

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT**

Distributed: 6/16/23

Approved: 6/20/23

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vartan Greg at 7:30 PM. The City Clerk then read the following notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the City Clerk's Office in the preparation of the Council Annual Meeting Notice, dated December 15, 2022, which was properly distributed and posted per statutory requirements.

Please be advised that the FIRE EXITS are to my RIGHT, your left, and at the BACK OF THE ROOM.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councilmembers Lisa Allen, Marjorie Fox, Jaime Levine, Andy Minegar, Susan Hairston, Delia Hamlet, and Council President Greg Vartan.

ABSENT: None

Also in attendance were Mayor Radest and staff members Michael Rogers, City Administrator; Rosemary Licatase, City Clerk; Aaron Schrage, DCS Director; Eric Evers, Fire Chief, Steven Zagorski, Chief of Police and Matthew Giacobbe, City Solicitor.

The meeting was recorded on YouTube.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Summer Interns

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular and Closed Session Meetings of May 16, 2023 – Upon motion of Councilmember Minegar, duly seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Items/issues noted hereunder, if any, reflect those recommending and/or needing action by City department(s) or at a future council meeting.

- Mayor, City Administrator and Council President

Mayor's Report:

Statement on Recent Crime Activity - Steven Zagorski, Chief of Police, provided details regarding recent car thefts and burglaries in Summit, describing Police Department response and action plan.

Council President's Report:

Redevelopment - Council President Vartan advised the public that Council discussed the matter of Broad Street West Redevelopment with the City's redevelopment attorney and the hope to provide an update to the public soon.

ASSESSMENT HEARING

FINANCE

19-3195 2019 Capital Improvements (Ordinance #19-3195) - Butler Parkway, Caldwell Avenue, Clark Street, Dayton Road, Huntley Road, Willow Road, Eaton Court, Milton Avenue, Gary Road and New Providence Road

In response to a request from Council, DCS Director Aaron Schrager described the process, starting with improvement through and leading up to the assessment process.

Councilmember Allen noted that due to a change in the City's policy, this would be the City's last assessment hearing.

No one else wished to be heard and the assessment hearing was declared closed.

Proof of publication of the assessment hearing was published in the Union County Local Source on May 25, 2023 and June 1, 2023, and was made part of the record.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR HEARINGS

The Council President called for a hearing of the following ordinance(s), which the City Clerk read by title.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
23-3279	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-25, REGULATIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY, SUBSECTION 7-25.2, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AREAS <i>(Provide resident commuter parking in Post Office Lot)</i>	05/16/23

Councilmember Levine expressed her support for the ordinance and asked whether Summit Downtown, Inc. (“SDI”) was aware of the ordinance change.

In response Parking Services Agency (“PSA”) Director Rita McNany advised that SDI is aware of the ordinance change and explained its role as a member of the City's Parking Advisory Committee.

In response to questions from Council, Director McNany responded as follows:

1. Provided clarification of the term "resident commuter."
2. Confirmed that the Post Office Lot can now be used by residents as well as resident commuters.
4. Described plan for public awareness through city website, text messaging, email notification.
5. Lot counts are reviewed monthly.
6. Has not received complaints from downtown employees regarding parking availability.

In response to a question from Tracy Keegan, Sweetbriar Road, Director McNany described outreach process when parking ordinance amendments are considered.

No one else wished to be heard and the hearing was declared closed.

Proof of publication of the introduction of this ordinance, published in the Union County Local Source of May 18, 2023, was made part of the record.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
23-3280	ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-25, REGULATIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY, SUBSECTION 7-25.2, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AREAS (<i>Broad Street Garage & Broad Street East Lot-Change User Group Among Facilities; Increase Non-Resident Fee; Establish Reservation Platform</i>)	05/16/23

In response to questions from Council, Director McNany commented as follows:

1. Has received no complaints from downtown employees.
2. Described parking availability.
3. PSA staff has City support and tools they need to enforce parking regulations.
4. Described Reservation Platform function and purpose, explaining that the platform is for non-residents only at this time, but PSA is open to extending the platform to downtown employees eventually.
5. Will find out if PSA can quantify how many spaces fail to be reserved.
6. Reservation Platform may have capability to be expanded to other areas of parking, however, it is not being offered yet.

Lacey Cotter, Summit Avenue, shared concerns regarding the ordinance appearing exclusionary, giving the impression that Summit does not want non-residents to park in Summit.

