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REGULAR MEETING

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of transacting any and all business. Notice of this meeting was posted on April 9, 2019, at 10:37 A.M. This meeting is being taped and is live on S.A.T.V.

Councillor Gerard was absent (excused)

Council President Dibble presided.

Councillor Furey moved to dispense with the reading of the record of the previous meeting. It was so voted.

President Dibble requested that everyone please rise to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. David Rowand, 109 Columbus Ave., Salem – Green New Deal Resolution
2. Jeff Cohen, 12 Hancock St., Salem – Green New Deal Resolution

#217 - (#205) – NATIONAL GRID TO INSTALL A CONDUIT ON FRONT STREET

A hearing was ordered for National Grid to install a conduit on Front Street. Appearing in favor was Sibhita Mahabier-Sheehy a representative from National Grid. She stated this was to install a light and pole box at the courtyard where the Farmer’s Market is located. There was no one opposed. Councillor Madore moved that the hearing be closed. Councillor Madore moved that the permit be granted. It was so voted.

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(#160) APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA NINA-SOTO TO THE AFFORDABLE TRUST FUND BOARD

Held from the last meeting, the Mayor's appointment of Cynthia Nina-Soto of 6 Laurent Rd to serve on the Affordable Trust Fund Board with a term to expire on March 14, 2020 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor Gerard was recorded as absent. Councillor Peterson requested and received unanimous consent for suspension of the rules to allow Ms. Nina-Soto to speak.

(#187) – APPOINTMENT OF DR. TAYLA ROSE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held from the last meeting, the Mayor's appointment of Dr. Tayla Rose of 4 Nurse Way to serve on the Scholarship and Education Committee with a term to expire on March 28, 2022 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor Gerard was recorded as absent. Councillor Flynn requested and received unanimous consent for suspension of the rules to allow Dr. Rose to speak.

(#188) – APPOINTMENT OF BENJAMIN WINTHROP TO THE SALEM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Held from the last meeting, the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Benjamin Winthrop of 3 Essex St. to serve on the Housing Authority with a term to expire on March 28, 2024 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor Gerard was recorded as absent. This was to fill the union position that was vacant.

Councillor McCarthy requested and received unanimous consent for suspension of the rules to allow Mr. Winthrop to speak.

Councillor Furey requested that a City Seal be sent to Mr. Frank Milo.

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#218 – APPOINTMENT OF STACEY NORKUN TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Mayor's appointment of Ms. Stacey Norkun of 53 Summer St. to serve on the Salem Historical Commission and with a term to expire on April 11, 2022 was held under the rules until the next meeting on April 25, 2019.

#219 – APPOINTMENT OF AMY STEWART TO THE SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Mayor's appointment of Amy Stewart 3 A Willow Ave. to serve on the Scholarship and Education Committee with a term to expire on April 11, 2022 was held under the rules until the next meeting on April 25, 2019.

#220 – APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER MCALPINE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Mayor's appointment of Jennifer McAlpine, 35 Washington Sq. to serve on the Scholarship and Education Committee with a term to expire on April 11, 2022 was held under the rules until the next meeting on April 25, 2019.

#221 – APPOINTMENT OF ROSA ORDAZ AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor's appointment of Rosa Ordaz of 13 Forest Ave. to serve as an alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire on April 11, 2021 was held under the rules until the next meeting on April 25, 2019.

#222 – APPOINTMENT OF ERIN SCHAEFFER TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Mayor's appointment of Erin Schaeffer of 22 Warren St. #1. to serve on the Historical Commission with a term to expire on April 11, 2022 was held under the rules until the next meeting on April 25, 2019.

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#223 – REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID GILBERT AS THE WINTER ISLAND MANAGER

The Mayor's reappointment of David Gilbert as the Winter Island Manager with a term to expire April 11, 2021 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor Gerard was recorded as absent.

#224 – REAPPOINTMENT OF GERALDINE YUHAS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor's reappointment of Geraldine Yuhas of 28 C Federal St. to serve on the Board of Health with a term to expire April 14, 2022 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor Gerard was recorded as absent.

#225 – REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF COHEN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Cohen of 12 Hancock St. to serve on the Sustainability, Energy and Resiliency Committee with a term to expire April 14, 2022 was confirmed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative. Councillor Gerard was recorded as absent.

