

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 10/1/2020

Approved: 10/6/2020

The meeting was called to order by Council President Marjorie Fox at 7:30 PM. The City Clerk then read the following notice:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the City Clerk’s Office in the Open Public Meeting Notice, dated September 17, 2020, which was properly distributed and posted per statutory requirements.”

Note: This meeting was held via video conference by all attendees.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Bowman, Hairston, Little, Naidu, O’Sullivan, Vartan and Council President Fox.

ABSENT: Fire Chief Evers

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff members Michael Rogers, City Administrator; Paul Cascais, DCS Director; Rosemary Licatase, City Clerk, Nicole Sarna, Deputy Clerk, Andrew Bartolotti, Chief of Police; Tammie Baldwin, City Treasurer; Rita McNany, Parking Services Manager; Mark Ozoroski, DCP Director and Ronald Kavanagh, Acting City Solicitor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Flanagan, President - Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Meetings of September 1, 2020 - Upon motion of Councilmember Hairston, duly seconded, the minutes were 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

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS

Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Month - Mayor Radest presented the proclamation virtually to First Aid Squad President Bob Flanagan.

Constitution Week - Mayor Radest presented the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

JCP&L & Recent Power Outage - Jim Bennett - 38 Fairview Avenue, read from a prepared statement, which is attached hereto.

In response to Mr. Bennett's comments, Councilmember Naidu provided an overview of JCP&L's efforts and the prospect of underground lines.

Bicycle Security and Need for Bike Racks - Sally Wright - 26 Mountain Ave, referred to a prepared statement, which is attached hereto.

In response to Ms. Wright's comments, Council President Fox advised that there are bike racks available in the Deforest Lot across the street.

Director Cascais added that the City is looking into adding more bike racks.

Chief Bartolotti advised that detectives are currently working on the case.

Propane Heaters Downtown - Eileen Kelly - 47 Woodland Ave. In response to questions regarding use of heaters by restaurants participating in outdoor dining, Mayor Radest advised that propane heaters are allowed without a tent above them. An electric heater is allowed for use with a tent, however a permit is needed.

Storm Management - Diego Hoic - 9 Argyle Court. In response to Mr. Hoic's comments regarding JCP&L's handling of the recent power outage and the costs associated with same, Councilmember Naidu advised that the City has not yet received a report on the costs associated with this storm.

Director Cascais advised that the Division of Public Works keeps track of costs associated with storm management and that the data is used to request FEMA reimbursement when eligible.

Policing - Dorrie Gagnon - 27 Bedford Road. In response to questions and concerns regarding the need for more "policing" in the community, Chief Bartolotti commented as follows:

1. Explained the shortage of crossing guards and that police officers are being deployed to crossing posts until more guards are available.
2. Gave assurances that officers are patrolling the community.

Vegetation and U.S. Mail Delivery Concerns - Ryan Felmet - 57 Madison Ave. In response to Mr. Felmet's comments and concerns, DCS Director Cascais provided a brief overview of the City's tree program as well as JCP&L's vegetative maintenance program and how the two entities work together.

Mayor Radest addressed the mail delivery concerns and advised that she had spoken with the Summit Post Master and explained that she was advised that funding requirements had changed within the postal system. She was also advised that due to the pandemic and associated health concerns, there has been a decrease in the number of postal workers willing to come to work.

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>
<u>LAW & LABOR</u>		
20-3222	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING 4-20, REGULATING OF SIDEWALK CAFES. (<i>Various Changes</i>)	10/6/20

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/6/2020 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Bowman	
SECONDER:	Hairston	
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Hairston, Little, Naidu, O'Sullivan, 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:

FINANCE

- 39468 1. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS PHASE I "NOTE RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,790,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE CITY OF SUMMIT IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM. (*Authorize Issuance of Bond Note for Joint Meeting NJIB Flood Mitigation Project - \$2,375,000.00*)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vartan
SECONDER:	Bowman
AYES:	Bowman, Fox, Hairston, Little, Naidu, O'Sullivan, Vartan

FINANCE

- 39469 2. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Not Exceeding \$10,032,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Vartan
SECONDER: Bowman
AYES: Bowman, Fox, Hairston, Little, Naidu, O’Sullivan, Vartan

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 39470 Adopt Social Media Policy

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

- 39471 1. Authorize Negotiated Contract - 2020-2021 Athletic Field Maintenance Services - \$42,800.20 Per Year
- 39472 2. Declare Vacancy - Parking Services Agency - Parking Enforcement Officer

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 39473 1. Appoint Public Works Manager
- 39474 2. Appoint Certified Recycling Professional
- 39475 3. Declare Vacancy - Department of Community Services - Division of Public Works Parks & Recreation Unit - Maintenance Worker

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: Vartan
AYES: Bowman, Fox, Hairston, Little, Naidu, O’Sullivan, Vartan

