

# THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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CITY HALL 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901

## **Preview of February 15 Common Council meeting agenda by Council President Marjorie Fox**

The next Common Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30PM in Council Chamber at City Hall. Masks are required and extra seating will be available in the lobby to allow for social distancing.

The Summit High School Black Student Union will be making a presentation for Black History Month.

The Law and Labor Committee will introduce a single ordinance for introduction to amend the portion of the city code concerning the Rent Commission's powers. The code currently states that the Rent Commission has subpoena powers, however, because of a change in state law, the Rent Commission can no longer issue subpoenas. This ordinance will amend the code to conform with state law.

Council will hear three Finance Committee resolutions.

- The first resolution authorizes emergency temporary appropriations to the 2022 temporary operating budget. This resolution adds \$ 90,000 to the current temporary operating budget to meet expenses that must be paid prior to the final adoption of the 2022 budget.
- The next resolution is a housekeeping measure that will cancel capital accounts with unspent funds and transfer those funds to the Capital Improvement Fund or the Capital Surplus. Unfunded balances will be used to reduce the amount of outstanding bonds and notes.
- The third resolution authorizes membership in the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing system to allow the city to purchase goods and services at significant cost savings.

The Law and Labor Committee will introduce a single resolution to authorize execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and Collective Negotiations Agreement with the Firemen's Benevolent Association (FMBA). This agreement will have a retroactive start date of January 1, 2021 and will expire on December 31, 2025.

The Community Programs and Parking Services Committee will introduce three resolutions: (1) to enter into a four-year food concession contract for the Summit Family Aquatic Center; (2) to increase the participant cost of the Uber/Lyft rideshare program from \$2 to \$3 to help defray the increased costs being charged to the city for ridesharing services; and (3) to approve an extension of sick leave with pay for a Department of Community Programs employee.

Council will hear six Capital Projects and Community Services Committee resolutions.

- The first resolution will appoint a Chief Inspector in the Buildings Department to fill the vacancy left by the recent retirement of Construction and Building Subcode Official Gary Lewis. Mr. Lewis also held the additional position of Chief Inspector, which does not come with any additional responsibilities or compensation, but is a title referenced in some statutory language. For that reason, we need to appoint a Chief Inspector at this time.
- The next resolution will authorize the execution of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the redevelopers for Subdistrict 3 of the Broad Street West redevelopment. The LOI is a non-binding agreement that forms the basis of an understanding between the city and redevelopers.
- Council will vote on a resolution to approve the temporary extended closure of a portion of Maple Street for the period of March 15 to November 30. The city retains the right to remove the closure with two weeks notice to the affected businesses. This closure has been requested by Summit Downtown, Inc.

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- One resolution will approve a change order for \$2,500 for the Sewer Jet Building Project to cover additional fees for soil removal and a credit for adjustment to the footing. This reflects a 2% increase in the total cost of the project.
- Another resolution will authorize the donation of construction management services by JCMS, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$45,000 to the city for the Parkline Project. JCMS will manage construction of a pedestrian bridge over Morris Avenue, in cooperation with the city's Engineering Division.
- Finally, council will consider a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Summit Public Art and Summit Downtown, Inc. for the Promenade Fountain art installation. This MOU will set forth the roles and expectations for each party in this process.

Members of the public may comment by email to [cityclerk@cityofsummit.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofsummit.org). Comments must be received by noon on February 15. The rules for public comments are posted on the city [website](#).

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**Next Common Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:30PM