#226 – CONSTABLE

The Mayor's reappointment of Debra Ruehrwein of 32 Pine St., Wakfield to serve as a Constable with a term to expire May 16, 2022 was moved received and placed on filed.

#227 – APPROPRIATION FROM FREE CASH TO THE PLANNING CONTRACTED SERVICES

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole.

ORDERED: That the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the "Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash" Account to the "Planning Contracted Services" Account in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor

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#228 – APPROPRIATION FROM FREE CASH TO TREASURER CREDIT CARD FEES

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.

ORDERED: That the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the “Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation – Free Cash” Account to the “Treasurer Credit Card Fees” Account in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor.

#229 – APPROPRIATION FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE FOREST RIVER POOL PROJECT

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance co-posted with the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Furey was recorded as opposed. Councillor McCarthy asked if this was time sensitive.

ORDERED: That the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars (\$35,723.00) is hereby appropriated within the “Capital Outlay Fund 2000” to be expended for the project management services of Forest River pool, bathhouse and associated facilities by the Engineering Department in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor.

#230 – APPROPRIATION FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR BERTRAM FIELD RENOVATIONS

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was adopted under suspension of the rules.

ORDERED: That the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00) is hereby appropriated within the “Capital Outlay Fund 2000” to be expended for renovations to Bertram Field (Phase 2) by the Park & Recreation Department in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor.

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#231 – HOME RULE PETITION FOR POLICE OFFICER BRIAN BENSON RELATIVE TO RETIREMENT

The following Order introduced by the Mayor was adopted by a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays and 1 absent. Councillors Turiel, Sargent, Peterson, Milo, McCarthy, Madore, Furey, Flynn, Dominguez and Dibble were recorded as voting in the affirmative.

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill authorizing the Salem retirement board to retire Brian Benson as set forth below, be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that the following legislation be adopted, except for amendments by the Senate or House of Representatives which conform to intent of this home rule petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO RETIRE BRIAN BENSON, A POLICE OFFICER OF THE CITY OF SALEM

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Salem retirement board shall retire Brian Benson, a police officer of the city of Salem, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties in October, 2014, is totally and permanently incapacitated from performing the essential duties of a police officer.

(b) The annual amount of pension payable to Brian Benson shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in service as a police officer of the city of Salem at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement until his death or reaching mandatory retirement age whichever comes first. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the Salem retirement board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws, except sections 8 and said 91A of said chapter 32 shall not apply. All amounts paid under this act shall be non-taxable. (c) Upon attaining the mandatory retirement age for a police officer in the city of Salem, Brian Benson shall receive a pension pursuant to section 7 of said chapter 32, a yearly amount of pension equal to 80 per cent of the annual rate of the compensation he was receiving on the day before he reaches the mandatory retirement age for a police officer in the city of Salem.

SECTION 2. Brian Benson shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties in October, 2014, in accordance with sections 100 and 100B of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

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SECTION 3. In addition to the benefits granted herein and upon retirement, Brian Benson shall receive a lump sum from the Salem retirement board equal to his total accumulated retirement deductions.

SECTION 4. If Brian Benson is married at the time of retirement, then upon his death, should his wife, Shannon, survive him, the Salem retirement board shall pay to her an annuity in the amount of 75 per cent of the amount of the pension which otherwise would have been payable to him until her death. The pension shall be subject to section 103 of chapter 32.

SECTION 5. In the event that both Brian Benson and his wife, Shannon, die before their children reach the age of 18 or 22, as provided in this act, the payments that would otherwise have been made to Shannon shall be payable, in equal shares, to each surviving child under the age of 18; provided, however, that payments shall continue for the benefit of a surviving child 18 years or older who, on or before the date of death of Shannon or Brian, whichever is later, had been medically determined to be permanently physically or mentally incapacitated from earning or for the benefit of a child under the age of 22 who is enrolled as a full-time student.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Councillor McCarthy requested and received unanimous consent for suspension of the rules to allow Mr. Benson to speak.

#232 - RESOLUTION - DAY OF RECOGNITION & RESILIENCE

The following Resolution introduced by the Mayor was adopted.

