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CITY HALL 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901

## **Preview of Tuesday 9/21 Common Council meeting agenda by Council President Marjorie Fox**

The next Common Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30 PM. Members of the public will be able to attend the meeting in person. Masks are required in City Hall and in Council Chamber. Extra seating will be available in the lobby to allow for social distancing.

Council will no longer accept public comments virtually by Zoom. Members of the public may comment by email to [cityclerk@cityofsummit.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofsummit.org). Comments must be received by noon on September 21. Those who submit written comments will have their comments read by the clerk or summarized if substantially like other comments and will not be permitted to speak on that same subject at the meeting. The rules for public comments are posted on the city website. Every Common Council meeting is broadcast live on HDTV Verizon channel 30 and Comcast channel 36 and 34. The meeting will also be broadcast live on the City of Summit [YouTube Channel](#).

The Safety and Health Committee will introduce a resolution to appoint a new police sergeant. After council votes on the resolution, there will be a swearing in. The swearing in will be held outdoors or in the City Hall rotunda to accommodate a larger audience.

Next the mayor will issue two proclamations recognizing Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Month and Constitution Week.

Council will hold a hearing and vote on a single ordinance to make changes to the organizational structure of the Department of Community Services.

The Finance Committee will introduce two resolutions. The first is to certify the 2020 Audit Review. This audit and subsequent certification is required by state law to be completed annually. The audit makes no recommendations for improvement with no audit corrective action plan required.

The second resolution authorizes the issuance of bond anticipation (short-term) notes in an amount not to exceed \$30,732,000.00. At this time, market conditions are favorable for borrowing money in the short term. In this case, bond anticipation notes will be issued for projects funded by ordinances dating back to June 2019, including the construction of new fire headquarters, purchase of 7 Cedar St. and necessary road and city facility maintenance, sidewalks and equipment.

The Community Programs and Parking Services committee will introduce a single resolution to extend the license agreement with Atlantic Health Systems for use of the Summit Community Center as a temporary COVID-19 vaccination center. The vaccination center at the Community Center has been open since February 2021 and has provided more than 40,000 COVID-19 vaccinations to Summit and other area residents. This resolution will permit the continuation of the vaccination center operations through March 31, 2022.

Council will consider several resolutions that address personnel matters: (1) a Law and Labor Committee resolution to authorize an accrued time payout to a retiring Police Department employee; (2) a Safety and Health Committee resolution to declare a vacancy for a police officer; (3) a Safety and Health Committee resolution to authorize Fire Department promotions for Deputy Chief, Battalion Chief, Lieutenant, and Probationary Firefighter; (4) a Safety and Health Committee resolution to appoint new

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volunteer firefighters; and (5) a Capital Projects and Community Services Committee resolution to declare a vacancy in the Department of Community Services.

The Capital Projects and Community Services Committee will introduce two additional resolutions. The first resolution authorizes the purchase of a compost, topsoil and dirt screen through a national purchasing cooperative. This equipment is used at the Municipal Disposal Area to screen organic material that is used for city projects and given to Summit residents at no charge. Another resolution will authorize awarding a contract for engineering evaluation services for the Municipal Transfer Station, which processes nearly 10,000 tons of municipal waste annually and has not been materially improved since its construction in the 1970s.

Last, council will consider two additional Safety and Health resolutions concerning the new fire headquarters. The first is to award the bid for the fire headquarters project. The second is to amend the personal services agreement with the architect for the new fire headquarters, providing for construction administration, post-construction costs and a reimbursable allowance. These costs were contemplated by the December 4, 2018 agreement with the architect.

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**Next Common Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021.