

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2018**

**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 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
5. MAYOR TO READ PROCLAMATIONS
- JAMES "DOC" RYAN

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) *R-123-2018- Resolution Approving in Performance Bond Under Builder's Agreement with Lower Broadway Redevelopment
- b.) *R-124-2018- Resolution Approving the 2017 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan and Authorizing the Filing of Said Plan with the Division of Local Government Services
- c.) *R-125-2018- Resolution of Governing Body Certification of Annual Audit
- d.) *R-126-2018- Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for Repainting of the Pedestrian Bridge and Waterfront Walkway
- e.) *R-127-2018- Resolution Authorizing a Contract Without Public Advertising Due to Emergency Response to Sanitary Line Inspection Bordentown Ave.
- f.) *R-128-2018- Resolution Appointing Zusette Dato to South Amboy Redevelopment Agency
- g.) *R-129-2018- Resolution Approving 2018-2020 PBA/SOA Agreements
- h.) *R-130-2018- Resolution Amending Resolution 111-2018, Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property of the City of South Amboy
- i.) *R-131-2018- Resolution Authorizing an Application for the 2018 Safe Routes to School Program
- j.) *R-132-2018- Resolution Approving to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City of South Amboy, Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, Bikeway Project
- k.) *R-133-2018- Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Grant Writer
- l.) *R-134-2018- Resolution Award for 2018 Road Improvements- Milling, Paving & Concrete to S&G Paving, Inc.

Councilwoman Dato made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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

BILL LIST: (to be received and filed)

Bill List dated August 9, 2018

Councilman Reilly made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.
ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Noble – YES, Reilly – YES

ORDINANCES:

a.) # 11-2018- 2nd Reading AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1036 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY", IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Councilman Reilly made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.
ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Noble – YES, Reilly – YES

b.) #12-2018- 1ST Reading AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FRONT STAIRWAY AT 310 SOUTH FELTUS

Councilman Reilly made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.
ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Noble – YES, Reilly – YES

c.) #13-2018- 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FIX UNION MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES

Councilman Reilly made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.
ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Noble – YES, Reilly – YES

d.) #14-2018- 1st Reading AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 1098 AND CHAPTER 115 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Councilman Reilly made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.
ROLL CALL – Dato – YES, McLaughlin – YES, Noble – YES, Reilly – YES

COMMENTS:

Councilman Reilly – Friends of South Amboy will be having a fundraiser for Chris Szatkowski at Murphy's Shamrock Inn. Fed Up will be having another event at the High School. Congratulations to Doc Ryan on being a life long volunteer in town. Congratulations to the new officers. We will be reaching out to the high school for the co-op again this year, it is a great program.

Councilman McLaughlin – Good evening everyone. Congratulations Doc Ryan. Work is being done at the hole in the wall. Congratulation to the new officers.

Councilwoman Dato – National Night Out was a great night, it was well done, great job by everyone.

Council Vice President Noble – Good evening everyone.

Mayor Henry – Thank you to everyone involved for National Night Out, it was a good night. Thank you to the Fire Department for their annual car show. August 30, 5-8PM at the Middle High School will be the Fed-Up event. Thank you, Kim Seber. We have a new Senior Bus. Jim Ryan, 60 years, he has done so much for our community. Congratulations to the Newcomb Family, we were honored to name a street for him in front of the Mechanicsville Fire House.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barbara Pasternack 22 Barkalow Street – What will be done about the rats and abandon properties. It is a safety issue and a health hazard. What is the City doing to address the rat issue? I want to know what is going to happen.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski – I received your email and Jay Elliott was out to the property. Jay Elliott and Lee our Health Officer have been out to properties and they have issued summons. We are addressing issues as they are brought to our attention. We will continue to be responsive.

Beverly Samulson Prospect Street – There are rats in my neighborhood, Micky, Zusette and Jay have been up there. The yellow house across the street, the weeds are overgrown. There is a home on the street and the homeowner is renting out the garage, it is a chop shop. There are cars in the back and car parts all over. Highland Street has 2 properties that are being rented and not taken care of.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski – We will be on your street tomorrow, I will do an assessment.

Bill English Main Street – How much time does Mr. Elliot spend in the City? There are properties near my house, that are in terrible shape. There is garbage all over town, it is the people living in town. I was given a letter from an Attorney that a building will be built next to my house. This is absurd, please talk to the Planning Board, this building will be higher than my chimney. There are people on Planning Board and Redevelopment that do not live in South Amboy. Why would someone that lives in Carteret decide on what is being built in South Amboy?

Councilman Reilly – I will be at the Planning Board meeting to support you.

Ken Feeley 31 Barkalow Street – The car show that was run by the Fire Department, it was too hot out. I suggest they have the show at the end of September early October. If I was a ward councilman I would be walking the streets every day, asking what can I do to help. You all have to walk the neighborhoods, I had rats in my yard. My yard is clean. The abandon house next to the park is a problem.

Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski – I will walk your neighborhood tomorrow. We will do everything we can.

Brandon 431 Henry Street – Where does the council stand on streaming meetings? Who is in charge of the Green Committee.

Peter Pisar Leffert Street – I am out every night, I see rats on South Pine by the bar. There are rats on Cedar Street.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Council Vice President Noble asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Reilly made a motion, motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

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