

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 31, 2018**

**140 NORTH BROADWAY  
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879**

**7:00 P.M.**

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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 20, 2017 and provided to the star ledger, filed with the city clerk and posted in the municipal building on December 21, 2017.

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, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly

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

Council President Gross addressed that members of the Board of Education are present and also our Superintendent. He then turned the meeting over to Councilman Reilly.

Councilman Reilly – The program went very well, thank you Mr. Diaz, Mr. McCabe and the entire Board of Ed. Also thank you to the students, Andrew Rogan and Matthew Coyle. The students did very well.

Mayor – Welcome everyone, its great to see the kids working at City Hall. Thank you to Dawn, Ann and JoAnn.

We are going to take a short break to take photos with the students and their families.

Superintendent Diaz – Good evening and thank you to Mayor and Council for this program. This was a very valuable experience for the students. The Board of Education and the City have a great working relationship. Mr. Diaz went over State guidelines for Public Schools and South Amboy Schools rating and growth.

Councilwoman Dato – Thank you for enlightening us on the subject. We also want the best for our students.

Councilman McLaughlin – How will the new report affect kids being accepted in to colleges?

Councilman Reilly – Do colleges look at PARCC scores?

Mayor Henry – Thank you to Superintendent Diaz, Dr. McCabe and the entire Board of Education.

Council President Gross – Test scores are not true assessment of the quality of our students. There are high percentages that go on to college, we have a good school system, teachers and students.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a.) \*R-20-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Auditor
- b.) \*R-21-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Special Engineering Services
- c.) \*R-22-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Special Engineering Services
- d.) \*R-23-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Risk Management/Liability Insurance of Record
- e.) \*R-24-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Special Tax Counsel
- f.) \*R-25-2018- Resolution Approving a Professional Services Contract for Special Bond Counsel
- g.) \*R-26-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Special Legal Counsel
- h.) \*R-27-2018- City Council Representative to Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee
- i.) \*R-28-2018- Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase Materials, Supplies, Equipment and Services Under State Contract
- j.) \*R-29-2018- Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
- k.) \*R-30-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Bond
- l.) \*R-31-2018- Resolution Authorizing the City of South Amboy to Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 of the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant
- m.) \*R-32-2018- 2017 Budget Appropriation Reserves Transfer
- n.) \*R-33-2018- Resolution Approving Qualifications for Special Services Engineer- Radford Ferry Intermodal Transportation Center
- o.) \*R-34-2018- Resolution Increasing the Contract for the Award of Contract for Special Engineering Services
- p.) \*R-35-2018- Resolution for Veteran Property Tax Deduction at 412 Ward Ave.
- q.) \*R-36-2018- Appointment of City Council Representative to the South Amboy Planning Board
- r.) \*R-37-2018- Resolution Awarding Purchase of a Beach Cleaner/Rake Under Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Council President Gross called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, 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.) List of bills for payment dated January 25, 2018

Councilman Reilly questioned American Society Composers. Law director Lanza stated it is a fee for music services.

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

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

**ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 2-2018 has been pulled.

- a.) #19-2017 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.) #20-2017 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.) #21-2017 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.) #1-2018 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
- e.) #2-2018 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SOUTH AMBOY CITY CODE CHAPTER 79, GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND REFUSE, ARTICLE I, COLLECTION AND ORDINANCE No. 10-2015

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

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

**COMMENTS:**

Mayor Henry – Again I want to thank everyone for bring here. Resolution 37-2018 has been approved by council for a new beach cleaner/rake. This will help to keep our beaches clean. I would like to send my prayers to the families involved in the tragedies at the YMCA.

Councilwoman Noble – Good evening everyone and great job Andrew and Matt. Also thank you to Tommy and Gary.

Councilwoman Dato – Congratulations again to Andrew and Matthew. Also, great job Tom and the Board of Ed. The tragedy at the YMCA is heartbreaking for all involved.

Council President Gross – Good evening everyone.

Mayor Henry – We have the best Fire Department, Police Department and First Aid, they handled this tragic situation very well.

Councilman Reilly – The Historical Society had a great sports event. Their next event is an Open House in April. Thank you to Mickey for Grand Marshalls night. February 24 is the next business breakfast at the Broadway Diner. Looking to launch a program to give a discount at South Amboy businesses to anyone that is a volunteer. The Co-Op was a great opportunity, thank you to all involved. There has been a decreasing number of volunteers for Fire and First Aid, we need volunteers. We need to follow the Broadway Ordinances.

Councilman McLaughlin – The First Aid needs more volunteers. Public works did great job on the January snow storm.

City Attorney Lanza – Good evening.

Council President Gross – Thank you to everyone and Mark Herdman, also want to recognize our Mayor. The Mayor kept me aware on everything going on during the tragedy at the YMCA. There was

an August meeting regarding the drug problem, we are going to have our first Municipal Alliance with the YMCA the first week of May. Jay Elliott is also involved in the Edison Municipal Alliance. We will also be doing fireworks again.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kim Seber, 53 Pupek Road – Legalization of Marijuana in New Jersey. I have been personally impacted with substance abuse, we need to prevent any such store front. It is sending the wrong message to our youth.

Mark Herdman, 149 Stockton St. – Do you know what is going on at 153 Stockton Street?

Mike Reilly 410 John Street – Traffic light by Sacred Heart Church. The Mayor replied that it was given to traffic safety and it is a county Road so we are limited to what we can do. Also, 139 Pine Avenue has too many people living in there.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

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

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