council for the resolution supporting the erection of a historical marker indicating the church's first permanent location at 19-21 Chestnut Avenue.

In 1897, twenty-seven year old Violet Johnson moved from Brooklyn, New York, to Summit, a place in the process of transformation from a country village into a New York City suburb. Within a year, the domestic servant had organized a Baptist church. The decision to create a sacred place for African American workers thrust Johnson into public space and on the path of Christian activism. Later others would extol her "genius for organization[:] religious, civic, social and industrial."¹

In the 1890s, Summit's African American population barely exceeded one hundred out of nearly six thousand residents; and none owned real property.² Immediately following formal recognition as a Baptist church in 1898, the parishioners, though few in number, decided to establish a building fund, to construct "an edifice suitable for divine worship."

Eight years later, in 1906 the fledgling congregation purchased two lots, numbers 19 and 21, on the "westerly side of Chestnut Avenue" at a cost of

\$2,000.00. In August 1908, the church laid a cornerstone, and on Christmas Eve marched into its roofed-over basement. Ten years later in 1918, the congregation entered its completed building. The Fountain Baptist congregation worshiped at 21 Chestnut Avenue until 1989, when it sold the property to the City of Summit for the construction of our new City Hall campus; and subsequently, marched into its current house of worship at 116 Glenside Avenue.

Of course, relating the entire narrative of faith and courage of this congregation is not the purpose of the marker. Nor is it intended to remediate the erasure of an African American presence in downtown Summit. However, it is our desire that the marker convey an enduring presence and, one hopes, an enlarged vision of possibilities for our town. For one of our goals in this year of celebration is to acknowledge Summit's appreciation and respect for religious, cultural, racial, and class diversity, as well as interfaith cooperation.

We are grateful to the city's Director of Community Services, Paul Cascais, who not only worked with, but walked with us to reach this step; and, of course, to the City Council for helping to make this significant part of Summit's history visible.

I wish to acknowledge others who have walked with us as we mark this milestone in Fountain's and Summit's intertwined histories. First, Rev. Harrield, pastor of Wallace Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. As many of