In response, Director McNany dispelled the notion that the ordinance was exclusionary, advising that Summit does provide non-resident parking in Summit. She further advised that this ordinance will allow taxpayers the ability to re-gain parking in the garage where non-residents are currently taking parking spaces designated for residents and employees of the downtown.

Director McNany further commented as follows in response to questions:

1. Non-residents who do not use online app can call the 800 number to reserve a parking space.
2. Last non-resident rate increase was in 2012.

Council President Vartan questioned whether the ordinance could include a mechanism to allow automatic annual percentage increases for parking fees.

In answer to questions regarding availability of the bike shed and bike racks, DCS Director Aaron Schrage commented as follows:

1. Bike shed project is in process.
2. Bike rack map is available on city website.

In response to a question from Rosemary Grace, Chestnut Avenue, as to any agreement with NJ Transit for non-resident parking, Director McNany provided some historical information regarding the NJ Transit Mid-town Direct and the resulting need for additional parking which led to the construction of the Broad Street Garage and the accommodation for non-resident parking in the Broad Street East Lot.

Director McNany further commented as follows:

1. Before the loss of the non-resident parking lot due to the new Fire Headquarters Project, City was accommodating 250 non-resident parkers through its valet service.
2. Explained the need and reason for increase in cost of fines.
3. Explained where ridesharing program is being utilized.
4. Ordinance will address parking in Broad Street East Lot and that the remaining 32 spaces will be made available after the firehouse project is complete, but without valet service.
5. Tested valet service in Tier Garage, but it was expensive and users did not want to leave keys.
6. The 32 spaces in the Broad Street East Lot will be for downtown employee and resident users only.

No one else wished to be heard and the hearing was declared closed.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
23-3281	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS AND SUBSECTION 7-25.4, REGULATIONS <i>(Change time limit parking on Morris Avenue between Elm and Maple for pre-paid employee parking)</i>	05/16/23

No one wished to be heard and the hearing was declared closed.

Proof of publication of the introduction of this ordinance, published in the Union County Local Source of May 18, 2023, was made part of the record.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
23-3283	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS <i>(Increase parking rate for 3, 5, and 12 hours of parking)</i>	05/16/23

No one wished to be heard and the hearing was declared closed.

Proof of publication of the introduction of this ordinance, published in the Union County Local Source of May 18, 2023, was made part of the record.

**#23-3282 not used*

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
23-3284	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-69, FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, SUBSECTION 2-69.9, FEES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE PARKING SERVICES AGENCY <i>(Increase bagged meter and dumpster permit fees)</i>	05/16/23

In response to questions, Director McNany commented as follows:

1. Spoke of management of contractors parking near construction projects in the downtown.
2. Suggestion to have contractors use Reservation Platform will be explored.

No one else wished to be heard and the hearing was declared closed.

Proof of publication of the introduction of this ordinance, published in the Union County Local Source of May 18, 2023, was made part of the record.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced the following ordinance(s) which was (were) individually read by title by the City Clerk for final passage and on motion, duly seconded and on roll call, unanimously adopted or adopted by the vote shown, if any:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Introduction Date</u>
<u>COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES</u>		
23-3279	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-25, REGULATIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY, SUBSECTION 7-25.2, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AREAS <i>(Provide resident commuter parking in Post Office Lot)</i>	05/16/23

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hamlet
SECONDER:	Minegar
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan

Number

Title

Introduction Date

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

23-3280 **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-25, REGULATIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY, SUBSECTION 7-25.2, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AREAS** (*Broad Street Garage & Broad Street East Lot-Change User Group Among Facilities; Increase Non-Resident Fee; Establish Reservation Platform*) 05/16/23

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Hamlet
SECONDER: Minegar
AYES: Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

23-3281 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS AND SUBSECTION 7-25.4, REGULATIONS** (*Change time limit parking on Morris Avenue between Elm and Maple for pre-paid employee parking*) 05/16/23

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Hamlet
SECONDER: Minegar
AYES: Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

23-3283 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS** (*Increase parking rate for 3, 5, and 12 hours of parking*)

*#23-3282 not used.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Hamlet
SECONDER: Minegar
AYES: Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

23-3284	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-69, FEES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, SUBSECTION 2-69.9, FEES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE PARKING SERVICES AGENCY <i>(Increase bagged meter and dumpster permit fees)</i>	05/16/23
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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hamlet
SECONDER:	Minegar
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced, for first reading, the following ordinance(s) as it (they) came up for consideration during the meeting, which was (were) individually read by City Clerk Licatese and unanimously adopted by the vote indicated below and referred to the Law Committee for study and report with a hearing(s) scheduled as indicated under Hearing Date below.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hearing Date</u>
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FINANCE