- WHEREAS:* Salem is proud to be a No Place for Hate community and that we stand with all victimized by senseless violence and honor the memories of those hurt and killed at Pulse; and
- WHEREAS:* Salem's City Council in 2014 unanimously passed a non-discrimination ordinance that included protections for gender identity; and
- WHEREAS:* Hundreds marched across nearly 65 groups during the 6th annual North Shore Pride Parade and Festival in Salem in 2017 (the events are held in Salem every year), celebrating the region's lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and questioning community and Christopher Hansen, a Pulse nightclub shooting survivor, led the parade as grand marshal:

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NOW THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SALEM, MEMBERS OF SALEM CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY DECLARE June 11th, 2019

DAY OF RECOGNITION & RESILIENCE

In the City of Salem, to honor individuals killed or wounded by acts of hate and violence. It is a day of reflection, education and advocacy to facilitate acceptance within our communities, homes, schools, work environments, and places of worship.

#233 – SALEM YOUTH COMMISSION PRESENTATION

That the following communication introduced by the Mayor to request that the Salem Youth Commission address the Council was received and placed on file.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council:

I am asking to please include this letter on the mayor's informational page on your agenda.

The Salem Youth Commission recently participated a trip to the State House to advocate with State Representative Paul Tucker and Senator Joan Lovely for more protections for Massachusetts youth from Salem from vaping, menthol and tobacco products.

Lastly, a member of the Youth Commission was recently recognized as this year's State-Wide Youth Leadership Award recipient for her work over the past 3 years. Members of the Youth Commission would appreciate the opportunity to briefly address the Council at your meeting on April 11, 2019.

Sincerely,
Kimberley Driscoll
Mayor

Mikhaela Abreu who is currently the Chair of the Salem Youth Commission spoke about the grant they received for their project to raise awareness of menthol cigarettes and vapor targeting the youth. Hope to educate the young people about this subject. Lilly Aiyana also informed us she was the member who was recently recognized and received this year's State-Wide Youth Leadership Award. She showed everyone the award she received.

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#234 – RESOLUTION FOR THOMAS O'DONNELL

Councillor Furey and Councillor Madore introduced the following Resolution which was adopted.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS: On March 2, 2019, a Son of Salem, Thomas A. O'Donnell, a Son of Salem, passed unexpectedly at the young age of Seventy-Six; and

WHEREAS: His death has taken from our Community not just only a prominent business man, but a compassionate, kind, gentle and caring soul who demonstrated these virtues to other families in their most difficult and challenging times; and

WHEREAS: Salem values its rich family traditions and legacies like the O'Donnell Family. Tom worked in the family business, Henry J. O'Donnell & Sons and took the reins at the age of 28 and became the third generation to help the residents of Salem and the North Shore in their time of need and comfort; and who passed his living legacy of compassion and service to humanity onto his only son Anthony in 2013; and

WHEREAS: Tom will always be remembered for greeting friends and family with "Top of the Morning" with his sparkling eyes, wide grin and hearty laugh. His Priest said "Heaven is a kinder place with Tom in it." His brother Henry "Hank" O'Donnell also paid homage to his brother from a quote by Ted Kennedy "Our work begins anew, hope rises again and the dream will never die"; and

WHEREAS: Tom lived and loved every 76 years of his life. Thomas O'Donnell was much more than a Funeral Director. He attended St. Mary's Grammar School, he enjoyed his summers and weekends on the Common as a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps. He attended Salem High School and played Varsity Football and was a 1960 graduate. Tom continued his education at the Main Maritime Academy receiving a Bachelor's degree in Engineering in 1964. Shortly after, he began working for Texaco Oil Company as a Junior Engineer and as he travelled and saw the world from the bottom of the engine room he rose to the top and became Texaco's Chief Engineer. In 1969, Tom came home, back to his roots, to help his family; and

WHEREAS: Tom O'Donnell also was one to give back to his city and his community. Tom was a member of the Salem Common Neighborhood Association, the Salem Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Salem-Beverly Elks Lodge and the Aleppo Shrine Temple to name a few. He was always there to help and always with a smile; and

WHEREAS: Tom has earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all whom he came into contact with and all of those he helped, and this community has sustained a great loss in his death; and

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Salem City Council on behalf of all our citizens hereby extends to the members of his family and those he loved our sincere condolences in this time of their bereavement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be made a part of the official records of our City and that an official copy of this expression of our sympathy be given to the O'Donnell Family.

