

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, absent, REILLY____, GROSS____
4. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

Council President Gross called for a motion to pull Resolution R-151-2017, this has to be voted on separately. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-149-2017 Resolution Amending the Award for Special Services Engineer
- b.) *R-150-2017 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 4 For Remediation of Former Conrail and Spectraserve Properties
- c.) *R-151-2017 Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of South Amboy and the County of Middlesex for Public Health Services and Environmental Services
- d.) *R-152-2017 Resolution Authorizing the Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1220-33-032-002
- e.) *R-153-2017 Resolution Awarding Contract for the Emergency Generators- South Feltus Street and Raritan Street Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations
- f.) *R-154-2017 Resolution for Reimbursement of Rental Inspection Fee
- g.) *R-155-2017 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for Resource Center Emergency Generator
- h.) *R-156-2017 Resolution for the Release of the Performance Bond for Advanced Control Systems
- i.) *R-157-2017 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property of the City of South Amboy
- j.) *R-158-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval to Join the National Joint Powers Alliance
- k.) *R-159-2017 Resolution Requesting Approval to Join the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing
- l.) *R-160-2017 Resolution Reducing State Contract #A42075 for Automotive Parts and Supplies
- m.) *R-161-2017 Resolution Reducing State Contract #A79165 for Automotive Parts and Accessories from Malouf Ford

n.) *R-162-2017 Resolution Reducing State Contract #A85993 for Automotive Parts and Supplies

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve consent agenda excluding R-151-2017. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman Reilly.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve R-151-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – abstain

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

a.) Bill list dated September 14, 2017

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve Bill List. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman Reilly.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES

ORDINANCES:

a.) #13-2017 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX NON-UNION MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve Ordinance 13-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dato.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES

b.) #14-2017 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX UNION MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve Ordinance 14-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES

c.) #15-2017 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRIS STREET IN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve Ordinance 15-2017. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dato.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES

COMMENTS:

Council President Gross – Good evening everyone.

Councilman Reilly – Went over the masterplan and shared some key points, it will be available at City Hall for viewing. Business Breakfast will be this Tuesday at the Library.

Councilman McLaughlin – Good evening everyone. This past weekend was the wildwood fireman's convention, South Amboy Fire Department and First Aid took first place. We need more volunteers, I approached Mayor and Council to see if we could reduce the permit fee. Also, would like an update on the Ferry Terminal. Thank you.

Councilwoman Dato – Well done Arts District, the Duprees concert was a success. The next concert will be October 28, Franky Valli tribute band.

Council President Gross – Good evening everyone, congratulations South Amboy Fire Department.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz – Lower Main Street update, I spoke with Middlesex County Engineer we are moving forward, bids will open in October. Completing in Spring of 2018. Remediation on the Ferry Terminal is almost complete, not 100% but close. Bordentown Avenue will also begin.

Law Director Lanza – Good evening everyone.

Mayor Henry – We received a Grant to reconstruct Pine Avenue. We are finalizing plans on Ferry location, going out for RFQ on the Ferry design. It is a long process. I would like to congratulate the Arts district, the Duprees concert was a success, Franky Valli tribute will be next month. The 2nd annual short film festival was held across the street. Congratulations to the Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Messenger, 216 Church Street – 221 First Street abandoned building there has not been an improvement since I was last here in March.

Barbara Pasternack, 29 Barkalow Street – Woodmont Apartments, how many apartments are being built? How many parking spaces are available and are there any code violations? What are the concrete structures being built. There will be a huge parking problem and traffic. Resolution 150-2017, who is paying for the remediation. Our City Engineer responded that it was a federal grant.

Ken Feeley, 31 Barkalow – We have Deikers Farm right up the road, I don't want to take money from an existing business. We need to put a food store where Foodtown was, even if its small. We need more down town parking.

Councilwoman Dato replied that we can all agree we need another food store but, it is hard to convince a company to come to town after 3 failed food stores. We have tried to get another food store here but after they do the studies we do not meet the demographic for it.

Jackie Giordano – Will Main Street be getting fixed. Our City Engineer replied yes, Spring of 2018.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Council President Gross called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Reilly – YES, Gross – YES