

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 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 Councilwoman Noble at 7:00 P.M. The Acting City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Noble 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 - absent
4. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
5. MAYOR TO PRESENT PROCLAMATION TO JOSEPH PRYSBYLSKI
MAYOR TO PRESENT PROCLAMATION TO PATRICK WALSH

PRESENT: Councilwoman Dato, Councilmen McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly

Councilwoman called for a motion to pull Resolution 141-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by councilman McLaughlin.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-130-2017 Resolution for Pump Station Emergency Repairs at Pine Ave.
- b.) *R-131-2017 Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale
- c.) *R-132-2017 Resolution Setting Cost of Advertising and Mailing Notices of Tax Sale
- d.) *R-133-2017 Resolution for Overpayment of Taxes at 23 Lighthouse Drive
- e.) *R-134-2017 Resolution for Overpayment of Taxes at 61 South Shore Drive
- f.) *R-135-2017 Resolution for Overpayment of Taxes at 722 Charles Street
- g.) *R-136-2017 Resolution for Overpayment of Taxes at 64 South Shore Drive
- h.) *R-137-2017 Resolution for Sewer Overpayment at 41 Raritan Reach Road
- i.) *R-138-2017 Resolution for Reimbursement of Interest
- j.) *R-139-2017 Resolution Supporting the Official Establishment of a City of South Amboy Sustainable Jersey Green Team
- k.) *R-140-2017 Resolution to Renew Liquor Licenses for 2017-2018 Licensing Term
- m.) *R-141-2017 Resolution Appointing a Fair Housing Officer
- n.) *R-142-2017 Resolution for Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
- o.) *R-143-2017 Resolution Approving the 2016 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan and Authorizing the Filing of Said Plan with the Division of Local Government Services

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion to approve Resolutions 130-2017 through 143-2017 excluding Resolution 141-2017. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman Reilly.

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

ORDINANCES:

- a.) 10-2017 2nd 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.)

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion approve Ordinance 10-2017. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

No public comment.

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

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion approve Ordinance 11-2017. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman Reilly.

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

- c.) 12-2017 1st Reading BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$752,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$714,875 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion approve Ordinance 10-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dato.

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

No public comment.

COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Dato – Congratulations to the families tonight receiving proclamations. Thank you to Ashley Furniture for supplying furniture to the special needs high school classes.

Councilman Reilly – Senior Center Don't Get Scammed, was a success. My condolences to Tom Kelly on the passing of his sister. Business Breakfast will be held August 28. Councilman Reilly voiced his concerns over the housing, concerns over the number of units being built.

Councilman McLaughlin – Our town is crowded enough, too many apartments going up. August 1 is National Night Out, I would like to see our town participate.

Law Director John Lanza – Congratulations to Joseph Prysbylski and Patrick Walsh on receiving their proclamations. My condolences to Tom Kelly and his family.

Business Administrator Kennedy – The police station has a safe medical disposal. Please consider becoming an organ donor.

Mayor Henry – Congratulations to Joseph Prysblski and Patrick Walsh on receiving their proclamations, there was a lot of hard work there. I would also like to thank everyone involved in the Fire Works display, it was a great display. We have a lot of great programs coming up at the Library, Arts District, Cruise nights on Broadway and concerts in September. Please come out and support. My condolences to Toms Kelly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael, 324 Parker Avenue – 611 Bordentown will be a strain on our neighborhood.

Kathy Vignola – Why are there only 2 officers on duty at night? Also voiced her concerns about 611 Bordentown, what about the schools and traffic?

328 Parker Avenue – There is already enough traffic. Build homes, build businesses. We need a supermarket. Where will the kids go to school?

Mary Accordino, 236 John Street – People serving on the boards should be from South Amboy. The Mayor replied that everyone that has been appointed is from South Amboy, one member of SARA lives outside of town but he has been with the agency since the start. All Planning Board members are from town. Ms. Accordino asked about tax abatement for Manhattan Beach. Mayor Henry replied that MBC has not asked for a tax abatement.

Bill English, 359 Main Street – I concur with Mr. Reilly and Mr. McLaughlin, I have been a firefighter for years. Rental units do not bring in volunteer firefighters. This is something to take into consideration. People in the waterfront homes are not volunteering their time for this town. Councilwoman Dato replied that she has been volunteering since she moved to town. Mr. English questioned a drainage problem by the Venetian. Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy replied that they have reached out to the Venetian and they will do the necessary repairs.

Jason, 112 North Broadway – A few businesses have come together to open up some communication so we can get involved more with things that go on in town. If we all come together we can accomplish a lot. Councilman Reilly encouraged him to attend the Business Breakfast in August.

Bill English, 359 Main Street – Will there be another way out of the new apartments near the Venetian. If there was an emergency, will there be another way out?

Main Street – No more multi until housing. What is our liability for more affordable units?

Law Director Lanza – The Council is limited legally to what they can answer. The Planning Board has this information.

Mr. Accordino, 236 John Street – What is the financial commitment to the city for all the apartments. If they cannot get the money for the apartments, what happens. I have been here 38 years and I am upset by this town. This is a bad idea.

Mary Accordino, 236 John Street – When Shoregate couldn't sell, did they become section 8. Councilwoman Noble replied that was not true. If MBC does not sell will they become Section 8.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Councilwoman Noble asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Reilly made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by councilman McLaughlin.

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