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#235 – MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT DATED MARCH 31, 2019

The following Order introduced by Councillor Peterson was adopted.

ORDERED: That the FY19 Monthly Financial Report dated March 31, 2019 be referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance

#236 – YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 2019

The following Order introduced by Councillor Peterson was adopted.

ORDERED: That the Year-to -Date Budget Report for January, February & March, 2019 be referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance

#237 – POWERS AND SULLIVAN YEAR END REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2018

The following Order introduced by Councillor Peterson was adopted.

ORDERED: That the Powers and Sullivan Year End June 30, 2018 Report on Federal Award Programs be referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance

#238 – POWERS AND SULLIVAN COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR END OF FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2018

The following Order introduced by Councillor Peterson was adopted.

ORDERED: That the Powers and Sullivan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018 be referred to the Committee on Administration and Finance

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#239 – RESOLUTION – GREEN NEW DEAL

The following Resolution introduced by Councillor Peterson was adopted as amended

Original Submission:

Resolution:

WHEREAS: Shortly after the 2018 midterm elections, there was a groundswell of grassroots support for a proposal from then Rep-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, to create a “House Select Committee on a Green New Deal” and she and Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey are leading the efforts in the Congress; and

WHEREAS: Such a Green New Deal would address the climate crisis at the scale of intervention called for by the recent IPCC special report on climate change¹, a report that was ultimately rejected by the US government and other oil exporting countries at COP 24 in Poland (US pulling out of the Paris Accords); and

WHEREAS: Such a Green New Deal would also create many new jobs for hard working Americans who have been left behind by globalization and automation; and

WHEREAS: Grassroots advocacy groups have organized more than 250 visits to district offices around the country around this issue in just over a month’s time, winning the support of more than 60 members of congress including Salem’s House delegation member Seth Moulton; and

WHEREAS: The City of Salem is already taking action to reduce its carbon emissions and promote clean energy, including implementing PowerChoice, which we have had in effect for over four years, bringing 100% green energy options to all residents and businesses, encouraging alternative transportation through increased bicycling and feasibility of a Citywide shuttle, installing electric vehicle charging stations, pursuing renewable energy generation projects to rely less on conventional utilities for power, continuing to implement energy efficiency and conservation strategies in buildings and operations in accordance with the City’s participation in the Mass DOER Green Communities program; and

WHEREAS: The City of Salem has already completed a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan in 2014, recognizing the threat of climate change to Salem’s infrastructure and natural resources, The City has already begun addressing these vulnerabilities using MA Office of Coastal Zone Management resources to assess green infrastructure adaptation strategies including zero net energy, flood control management and beginning to update the City’s emergency management plan to reflect rising sea levels and storm surges for major events; and

WHEREAS: The City of Salem was the first community in MA to pass a 100% clean energy resolution in 2014 and passed a resolution in 2018 to encourage our state legislators to pass legislation to institute carbon pricing and a comprehensive omnibus energy bill that addresses the wide range of initiatives such as mitigating gas leaks, net metering and increasing the state’s portfolio of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative that Congress address the climate crisis with the urgency that is required to avoid the worst consequences of climate change including extreme heat, drought, fires, flooding, natural disasters, and poverty; and

WHEREAS: The United States is indeed already experiencing these impacts, from devastating hurricanes in Puerto Rico, North Carolina & Texas to the “Camp” wildfire in California that demolished an entire town, Salem is experiencing the recognized consequences of being a coastal community, in particular coastal flooding and sea level rise that is already being realized; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED: That the Salem City Council go on record in full support of a Green New Deal that includes both a rapid shift away from fossil fuels and creating jobs for American workers in renewable energy and associated industries; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Salem City Council go on record urging our Congressional Delegation to continue advocating for such a Green New Deal and to make addressing the climate crisis a top priority in 2019 and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all relevant Council Subcommittees and City Boards & Commissions work together to achieve the maximum resiliency and sustainability possible: and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk hereby will forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Rep. Seth Moulton and on behalf of the entire Salem City Council.

Councillor Peterson, as liaison to SERC, stated as a coastal community expensive repairs to piers and gas leaks. We want to lay the ground work to urge delegation to work hard on this and the Council is behind this and supports this.

