

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 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, Councilwoman Dato, Councilmen McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-111-2017- Resolution for Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue- Chapter 159
- b.) *R-112-2017- Resolution to Renew Liquor Licenses for 2017-2018
- c.) *R-113-2017- Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Extend the Third Quarter 2017 Due Date
- d.) *R-114-2017- Resolution Increasing State Contract #A42075 For Automotive Parts and Supplies
- e.) *R-115-2017- Resolution for Emergency Pump Station Repairs at Raritan Street
- f.) *R-116-2017- Resolution for Emergency Repairs at South Pine and Louisa Street
- g.) *R-117-2017- Resolution For Emergency Sewer Repairs ad Prospect and Bordentown Ave.
- h.) *R-118-2017- Resolution for Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)
- i.) *R-119-2017- Resolution Referring the Historical Preservation Ordinance to the South Amboy Land Use Board, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55-26A
- j.) *R-120-2017- Resolution to Support the 2% Arbitration Cap
- k.) *R-121-2017- Resolution to Appoint an Air Quality Control Officer
- l.) *R-122-2017- Resolution for Verizon
- m.) *R-123-2017- Resolution Approving an Interlocal with Woodbridge
- n.) *R-124-2017- Resolution Appointing Zusette Dato to SARA
- o.) *R-125-2017- Resolution Appointing Frank Millata to SARA

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

RESOLUTION:

- a.) *R-126-2017- Resolution for Field 2 Dedication to John Skarzynski

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

Councilman Reilly – He was a genuine, terrific person that served our city well.

Councilman McLaughlin – They don't make them like Skeets anymore, he was great for this community.

Councilwoman Noble – He was my neighbor growing up and a great man.

Councilwoman Dato – I didn't know him, but he sounds like he was a great man.

Mayor Henry shared some great stories and stated he was a great umpire.

b.) *R-127-2017- Resolution Recognizing Erik Kuhn for his Eagle Scout Award

Mayor Henry read Erik Kuhn's Proclamation.

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 June 21, 2017

ORDINANCES:

a.) #7-2017 2nd Reading 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.) #8-2017 2nd Reading 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

c.) #9-2017 2nd Reading 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

d.) #10-2017 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE RETAINING WALL AND STEPS FOR LOT 6 IN BLOCK 87 (424 BORDENTOWN AVE.).

e.) #11-2017 1st Reading HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

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

COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Noble – Good evening everyone, have a happy and safe July 4.

Councilwoman Dato – Good evening everyone.

Councilman Reilly – Congratulation to all the graduating high school students, good luck in all your future endeavors. We will be having another business breakfast in August and will have a presentation from Shop South Amboy. September there will be a seminar at the South Amboy Public Library for help with small businesses.

Thank you to all the veterans, I was able to walk the gravesites with them Memorial Day weekend.

Councilman McLaughlin – Welcome everybody and happy first day of summer. Congratulations to the Skarzynski and Kuhn families for their accomplishments. Fed Up Event.

Business Administrator Kennedy – Thank you for coming tonight, this is my first Council meeting as Business Administrator, I would like to thank members of the council and Mayor Henry. Upcoming events, town wide yard sale June 24 from 8am-4pm. June 26, Adult Tea Party at Dowdell Library. Cruise night on Broadway the 3rd Wednesday of July, August, September and October. Monday July 3, there will be firework and activities. July 10, Don't Get Scammed at the senior Center. Summer recreation program registration ends this Friday, contact Jackie at the senior 732.525.5969. Music in the park runs every Wednesday ending on August 30.

Law Director Lanza – Good wishes to the Kuhn and Skarzynski families.

Council President Gross – July 3 fireworks all the money was donated by local businesses. Congratulations to all the Boy Scouts, enjoy every moment. Thank you to our Fire Department and OEM coordinator, thank you all for your efforts. I would like to ask Ms. Kennedy to explain in further the Woodbridge Township Interlocal Resolution. Business Administrator Kennedy continued to discuss the resolution, it will include post care for any one being administered Narcan.

The Historical Society has come a long way, thank you for all you do.

Mayor Henry – I would like to recognize Patrick Walsh his achievements are phenomenal, we will have a proclamation recognizing him in the future. Congratulations again to Stacey Kennedy as the new Business Administrator. I expect great things in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jacqueline Giordano, 120 Adamecs Way – Opioid recovery, is a great program. Do officers dispense Narcan? Yes, they do

Why don't we have a municipal alliance? Council President Gross asked for her contact information and would like your help.

Ferry update? Remediation is done and we will be sending out RFQ's for the parking lot.

The 2 buildings by the train were being demolished, only one was done. We received approval and the 2nd building will be demolished shortly.

Website and event updates? Business Administrator stated we are exploring a rolling sign for outside of our municipal building. We only advertise city sponsored events on our page.

Are there basketball courts in town? Yes, Conlogue, Conover and Fifth Street.

I am an original owner of a unit in Broadway Commons, we have collapsed balconies, several people have gone into foreclosure. We had special assessment after special assessment and the builder refuses to rectify any of the issues. The developer said he would take us to court, today we were finally able to get Tom Kelly on board. These were all things that were passed to code. Mayor Henry suggested they have a sit down to discuss. We need to work together. I feel people should be aware of the issues.

Michael Reilly– Traffic light by Sacred Heart church, can we change that to blinking between the early morning hours? We will contact traffic safety.

Are commercial vehicles allowed to be parked on the street?

Kim Seber, 53 Pupek Road– The program has an 80%+ success rate, it is crucial we get involved. I want to commend you all for looking into this program and you have my backing. Overdose awareness August 31, sponsored by the board of education at the South Amboy Middle High School. We will be hearing from South Amboy residents only in recovery.

Nicole Soper, 145 Main Street – Ryan Homes is asking for a tax reduction. Mayor replied that they asked for it, but it will not be a discussion.

** Next resident was inaudible.

Scott K, 301 Main Street – Also would like the traffic light by Sacred Heart to be blinking during certain morning hours.

Council President Gross asked for a motion to go into Closed Session

Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded Councilwoman Noble.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Council President Gross asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Data made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman Reilly.

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