

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 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 Vice President Noble at 7:00 P.M. The Acting City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Vice President 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 VICE PRESIDENT
2. OPENING PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL: DATO____, McLAUGHLIN____, NOBLE ____, REILLY ____, GROSS____
4. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-144-2017 Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus
- b.) *R-145-2017 Resolution Authorizing a Contract Without Public Advertising Due to Emergency Response at 226 Elm Street
- c.) *R-146-2017 Resolution to Increase the Bid Threshold and to Appoint a Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent Under the Local Public Contract Law
- d.) *R-147-2017 Resolution for Tax Appeals

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion to approve consent agenda. Councilman Reilly made a motion. Motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

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

- a.) Bill list dated August 10, 2017

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion to receive and approve bill list. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

ORDINANCES:

- a.) #11-2017 2nd Reading HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

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

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

No public comments.

b.) #12-2017 2nd 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

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion to approve Ordinance 12-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dato.

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

Barbara Pasternack, Barkalow Street – What is the bond rating for South Amboy?

COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Dato – The Delilah’s Den is finally coming down. Thank you to all that made it happen.

Councilman Reilly – August 28 Business breakfast, shop South Amboy will be there. Concerts by the Bay, every Wednesday. Next Wednesday there is a very important meeting for the old Food town site. We will be starting a Co-op program with the High School and City Hall, students will get the opportunity to work in a few departments. Art Display in the Arts District building. Solar Eclipse party at the Library this Monday.

Councilman McLaughlin – Good evening everyone, thank you Mayor for having Public Works take care of the trees on Wilmont Street. September 9 there will be a charity game held at the Waterfront park to benefit a Perth Amboy Police Officer.

Law Director Lanza – No comment tonight, thank you.

Mayor Henry – A classmate of mine Tom Kelly, manager of the Minnesota Twins, just received a statue outside of the Minnesota Twins ball park. Mayor Henry read a proclamation for Fed Up, overdose awareness.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nicholas Benenati, 5 Andrew Court – I am here representing the Christ Episcopal Church on Main Street, we were told by Middlesex County there will be Main Street Road Improvements and our exit ramp will be closed for the time during the work. We will have no way to access our parking lot. Mayor replied that we will try to set up a meeting with the county and Traffic Safety.

Mr. Reilly, 410 John Street – Are we able to change the light at Sacred Heart to blinking from 1:00 AM to 6:00 AM?

Barbara Pasternack, 129 Barkalow Street – Is there an update to the ferry project? Business Administrator Kennedy replied, we met with the ferry operator, the city engineer is working on applying for all permits that have since expired, site remediation is complete and we will be going out for RFQ for parking design and terminal.

Manhattan Beach update? Business Administrator Kennedy replied, we expect to have information by the end of this week, they are signing a new builder.

Bryan Nesi, 145 Stockton Street – Voiced his concerns over 143 Stockton Street regarding the cleanup and correspondence between Jay Elliot. Law Director Lanza replied that the attorney information was provided. Mayor Henry replied, these situations take time.

Jennifer Nesi, 145 Stockton Street – Who do we contact if we have more questions? Law Director Lanza replied, have your lawyer contact me.

Tommy Cross, 5 Grace Drive – Great job DPW, the town is looking great, however the street sweeper is still an issue. Business Administrator Kennedy replied that we are working on a Co-op.

Jacqueline Giordano, 120 Ademecs Way – Thank you to Tom Kelly for forcing the builder to remediate the issues. Update on the building by train tracks on John Street. The Mayor updated the owner had been in court and NJ Transit needs to supply workers. The Business Breakfast is always during the week during work hours, not everyone can attend. Councilman Reilly replied they will have the next one on a Saturday. The Arts District hasn't displayed a lot of art around town and the past few times I tried to stop in they were closed. Also, there is a parking spot in Ademecs way labeled Emergency Vehicles only, do we need that?

Kim Seber, Pupek Road – Thank you Mayor Henry for the proclamation. Also, can the city post No Parking When Snow Covered Signs at the basketball Court on Pupek.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Councilwoman Noble called for a motion adjourn the meeting. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Council McLaughlin.

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