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## News Release

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### **Summary of September 19 Council Meeting Actions by Council President Greg Vartan**

SUMMIT, NJ, September 21, 2023 – At the meeting Mayor Radest reported that the city's emergency notification system SwiftReach was acquired by Smart911. This change will require those receiving emergency notifications from the city to opt-in to the new system. Details on this transition and upcoming workshop dates are available on the city [website](#).

Administrator Rogers reported on upcoming Summit Free Market event dates as well as the details of a contest to create a new logo for the Summit Free Public Library.

During his report, Council President Vartan thanked and congratulated Summit Downtown Inc., The Elks, and other groups and individuals who volunteered to make the recent Arts and Cars event a tremendous success. He also raised awareness about September being National Preparedness Month and shared information about resources that are available.

Mayor Radest proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week and members of the Beacon Fire chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution were in attendance to celebrate the 236th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution.

Council held six hearings on ordinances related to construction fees, the Comcast Cable franchise renewal, and several parking matters. All ordinances were adopted unanimously. Changes will be implemented specific to parking on Beauvoir Avenue and Walnut Street. These changes allow for residents to park on Beauvoir Avenue overnight (with a permit) and shorten the time limits for on-street parking during the day on Beauvoir Avenue and Beauvoir Place and Walnut Street. These changes will accommodate residents without driveways, encourage greater parking turnover around the hospital, and discourage employees and commuters from parking on those streets during the day. A parking change has also been approved for the corner of Maple Street, Euclid Avenue, and in the K-lot where traffic and safety concerns around drop-off and pick-up at Lincoln School have presented a challenge. New striping and spaces will improve sightlines and discourage illegal parking.

An ordinance was introduced to limit parking on a stretch of Morris Avenue between Bedford Road and Norwood Avenue. An investigation determined this change could enhance safety by improving sightlines. The hearing for this ordinance will be held at our next council meeting on October 3. During that meeting council will also hold the hearing for the ordinance to repeal the Broad Street West Redevelopment Plan.

Council considered and adopted several resolutions. These included housekeeping resolutions to authorize leave with and without pay for an employee and an accrued time payout to another employee after they announced retirement, as well as a certification of the 2022 audit review. Resolutions related

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to capital project funding, including issuance of bond anticipation notes and cancelling improvement authorization funds were also approved. Emergency improvement to a DPW building, bid award for Division Avenue, a memorandum of understanding with FEMA related to grant participation, appointment of a fire sub-code official, and declaring two vacancies of staff members were adopted as well.

Safety and Health Resolutions authorized the purchase of a fixed automated license plate recognition system (ALPR) that helps create a geo-fence around Summit and helps deter auto-theft, the submission of a grant for firefighter gear, the promotion of a Lieutenant in the Fire Department, and Summit Police Department participation in the [Arrive Together program](#).

There were a few comments from members of the public and members of council on their ongoing committee work.

To watch the full meeting, please visit the City of Summit [YouTube channel](#).

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