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 39476 Authorize Bid Advertisement - 2020 Sanitary Sewer Clean & TV Sections L & N

SAFETY & HEALTH

- 39477 1. Authorize Red Ribbon Display - Sharing Summit Together - National Red Ribbon Celebration to Raise Substance Abuse Awareness
- 39478 2. Grant Permission & Set Forth Conditions - Summit Free Public Library Music Event
- 39479 3. Grant Permission & Set Forth Conditions - Summit High School Cabaret Production on the Village Green

FINANCE

- 39480 1. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - Investors Foundation Grant Award
- 39481 2. Authorize Redemption Refund - 2017 Tax Sale Certificate
- 39482 3. Cancel 2020 Sewer Utility Charges
- 39483 4. Authorize Refunds - Department of Community Programs
- 39484 5. Authorizing Payment of Bills - \$1,074,628.25

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.

Procedure for Reporting a Concern to the City - Councilmember O'Sullivan addressed a recycling issue that had occurred and urged residents to utilize See Click Fix to report any issues rather than post such messages on social media platforms.

ADJOURNMENT REGULAR MEETING – Upon motion of Councilmember Hairston, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalia M. Licatese, City Clerk

Nicole M. Sarna, Deputy City Clerk

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Comments from a Member of the Public
At Council Meeting September 22, 2020
Concerning JCP&L

Good Evening Mayor Radest, Members of Council, and City Staff

[Names and Address}

Since I last appeared before you, I have it on authority that in Germany the average power outage is 13.3 minutes per customer per year. Experts in Germany attribute this low rate to the location of power and telephone/data lines underground. Our population density is similar. Why can't we have what they have?

At the August 18, 2020 special Council Zoom meeting to review the response to Hurricane Isaias, I heard reports from Police Chief Bartolotti and Fire Chief Evers, and a report by Council President Marjorie Fox about meetings she had with, JCP&L. Without question, the performance of municipal staff was commendable, but to my disappointment I heard nothing from Council about the beginning of a game plan to prevent recurrence of power outages.

There may be other solutions to make our power more reliable, such as redundant circuitry or even more aggressive vegetation management. But before we can even get to the point of debating recommendations, we need a full accounting from JCP&L.

I therefore call on Mayor and Council to have a representative from JCP&L at the next Council meeting on October 6, 2020 to give a full accounting of where the failures took place on August 4, 2020 in and affecting Summit, including the location of every single downed power line. The report should be in Plain English understandable by a lay person such as I. There needs to be a copy available online for all to read.

This request is specific, reasonable, and achievable. I expect JCP&L to do its job.

I call on Council to take the first steps so that our experience with power outages can more like Germany's.

Thank you.

Common Council of the City of Summit

22 SEPTEMBER 2020 / 7:30 PM / Video conference

PRESENTED BY

Sally Ann Wright - Mother of Beatrix Jade Wright

My 12 year old daughter's bicycle was stolen on Sunday, 20 September 2020 (approx. 6:00-6:10pm) from outside CVS Pharmacy on Deforest Avenue, here in Summit. It's becoming a common theme in Summit, therefore I propose the following:

AGENDA

Cycling Proficiency & Security Educational Video

- At least 8-10 bicycles have been officially reported stolen from the City of Summit, since July until YTD. Sadly, the majority were easy pickings, due to being left unattended and unlocked. Children and Adults of Summit need to be formally educated
- Propose the creation of an Educational video pertaining to Cycling proficiency/safety and more importantly security to be created via the D.A.R.E initiative, currently run by Officer Keith Kwiatek
- With all Summit Public Schools currently being Virtually Remote in the afternoon sessions, this video could be streamed to all. It should also be made available to the City's Private schools
- Bike Raleigh, in conjunction with Summit's local TREK store was scheduled to take place prior to Covid Pandemic

File your Bicycle Management List

- Summit Residents would ‘register’ their bicycles with the Summit Police Department. This could be Serial numbers, Contact Details and photographs for easy identification

Increased Police Patrols in known “Hotspots”

- CVS Pharmacy, at 29 Deforest Ave., being a prime Hotspot location for numerous bicycle thefts.

Extra Secure Bicycle Racks in “Hotspot” Areas

- A secure bicycle rack isn’t available at CVS Pharmacy, a known Hotspot for theft.
- A Map of available racks in town and surrounding Parks / Playing fields be made available for children (and Adults) to be aware of their location

NOTES

- **Spoke at length today with Officer Sean Thompson and the Summit Police Detective Bureau**, pertaining to the topics above.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Sally Ann Wright** to take the lead on connecting with the correct individuals in Summit Common Council and the Summit Police Department to act upon these Agenda items.

NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA

Follow up to the Committee, following discussions with key stakeholders in making the Agenda items above a reality.