

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 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

Councilwoman Noble gave a Community Block Grant update. The money from grant must be used by the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a.) \*R-40-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Bond for Raritan Pointe, LLC
- b.) \*R-41-2018- Resolution Approving the SAPD to Use the East Brunswick Police Training Facility
- c.) \*R-42-2018- Resolution Authorizing Sewer Overpayment Refund at 205 Main Street
- d.) \*R-43-2018- Resolution Authorizing a Contract Without Public Advertising Due to Emergency Response to Bertram Avenue and Charles Street
- e.) \*R-44-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Planning Board Planner
- f.) \*R-45-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Planning Board Attorney
- g.) \*R-46-2018- Resolution Approving a Settlement in The Matter of PBA Local 63 vs. The City of South Amboy and With Regard to Failure to Pay Proper Compensation
- h.) \*R-47-2018- Resolution Approving a Settlement in the Matter of Superior Officers Association vs. The City of South Amboy and With Regard to Upgrade/Proper Compensation

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.) Bill list dated February 15, 2018

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:**

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| a.) | #1-2018 | 2nd Reading | AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK   |
| b.) | #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  |
| c.) | #3-2018 | 2nd Reading | AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN AERIAL (OVERHANG) EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS TO A BUILDING AT 200-201 SOUTH BROADWAY, LOT 20.1 IN BLOCK 42  |
| d.) | #4-2018 | 1st Reading | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #1036 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY", IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  |
| e.) | #5-2018 | 1st Reading | AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 22-99 ESTABLISHING A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST AID ORGANIZATION MEMBERS WHO SERVE THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY TO INCLUDE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS |
| f.) | #6-2018 | 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 Ordinances. Councilwoman Dato made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Reilly – Myself and Brian McLaughlin met with the First Aid Department, some businesses are overusing their services. I would like to propose an ordinance that would charge a fee after so many calls. I also went to a Business Association meeting, there were some local businesses there, there will be a business breakfast this Saturday at the Broadway diner. We need to put a stop to window coverings on Broadway.

Council McLaughlin – Welcome, great to see a good turnout. The First Aid needs help. They need volunteers.

Councilwoman Noble – Good evening everyone.

Councilwoman Dato – Parkland school, kids are bright and maybe they can create change.

Council President Gross – We will have National Night out on August 7. There will be a program at the High School where parents can learn where kids are hiding drugs.

Law Director Lanza – Get involved in the First Aid.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kelly Whitley 178 Conlogue Avenue – I am here on behalf of Frog Hollow, our back gate is at the property line for Woodmont Properties on February 19, they cut our lock on our gate to access their sewer line. They also put a handicap sign and blue lines on the back gate. We are trying to be good neighbors.

Mary Accordino John Street– Do we still have an ARTS District? What are the times for the gallery? Is the Pump Station on O’Leary Boulevard ours? The green box by St. Mary’s, is it electrical? Kids play on that, should there be signs. The parking lot at Harbor Lights is extremely dangerous. It is extremely congested. Manhattan Beach Project, are they still paying? Were their taxes reduced?

Amy McLaughlin 341 Cedar Street – I am diagonal from the business Tom was talking about with the black curtains in the window. Does anyone know what they do there? They are a tech company that creates apps.

Phil English 359 Main Street – What is our local government doing regarding mass shootings? Are our police offices trained in mass shootings? Has anything been done to be trained?

Maureen Sekerak 340 George Street – Should there be a Police Representative at the meeting to answer these questions? We have had several car robberies the past few days and my brothers van was stolen. Is there something the police can do to alert the citizens to be more vigilant.

Councilman McLaughlin requested the TV channel post about the recent break ins and to remind residents to lock their cars.

Council President called for a motion to end the public portion and go into closed session. Councilman McLaughlin made a motion, the motion was seconded by councilwoman Noble.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

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

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