Councillor Milo not opposed to anything – Salem is doing a great job at addressing climate change. However, would like to see this go to committee and educated and maybe amend some of the language. We need assistance at the State and Federal levels.

Councillor Furey opposed to sending this to committee. We shouldn't micro manage and dissect each word. We need to send a clear message something should be done. Sends a wrong message if we send it to Committee.

Councillor Peterson said the first step is laying the foundation. The SERC committee did intense work on this and she is comfortable sending this on as is.

Councillor McCarthy stated we all agree with rising tides and flooding he agrees with everything but the first four (4) paragraphs; the should be deleted and start the resolution with the fifth paragraph. The first four paragraphs are referring to more political issues instead of doing as much as we can on a local level as a coastal community.

Councillor Sargent agrees with Councillor McCarthy that the first four paragraphs should be deleted but he is also opposed to using the words "Green New Deal" because this is only an idea right now. We would be voting on something before the fact. Congress is still working on the deal. Shouldn't support something we can't read yet. Suggests we use green initiatives not the word deal.

Councillor Furey assumes Chair.

Councillor Dibble concurs with Councillor Sargent relative to deleting the first 4 paragraph and changing the word to initiative. This deal has not been crafted yet can't support it when there is nothing in writing. We need to get this done but like to see it go to committee.

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Councillor Peterson wanted to clarify some points. No where in this document does it say “the” new deal but “a” new deal.

Councillor Peterson made a motion to keep the wording as is but not capitalizing the letters. Councillor Turiel seconded it.

Councillor McCarthy made a motion to remove the first four (4) paragraphs. Councillor Turiel seconded it. It was so voted.

Councillor Sargent made a motion to remove and replace Green New Deal with green initiative. Councillor Flynn seconded motion.

Councillor Milo asked Councillor Peterson why wouldn’t green initiative serve the same purpose. Why is it so important to have Green New Deal?

Councillor Peterson responded it is important. This is serious to carry weight this isn’t about putting in initiative but real weight.

On Councillor Sargent’s motion to remove and replace Green New Deal with green initiative received a 5 in favor 5 opposed. The matter does not carry.

On Councillor Peterson’s motion to replace uppercase to lower case received 7 in favor, 3 present. The motion carries.

Councillor Milo asked that a friendly amendment to add our State Delegation. It was voted

Councillor Peterson Moved for adoption as amended. The matter carries. Councillor Flynn was recorded as opposed and Councillor Sargent was recorded as present.

Resolution as Amended:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The City of Salem is already taking action to reduce its carbon emissions and promote clean energy, including implementing PowerChoice, which we have had in effect for over four years, bringing 100% green energy options to all residents and businesses, encouraging alternative transportation through increased bicycling and feasibility of a Citywide shuttle, installing electric vehicle charging stations, pursuing renewable energy generation projects to rely less on conventional utilities for power, continuing to implement energy efficiency and conservation strategies in buildings and operations in accordance with the City’s participation in the Mass DOER Green Communities program; and

WHEREAS: The City of Salem has already completed a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan in 2014, recognizing the threat of climate change to Salem’s infrastructure and natural resources, The City has already begun addressing these vulnerabilities using MA Office of Coastal Zone Management resources to assess green infrastructure adaptation strategies including zero net energy, flood control management and beginning to update the City’s emergency management plan to reflect rising sea levels and storm surges for major events; and

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WHEREAS: It is imperative that Congress address the climate crisis with the urgency that is required to avoid the worst consequences of climate change including extreme heat, drought, fires, flooding, natural disasters, and poverty; and

WHEREAS: The United States is indeed already experiencing these impacts, from devastating hurricanes in Puerto Rico, North Carolina & Texas to the "Camp" wildfire in California that demolished an entire town, Salem is experiencing the recognized consequences of being a coastal community, in particular coastal flooding and sea level rise that is already being realized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Salem City Council go on record in full support of a green new deal that includes both a rapid shift away from fossil fuels and creating jobs for American workers in renewable energy and associated industries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Salem City Council go on record urging our Congressional Delegation and State Delegation to continue advocating for such a green new deal and to make addressing the climate crisis a top priority in 2019 and beyond;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all relevant Council Subcommittees and City Boards & Commissions work together to achieve the maximum resiliency and sustainability possible;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Clerk hereby will forward suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to Rep. Seth Moulton and our State Delegation on behalf of the entire Salem City Council.

