

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 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, _____, REILLY _____, GROSS_____
4. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
5. SWEARING IN OF SARGEANT DENNIS McQUADE AND MICHAEL KELLY

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

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

South Amboy has the greatest Police Department in the world, thank you for all you do.

Mayor Henry thank you for keeping South Amboy safe.

Chief LaVigne congratulations to both candidates, well deserved. Congratulation to your families, we wish them both well.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-194-2017- Resolution for Veteran Property Tax Deduction
- b.) *R-195-2017- Resolution Authorizing a Contract Without Public Advertising Due to Emergency Response to J.T. O'Leary Pump Station
- c.) *R-196-2017- Resolution for Emergency Repairs at Broadway, City Hall and Along and Near the Seawall Walkway and the YMCA
- d.) *R-197-2017- Resolution Authorizing a Contract Without Public Advertising Due to Emergency Response to Raritan Street for Sewer Blockage
- e.) *R-198-2017- Resolution for Reimbursement for Overpayment of Taxes at 318 Cedar Street
- f.) *R-199-2017- Resolution Providing for the Insertion of A Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Ch. 159, P.L. 148) Public and Private Revenue Offset by Appropriations
- g.) *R-200-2017- Resolution Increasing Middlesex County Cooperative System Bid # B-15-560 for the Purchase of Treated Rock Salt from Atlantic Salt Company
- h.) *R-201-2017- Resolution Approving Qualifications for Professional Services for the City of South Amboy

- i.) *R-202-2017- Resolution Approving 2018 City of South Amboy Business and Council Meetings
- j.) *R-203-2017- Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58
- k.) *R-204-2017- Resolution Providing for the Insertion of A Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Ch. 159, P.L. 148) Public and Private Revenue Offset by Appropriations

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve consent agenda. Councilwoman Dato made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Noble.

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

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

- a.) Bill list dated December 14, 2017

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve the bill list. Councilwoman Noble made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

ORDINANCES:

- a.) #18-2017 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 13-2017 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX NON-UNION MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve ordinance 18-2017. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Noble.

ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – NO, Noble - YES, Reilly – NO, Gross – YES

- b.) #19-2017 1st 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

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve ordinance 19-2017. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Noble.

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

- c.) #20-2017 1st 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

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve ordinance 20-2017. Councilwoman Noble made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

d.) #21-2017 1st 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

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve ordinance 21-2017. Councilwoman Noble made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

e.) #22-2017 1st 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

Council President Gross called for a motion to pull ordinance 22-2017. Councilman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman Reilly.

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

COMMENTS:

Councilman Reilly – Good evening. Great event Saturday night for Friends of South Amboy it was well attended. Congratulations to Phil Smith, Kevin Reilly and Janet Kern and on their last meeting with the Board of Education. Planning Board meeting, discussing 7-11. Myself and Councilman McLaughlin will begin meeting with the First Aid to maybe offer incentives to get more volunteers.

Councilman McLaughlin – Good evening, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Commend the City workers, great job during the snow. Congratulations to the new sergeants and the new police officers.

Councilwoman Noble – Good evening, congratulations to the new sergeants. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Dato – Ashley furniture is sponsoring an event to donate beds to children in need. Two families in town will be receiving new beds. Ashley furniture has been very kind to South Amboy. Congratulation to the new sergeants. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza.

Council President Gross – Congratulations to Tom Reilly for the great event Saturday. Congratulation to Sergeant McQuade and Sergeant Kelly. Thank you to Kim Seber for all you do for everyone, you make South Amboy proud. Merry Christmas and Happy holidays.

Business Administrator Kennedy – Gifts were delivered to both schools for families in need for the holiday.

City Engineer – Merry Christmas.

Law Director Lanza – Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays. Congratulation to the new sergeants.

Mayor Henry – Thank you to the City workers for the great job at the tree lighting. Congratulations to Sergeant McQuade and Sergeant Kelly. Congratulations to Craig Coughlin, he will be sworn in as speaker of the senate January 9, 2018. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Don Applegate 254 Henry Street – Resolution 197-2017 was that a home that need a sewer blockage cleaned out? The City Engineer responded that there needed to be an address for reference but it was a city sewer. Also, the hole in the wall is getting flooded. The City Engineer responded that it is a County Road.

Dana DiFranzo Soul Sisters Cakery – We need help, we don't know what to do. We need your help to survive

Rico Broadway's Image – We need a representative to represent us in City Hall. Maybe a chamber of commerce? Someone that we can meet with. Someone to have the information about signs, colors and things that our business can have.

Councilwoman Dato – We want to see business succeed. Maybe we can explore having a liaison in the City.

Mayor Henry – We have a packet that explains all the colors and signs approved for Broadway.

Councilman Reilly – There are violations on Broadway, we need consistency. We need to clean it up. Business breakfasts are to help promote businesses and get contact information. Help owners run small businesses. Possibly have a street fair to promote local businesses. Coffee shop opening next to a coffee shop doesn't make sense. A 7-11 next to a Krausz's.

Lisa 237 Gordon Street – I was on the SARA board for 3 years. We brought in NJ preservation and our budget was \$46,000 and when we were done it was in the millions. We had a business association. We had a liaison and it was a success. I spoke with Mayor Henry, I understand you can not tell business they can not open. I walk the park and I walk the town every day. You need a business association, they can share the marketing. There is a swastika to the left of the Munckee Bar in the cement. There is racism and discrimination on South Amboy Our Town.

Jason Broadway – The idea of the business breakfast is a great idea, we just weren't available. Maybe we can find a better time. We are looking to do a business fair, only local businesses. I went to the fair to hand out fliers and was told I wasn't allowed.

Vicky Grasso Broadway Diner – How do we do anything about the parking on Broadway. Councilman Reilly responded the Master Plan has addressed the parking issues. Maybe the businesses can use parking vouchers.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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

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