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CITY HALL 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901

## **Preview of April 5 Common Council meeting agenda by Council President Marjorie Fox**

The next Common Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM in Council Chamber at City Hall. Masks are now optional in City Hall.

City Administrator Michael Rogers will present the 2022 Municipal Operating Budget.

Council will hold public hearings and will vote on two ordinances:

- The Finance Committee will introduce an ordinance to authorize the city to increase its final budget appropriations by the statutorily permitted 3.5% and to allow the city to bank any unused amounts for the next two years. This ordinance is not an expenditure of funds and does not affect the tax levy; rather this is a budgeting technique that allows council to plan for unexpected expenditures in future years.
- The Safety and Health Committee will introduce an ordinance to amend the City Code to establish a Confined Space Stand-by Team within the Fire Department and to establish a fee for the services of this team.

Council will hear five Finance Committee resolutions:

- The first resolution introduces the 2022 municipal, parking utility, and sewer utility budgets. The 2022 municipal budget is a 1.98% increase over last year's municipal budget. The tax bill including the municipal, library, school, and county budgets, will show an increase of \$140.56 for the average assessed home in Summit (\$425,988). The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3.
- Council will introduce the 2022 Special Improvement District budget. This is the budget for Summit Downtown, Inc., which is funded in part by a tax on businesses in the downtown business district. The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3.
- Two resolutions authorize emergency temporary appropriations to the 2022 municipal budget in the amount of \$106,800 and \$565,000 to the 2022 sewer utility budget. These resolutions are needed to meet expenses that must be paid prior to the final adoption of the 2022 budgets.
- The third resolution allows the city to increase the anticipated revenue amounts in the 2022 municipal and parking utility budgets beyond what was realized in 2021 by using a three-year average calculation to account for revenue decreases attributable to COVID.

The Safety and Health Committee will introduce two resolutions to approve two grant applications for: (1) Bristol Myers Squibb Corporate Sponsorship Program for the new Fire Headquarters; and (2) New Jersey Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Council will consider a single Community Programs and Parking Services resolution to declare a vacancy for a part-time parking services maintenance employee and a resolution from Law and Labor to extend sick leave with pay for a Department of Community Services employee.

Finally, council will hear seven Capital Projects and Community Services Committee resolutions.

- One resolution will establish 2022 fees for operating and maintaining the sanitary sewer system. This charge is \$314 per dwelling unit for residential users.
- The second resolution authorizes the rejection of the only bid for the curbside recycling contract

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for failure to complete mandatory disclosure documents and allows the city to re-advertise for bids.

- Another resolution authorizes the submission of the 2021 Recycling Tonnage Report to the state. Summit receives grant funding for its recycling program based on the recycling tonnage reported, which is usually around \$30,000.
- One resolution will authorize the submission of a grant application for the 2022 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Program. This grant is for \$1,500 to create educational signage for the Tiny Forest and does not require a match.
- Once again, this year, council will vote on a resolution to allow Summit exercise and fitness businesses to use public parks and fields after applying to the Department of Community Programs for permission.
- Council will consider a resolution to authorize additional 2022 Earth Day Clean-Up activities at the Village Green by fourth and fifth grade students and parents from St. Teresa of Avila Church on Saturday, April 9.
- The final resolution declares a vacancy for an Engineering Assistant in the Department of Community Services because of a resignation.

Members of the public may comment by email to [cityclerk@cityofsummit.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofsummit.org). Comments must be received by noon on April 5. The rules for public comments are posted on the city [website](#). Duplicative or substantially similar comments may be summarized by the clerk and the clerk will stop reading emailed comments after three minutes.

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**Next Common Council Meeting:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:30PM