#240 – (#212) – TAG DAY

Councillor McCarthy offered the following report for the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs

the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs to whom was referred the matter of granting certain licenses has considered said matter and would recommend the following be granted

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#241 - (#140) – FEES AND USAGE POLICIES FOR MUNICIPALLY CONTROLLED MEETING SPACES

Councillor Peterson offered the following report for the Committee on Administration and Finance Co-Posted with the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Administration and Finance Co-Posted with the Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the matter of fees and usage policies of municipally controlled meeting spaces in Salem has considered said matter and would recommend the matter remain in committee due to having follow-up questions.

#242 – MULTI-FAITH FESTIVAL

The request from the Multi Faith Festival to hold their festival and use of city streets running between #1 - #13 Hawthorne Blvd. on July 4, 2019, was held to the next meeting on April 25, 2019.

Since this Festival, for the last two years, was held on Federal Street and in a different month the Council wanted to make sure the Police Department was on board with this new location especially since it coincides with the July 4th activities that are already scheduled in that area.

Councillor McCarthy requested and received unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow the co-chairs Michael Boudo and Fawaz Abusharkh to speak. Michael Boudo stated since this festival represents all faiths and religious freedom that they wanted to hold it this year on July 4th. Michael did state that they have not heard back from the police yet. Fawaz stated since this area is closed anyways and the festival will be on the grassy area and they will make sure business and residents can get in and out of their driveways.

Councillor Dibble asked if the two-week delay will affect their plans. They answered no.

Councillor Furey thought this was a great spot to hold the festival.

Councillor McCarthy motioned to hold to the next meeting in order to get a letter from Lt. Tucker in the police department. Councillor Dominguez seconded the motion. It was so voted.

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#243 – REQUEST TO NAME CERTAIN STREETS IN SALEM

The Request from Woodlands Reality Trust to name the new streets of the subdivision located off Clark Ave to Woodlands Road and South Ridge Circle (Per City Ordinance Ch 38, Sec 38.3 (c) was granted.

#244 – BLOCK PARTY – SALEM STREET

A request from Residents of Salem St. to hold a block party July 6, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. was held over to the next meeting so Lt. Tucker from the Police Department had a chance to review the permit. It was so voted.

#245 - #248 – LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Following License Applications were granted.

PUBLIC GUIDES	Sarah Ellis 190 Bridge St, Salem Katelyn Gordon 4 Shillaber St., Peabody Chelsea Borden 40 Aborn St., Peabody Joel Cassidy 35 March St., Salem Nancy Serio 16 Crowninshield St. #17, Peabody Donald Wanock Jr. 1 Fortune Way, Salem Robert Hawkins 402 Lowell St., Worcester
TAXI CAB / LIMO	Americab Taxi 92 Jackson St., (2 Taxi & 4 Limo) Salem Taxi 30 Church St., (2 Limo) Witch City Taxi 92 Jackson St., (1 Taxi & 4 Limo)
TAXI OPERATORS	Kevin Varela 38 Reed Rd., Peabody Marc Tirado 73 Preston St., Everett Nicolas Diaz 56 Palmer St. #2, Salem Pedro Luis Elena 4 Rice St., Salem Felipe Garcin 30 Ridgeway St., Lynn Jorge Guerrero 215 Rantoul St., Beverly, Yajaira Romero 60 Dow St. #53, Salem
VEHICLE FOR HIRE OPERATORS ONLY	Marcie Olsen 3 Federal Ct., Salem Joel Cassidy 35 March St., Salem

APRIL 11, 2019

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

#249 - #250 – LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Following License Applications were referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs

SEAWORMS

Timothy Lynch 28 Anawan Ave., Saugus
Paul Lynch 28 Anawan Ave., Saugus

TAG DAYS:

SHS Marching Band 12/14/2019

#251 - DRAINLAYER/CONTRACT OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Following Drainlayer/Contract Operator License Applications were granted

Linskey Excavating PO Box 325, Danvers
D & M Civil Inc., 20 Log Bridge Rd., Middleton
Caruso and McGoven Construction, Inc

On the motion of Councillor Furey the meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK