

COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2015

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 said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilman Applegate, Councilwoman Dato, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly and Council President Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry and City Attorney, John R. Lanza

Council President Gross stated that "The Notice requirements provided in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this Meeting was published in the Home News Tribune on January 11, 2015, provided to the Star Ledger, filed with the City Clerk and posted in the City Municipal Building on January 6, 2015".

Moment of silence for Gerald Gelecki, he will be missed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-156-2015 Resolution for Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transit Village-Lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk
- b.) *R-157-2015 Resolution for Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Stevens Avenue Pedestrian and Roadway Improvement Project
- c.) *R-158-2015 Emergency Resolution Awarding Contract for Public Works Building Roof Coating
- d.) *R-159-2015 Resolution Granting 12.39 Petition and Renewal for 2015-2016 Licensing Term
- e.) *R-160-2015 Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding for Flood Evacuation Equipment and Training between the County of Middlesex and City of South Amboy
- f.) *R-161-2015 Resolution to Affirm the City of South Amboy Civil Rights Policy
- g.) *R-162-2015 Resolution Approving Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies and Procedures

ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Dato-Yes, Noble- Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes.

BILL LIST: To be Received and Filed

- a.) Bill list dated October 15, 2015

ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Dato-Yes, Noble- Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes.

ORDINANCES:

- a.) 1st Reading Ordinance #14-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1036 ENTITLED "PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS" FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
- b.) 1st Reading Ordinance # 15-2015 AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AND REGULATING THE THETHERING OF DOGS

ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Dato-Yes, Noble- Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes.

COMMENTS:

Mayor – Thank you and condolences to Gerry Gelecki. The governor signed the 189 to honor and flags will be flown at half staff on October 22. He will be greatly missed. It was an extremely solemn service and I was extremely impressed and proud. Thank you all and thank you to Perth Amboy. This Saturday the building commonly known as Joe Smokes will be coming down. Hearing Friday for C-Town, they are asking for funds to be released for demolition.

Lanza – owner insurance motion carried until Friday. The owner is applying another effort to receive funds.

Mayor – the city has bought a rescue boat. The Halloween parade is this Saturday, the Historical Society will have their cemetery walk will this weekend. We will have a ribbon cutting at the new bakery.

Concerns about the from page insurance article, this is misinformation. We are not doing anything illegal. It has been addressed. Camille and the insurance director were questioned and were never asked about South Amboy. Employee handbook is updated and completed. We have not paid a 1 million dollar deductible, this is misinformation and its unfortunate.

Noble – Good Evening

Dato – Was unable to attend the funeral but want to send my condolences to Gerry Gelecki's family.

Reilly – no comment

Applegate – welcome everyone

Camille – There are no strict times for trick or treating, curfew is 7pm.

Rasimowicz – no comment

Lanza – Just want to reiterate the insurance comments from the mayor. The manual is already updates and finished

Mickey – We are the greatest city and I am proud.

Lanza – Personal policies do not interfere with collective bargaining agreements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barbara Pasternack – 29 Barkalow

Bond Issues from 4-21-15 is there a tax anticipation note for 25 million dollars? I saw this on the MSRB website, is this accurate?

Camille responded with no.

Barbara stated there is another one for 5.1 Million

Camille - the city does not receive revenue until the 2nd half of the year, we borrow to pay back a short note. We borrow from redevelopment agency to be paid back within 60 days. Borrow with our own structure.

Ken Feeley – 31 Barkalow

The 2 questioned I had were addressed about C-Town. Will there be another food store opening?. Mayor Henry responded with we would like to have something and we would work with Ed.

Beverly Samulson – Prospect Street

Prospect and Highland on the list to be paved?

Ras responded with – Middlesex water will be redoing the water lines this coming year, the paving will come after that.

Beverly – with is the policy with bulk pickup?

Camille – Every property receives stickers, call DPW they will tell you when to put the bulk garbage out. Every 3rd Saturday you can bring any bulk garbage to the garage. Every property receives 4 sticker per year.

Can bulk garbage be picked up on regular garbage day?

Camille – it all depends on the schedule and the garbage.

410 Highland has a problem with it, he told me a young man told him he should bolt my garbage.

Mickey – Elliot is working on those issues a lot of times the owner does not show up for court. There is now an agreement in place and someone will represent him in Middlesex county.

The properties are looking bad. Weeds are 10 feet high.

Camille – DPW was there and a 3rd party is doing the cleanup

It is looking good, good luck;

Taxes are going up, property values are going down.

Camille – the streets were rated for paving on severity

Ras – It is on the list.

Ken Feeley – 31 Barkalow

Will DPW take anything? They did not take all my paint cans. Mickey suggested he call the county office and get dates for county paint drop off. Camille also advised him to pick up his bilk stickers, next year they will be sent in the mail.

Nancy McGloughlin – George Street

Parker and Bordentown is dangerous for kids walking to school, can you put a temporary crossing guard? Mayor will look in to it. PSE&G was there doing work last year not MW will be doing work, is the city paying for the paving. PSE&G patched the road.

Ras – addressed how the phasing will pave and the city will cover the offset.

Last Sunday night there was a fight at the bar and it woke me from my sleep. Mayor and Council advised her to make a complaint, there needs to be complaints on file.

Lanza – If the fight is over and cleared up, they cannot be told to close the bar.

Mickey – When we renew every June we look into every bar and all complaints.

Nancy asked when the city received a letter that out insurance was not compliant. Camille advised her we did not receive a letter, we were in the process of becoming compliant. I have the letter here that shows we are compliant. The Story was sensationalized. We never incurred additional bills.

Jacqueline 129 Ademics way

Email was sent to the mayor and has not received an response. Issues with condemned stairs, and balconies. How did this pass inspection? The State was out to inspect and we were told this property should not have been approved. No one is willing to help us, it has been 8 years.

Camille advised that she has spoken to the property managers and things were removed that caused the damage. Mrs. Tooker read the letters and met with the builder, leave your number and we will call you and work together.

Owner stated that her tax assessment is incorrect, CT advised that can be corrected.

Ferry? Is it happening?

CT – The ferry is State funded the project was stopped 4 years ago and top date we have completed 4 phases, there are 4 phases left to complete. We are not giving up.

Owner states the community has changed and questioned it there are more Section 8 properties and have we purchased other towns section 8 vouchers?

CT – We have not purchased vouchers, there was not an increase in section 8. We have more investment properties.

Julie – 263 1st Street

Mary Whitley – 178 Conlogue

Ryan – East Brunswick

Concerns about the tennis courts, lighting and paving.

Camille will address all concerns, paving will be done and we will check on the lights. Also nets will be removed for winter, we will speak to DPW.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Dato-Yes, Noble- Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes.