23-3285	AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE 2023 SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATIONS OF AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY <i>(Establish 2023 Salaries - Union and Non-Union Employees)</i>	06/20/23
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/20/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Minegar	
SECONDER:	Allen	
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan	

FINANCE

23-3286	BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,991,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,896,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. <i>(Various Purposes Bond)</i>	06/20/23
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/20/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Minegar	
SECONDER:	Allen	
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan	

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hearing Date</u>
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FINANCE

23-3287	BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3,235,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,235,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY, FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. <i>(Sewer Utility Various Improvements)</i>	06/20/23
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/20/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Minegar	
SECONDER:	Allen	
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan	

SAFETY & HEALTH

23-3288	ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-9, VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN STREETS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT <i>(Weight limit on High Street Bridge)</i>	06/20/23
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/20/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Fox	
SECONDER:	Hairston	
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan	

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

23-3289	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING, SECTION 4-5 -LICENSING OF PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT <i>(Amend Charitable Solicitation)</i>	06/20/23
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RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/20/2023 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Allen	
SECONDER:	Levine	
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan	

RESOLUTIONS

(Resolutions, which were not identified on the agenda as same, do not appear in the minutes in the actual order in which they were addressed at the meeting, but under the proper committee heading after those that were on the agenda. Those with the name of another committee in italics after it indicate the other committee might have had some input.)

The respective Committee Chairman, Committee member, or Councilmember, as indicated for the Committee, introduced the following resolution(s) and on motion, duly seconded and on roll call, unanimously adopted or adopted by the vote shown, if any:

FINANCE

- 40747 1. Authorize 2023 Salaries Effective July 1, 2023
- 40748 2. Approve Assessment Report - 2019 Capital Improvements - Butler Parkway, Caldwell Avenue, Clark Street, Dayton Road, Huntley Road, Willow Road, Eaton Court, Milton Avenue, Gary Road and New Providence Road
- 40749 3. Authorize Interest Rate - 2019 Capital Improvements - Butler Parkway, Caldwell Avenue, Clark Street, Dayton Road, Huntley Road, Willow Road, Eaton Court, Milton Avenue, Gary Road and New Providence Road - Assessment #367

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 40750 Authorize Execution of Agreement with New Providence - Division Avenue Paving Project

LAW & LABOR

- 40751 1. Renew 2023-2024 Liquor Licenses
- 40752 2. Grant Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer - Summit Suburban Hotel to 570 Springfield Ave Operations, LLC

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARKING SERVICES

- 40753 Approve ParkMobile Non-Resident Commuter Parking Reservation Platform

SAFETY & HEALTH

- 40754 1. Authorize National Cooperative Purchase - Houston-Galveston Area Council - Lease/Purchase of Fire Engine - \$745,020.00 Plus Lease Costs
- 40755 2. Authorize Submission of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) – Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program Grant Application and Execute Agreement
- 40756 3. Authorize Submission of an Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant Application Through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management
- 40757 4. Authorize Enforcement of Title 39 Jurisdiction - STMB Properties, 565 Morris Avenue

CONSENT AGENDA

Staff reports are attached, as appropriate, when resolution is not self-explanatory. Matters authorizing action, licenses, or granting permission have met all department qualifications.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Fox
SECONDER:	Hairston
AYES:	Allen, Fox, Hairston, Hamlet, Levine, Minegar, Vartan

SAFETY & HEALTH

- 40758 1. Authorize Changes to 2023 Community Programs Events - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event Date Change and Juneteenth Celebration Event Location Change

Dorrie Gagnon, Bedford Road:

1. Asked what the cost was and what funds were allocated for Community Program Department (“DCP”) events, and how much is collected in sponsorship fees.
2. Suggested next year's Pride event include a parade.

Council President advised that funding for DCP events comes from Recreation Trust Fund Grants and sponsorships.

City Administrator Rogers advised that overtime is paid through budget.

Council President encouraged community involvement in celebratory events.

