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CITY HALL 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE SUMMIT, NJ 07901

Preview of September 6 Common Council meeting agenda by Council President Marjorie Fox

The next Common Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30PM in Council Chamber at City Hall.

Mayor Nora Radest will present a proclamation designating September as First Aid Squad month.

Council will hear two presentations. First, Henry Bassman from the American Legion and Rick Wolffe of the Summit Elks Lodge will give a presentation about a veterans' memorial monument project on the Village Green. Second, Aaron Schrager, Director of the Department of Community Services, and Jay Brinkerhoff, Summit Park Line Foundation, will give an update on the Summit Park Line project.

Council will hold public hearings and vote on two Safety and Health ordinances to enhance pedestrian and motor vehicle safety by making Hobart Road one way in the northbound direction towards Hobart Avenue and by creating a four-way stop at Canoe Brook Parkway and Hartley Road.

Council will consider seven Finance Committee resolutions. The first resolution opposes the proposed rate increases of 22.8% for coverage of the Local Government Employee Group through the State Health Benefits Program. This large rate increase will burden the taxpayers of Summit, as well as Summit employees. Another resolution authorizes the issuance of bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,476,000 to fund the 2019 purchase of 7 Cedar Street. As this is a revenue-producing property, it could not be funded in the last bond ordinance because it must be a taxable bond. Moreover, the property will be sold as part of the Broad Street West project before permanent bond financing is required. Next, council will vote on a resolution to authorize membership renewal in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Council will consider two resolutions concerning the financial analysis of the Broad Street West Redevelopment project. First is to appoint Acacia Financial Group as the city's new Broad Street West financial advisor. Acacia already advises the city on other financial matters. Funds spent on the financial advisor will be reimbursed by the redevelopers' escrow account. The second is to establish a Broad Street West Advisory Committee with resident finance experts. Finally, council will vote on two resolutions to: (1) authorize a brick paver fundraiser for the new fire headquarters; and (2) seek authorization from the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services for a dedication by rider for revenues so that the city can accept donated funds for the new fire headquarters fundraiser.

Council will consider two resolutions from the Safety and Health Committee to appoint a Police Sergeant and to appoint a new Police Officer.

The Law and Labor Committee will introduce three resolutions. One will authorize serving of alcoholic beverages at the Friends of Summit Public Art Gala to be held at City Hall. Two resolutions will authorize sick leave with pay for a Department of Community Services Division of Public Works employee and for a Fire Department employee.

Council will hear two resolutions from the Administrative Policies and Community Services Committee. The first will authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with GRACE governing the relationship between the city and GRACE. The second appoints a member to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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The Capital Projects and Community Services Committee will introduce six resolutions. One will authorize an agreement with Union County for the installation of a permanent dog park at the Transfer Station. Other resolutions will: (1) approve the purchase of a snow tractor with plow from a national cooperative purchasing agreement; (2) award a bid for the Beacon Road Improvement Project; (3) appoint a part-time plumbing and mechanical sub-code official/inspector; (4) declare a vacancy in the Department of Community Services, Division of Public Works Roads Unit; and (5) appoint a member to the Mayor's Arts Committee.

Finally, council will hear two resolutions from the Community Programs and Parking Services Committee. The first will amend the contract with Parkmobile to extend the terms of the current contract, which expires on September 5, 2022, through the end of the year. This extension will allow for continuity of service and allow time for a new contract to be negotiated. Council will also vote on a resolution to authorize a Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant to fund TRYCan and other Special Needs Programs within the Department of Community Programs. The grant application seeks \$18,000 and the city will have to provide a 20% match that will be paid for by program registration fees.

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The next Common Council Meeting is on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 7:30 PM**