

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2017**

**140 NORTH BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879**

7:00 P.M.

The Meeting held at South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey, was called to order by Council President Gross at 7:00 P.M. The Acting City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Gross stated that this meeting was published in the Home News Tribune on December 25, 2016 and provided to the star ledger, filed with the city clerk and posted in the municipal building on December 22, 2016.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
2. OPENING PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL: DATO____, McLAUGHLIN____, NOBLE ____, REILLY ____, GROSS____
4. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PRESENT: Council President Gross, Councilmen McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-57-2017- 2016 Budget Appropriation Reserves Transfer
- b.) *R-58-2017- Resolution Authorizing Tax Reimbursement for Overpayment at 16 Sand Piper Dr.
- c.) *R-59-2017- Resolution Authorizing the Release of Cash Bond and Performance Bond for A&G Enterprise, LLC
- d.) *R-60-2017- Resolution for Change Order for Public Works Building-Roof Coating for Commercial Construction Management Services, LLC
- e.) *R-61-2017- Resolution for Change Order 1 for Remediation of Conrail and Spectraserve Properties for Ambient Group
- f.) *R-62-2017- Resolution for Change Order 2 and 3 for Remediation of Conrail and Spectraserve Properties for Ambient Group
- g.) *R-63-2017- Resolution for Change Order 1 for Remediation of Conrail and Spectraserve Properties for Potomac Hudson Environmental, Inc.
- h.) *R-64-2017- Resolution Awarding Bid for 2017 Lawn Maintenance Program
- i.) *R-65-2017- Resolution Awarding State Contract #A82583 for Cellular Phone Contracts
- j.) *R-66-2017- Resolution Approving the Certification List of Volunteer Members of The City of South Amboy First Aid Organization Qualifying for Credit Under the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for 2016
- k.) *R-67-2017- Resolution Approving the Certification List of Volunteer Members of The City of South Amboy Volunteer Fire Fighters Qualifying for Credit Under the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for 2016
- l.) *R-68-2017- Resolution Approving Tax Court Judgment for 104-A North Broadway
- m.) *R-69-2017- Resolution Approving Tax Court Judgment for 27 Lighthouse Dr.
- n.) *R-70-2017- Resolution Approving Tax Court Judgment for 139 S. Rosewell St.
- o.) *R-71-2017- Resolution Approving Tax Court Judgment for 113-115 South Broadway
- p.) *R-72-2017- Resolution of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, Accepting the Certification of The Director of Public Works Concerning Costs Incurred in the Removal of Debris and Clean Up of the Properties Located at 261 First Street, Block 50, Lot 8 and 114 David Street, Block 39, Lot 9, and Authorizing

- q.) *R-73-2017- the Placement of a Lien Against Said Property for Said Costs
Resolution Requesting Approval for Authorizing An Emergency Temporary
Appropriation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

ROLL CALL: McLaughlin – Yes, Noble-yes, DATO – Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross - yes

RESOLUTION:

- a.) *R-74-2017- Resolution for Mayor, Fred A. Henry as Grand Marshall

ROLL CALL: McLaughlin – Yes, Noble-yes, DATO – Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross - yes

LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: (To be received and filed)

- a.) Bill list dated March 9, 2017

ROLL CALL: McLaughlin – Yes, Noble-yes, DATO – Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross - yes

ORDINANCES:

- | | | | |
|-----|---------|-------------|---|
| a.) | #2-2017 | 2nd Reading | AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FRONT PORCH STAIRWAY FOR 242-244 BORDENTOWN AVE. |
| b.) | #3-2017 | 1st Reading | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOUTH AMBOY CITY CODE SECTION 35-4.B ESTABLISHING THE TIME FOR THE RETAIL DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE |
| c.) | #4-2017 | 1st Reading | AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FRONT PORCH STAIRWAY FOR LOT 4 IN BLOCK 69 (418 AUGUSTA STREET) |

ROLL CALL: McLaughlin – Yes, Noble-yes, DATO – Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross - yes

COMMENTS:

Council President Gross – Thank you to JCP&L for sponsoring the South Amboy High School Band for \$500.00. Mayor Henry will be our Grand Marshall for our St. Patrick’s Day parade.

Councilperson Noble – Congratulations to Mayor Henry and thank you to DPW.

Councilperson Dato – Congratulations to Mayor Henry and thank you to the parade committee and all who volunteer.

Councilperson Reilly – My condolences to the Kelly family. Manhattan Beach Project, the city did not get appraisals on property and I am disappointed. Congratulations to Mayor on being Grand Marshall. The arts district is doing well.

Business Administrator Tooker – Good Evening, My condolences to Mike Kelly’s family. Congratulations to the Mayor. DPW is working hard to clean the streets. Wayne Turback Art Exhibit this weekend for his 70th Birthday, April 1.

Councilperson McLaughlin – Good job DPW and Fire department. The work has started at the ball fields. There have been complaints on crosswalks and sidewalks. Parking and pick up has improved at the elementary school. I agree with Tommy, we should have done our due diligence. Congratulations to Mayor Henry on Grand Marshall.

Law director Lanza – Congratulations to Mayor Henry, he deserves this honor as Grand Marshall. Manhattan Beach Club assessment is fixed by the tax assessor, her determines the value of the property. If the City is unhappy, the City can file a tax appeal.

Mayor Henry – Fire Department and First Aid squad, thank you for all you have done. Thank you to DPW for a great job, we should be proud. The parade is on Sunday, March 19 at 1PM Saturday, 9 AM Mass, 10AM flag raising, 6PM Irish concert.

My condolences to Mike Kelly's family. Thank you to Jerry Ricardi for the contribution. Thank you to council for the Resolution and congratulations to the other honorees, my mother is Irish woman of the year!

The funds were approved to continue excavation of the Ferry Site.

Law Director Lanza – We had appraisals that were done by the prior owners. I have those reports if anyone would like to see them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tom Cross, 5 Grace Drive – Regarding the Manhattan Beach Project. Does the Tax assessor still have job? Does the \$800,000 have to be found in the budget. Lanza responded, a boundary line agreement was mistake for a subdivision, the tax assessment went up.

Cross – The homeowner appealed the assessment? \$800,000 was formulated into the budget? Money was not received and anticipated. Lanza, we will not refund the money, the town was \$750,000 in the good. Cross continued on to say DPW is doing a great job, but they need updated equipment. Business Administrator responded that we are purchasing new equipment.

Perth Amboy resident - ***** inaudible***** he was removed by an officer.

Mark Messenger, 216 Church Street – 221 First St. needs to be addresses, the building is a mess, Council President suggested they stay after the meeting to give their information so they can be given updates.

Ken Feeley – We should look into new equipment *****inaudible*****

A resident spoke about the parking lot land swap on John Street. *****inaudible*****

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

ROLL CALL: McLaughlin – Yes, Noble-yes, DATO – Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross - yes