- 40759 2. Authorize Attendance at National Joint Threat Assessment Training

CAPITAL PROJECTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- (ID # 1. Authorize Refund - Grading Permit Application Fee - 206 Oak Ridge Avenue 10394)
- 40760 2. Authorize Refund - Storm Sewer & Road Opening Deposit - 65 Woodland Avenue
- 40761 3. Authorize Refund - Storm Sewer Deposit - 98 Larned Road - \$500.00
- 40762 4. Authorize Partial Refund of Cash Portion of Performance Bond - 74 Templar Way

FINANCE

- 40763 1. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - Community Foundation of NJ - Other Fellow First Foundation Fund- \$5,000.00
- 40764 2. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - Community Foundation of NJ - Summit Elks- \$5,000.00
- 40765 3. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - Overlook Medical Center Fire Headquarters Project Grant Award- \$25,000.00
- 40766 4. Amend Budget - Chapter 159 - NJ-DOT - Prospect Street Improvements
- 40767 5. Authorize Attendance - NJ Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Conference
- 40768 6. Authorize Refund - Overpayment of Second Quarter 2023 Taxes
- 40769 7. Authorize Parking Refunds - Summit SmartCard, Prepaid Parking, and Overnight Parking Permits
- 40770 8. Authorize Refund - Department of Community Programs
- 40771 9. Authorize Payment of Bills and Payroll - \$ 3,071,041.28

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Monique Taylor, Passaic Avenue, read a prepared statement in support of the City's Pride event, which was not provided.

Robert Pawlowski, Crest Acre Court, expressed his support for a no-trespassing ordinance, relative to burglaries, to fine trespassers.

Jamel Boyer, Broad Street, commented as follows:

1. Questioned plans to build affordable housing on Ashwood Court.
2. Suggested there is a need to discuss the impact on Ashwood Court homeowners.
3. The community is requesting an update and timeline regarding Ashwood Court.
4. Shared concerns regarding speeding on Ashwood Avenue and asked what City can do to alleviate the problem.

In response Council President Vartan responded as follows:

1. 7-8 Ashwood Court will be restored per the settlement agreement.
2. Speeding concerns are being discussed in the Safety/Health Committee.

Tara Gagliano, Ashwood Court, spoke of tree removal along Parkline and shared her concerns that there no longer is screening and the impact on her family's privacy.

In response DCS Director Schrage commented as follows:

1. Explained the reasons for the removal of the trees.
2. Advised that the City Forester concurred with MHH findings regarding the removal of dead or hazardous trees.
3. Screening of Parkline will be addressed in next phase of project, which is not ready yet, but close to developing a plan.

Mayor Radest advised that the Parkline will not open to the public until screening is completed.

Dorrie Gagnon, Beford Road:

1. The City needs more protection and needs more police officers to fight crime.
2. Suggested re-allocating resources to allow for more police.

Don Cochario, Ashwood Court – in response to a question, Mr. Schrage advised that the trees on the Parkline are the City's responsibility and will be maintained by the City's Division of Public Works.

Councilmember Allen spoke of the Parkline screening plan timeline.

Robert Pawlowski, Crest Acre Court, questioned restoration of Ashwood Court property.

In response City Administrator Rogers advised of a letter sent to Morris Habitat for Humanity regarding restoration of the retaining wall.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Items/issues noted hereunder, if any, reflect those recommending and/or needing action by City department(s) or at a future council meeting which are not already being addressed by a committee.

Councilmember Jaime Levine spoke of a meeting she attended at Bridges Outreach regarding

Homelessness.

Councilmember Hamlet - Advised that she is trying to gain a better understanding of housing vouchers. In response, Council President Vartan advised that Summit's Housing Authority has a connection with Madison's Housing Authority and that there is a need to have both towns coordinate housing vouchers.

Councilmember Minegar gave an overview of the May 16, 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting, advising that discussion included funding, guidance on how letters of support should be written and coordinated entry system information.

He noted several take aways from this meeting as follows:

- Goal is to end homelessness.
- Process will be slow.
- HIMS is used at all entry points.
- Police Department knows what resources there are to provide assistance to unhoused.
- Housing voucher use.

Councilmember Hairston praised the positive information sharing at the CoC meeting on May 16 and spoke of the various resources being offered.

Mayor Radest advised that police officers are speaking to the unhoused and offering shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church and Bridges Outreach relative to the current air quality conditions due to the Canadian wildfires.

Councilmember Fox commented that the number of unhoused has gone down to 25, with 20 of the 25 engaging with Bridges Outreach, adding that a functional zero is achievable. She further commented that many great organizations are working to assist and offer services as well.

Councilmember Levine stated that all elected officials are personally engaged in finding a solution.

ADJOURNMENT REGULAR MEETING – Upon motion of Councilmember Fox, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalia M. Licatese, City Clerk