

MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

The Meeting held at South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey, was called to order by Council President Gross at 6:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilman Reilly, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, and Council President Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Fred A. Henry, Mayor, Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, and Francis Womack, Director of Law

Council President Gross stated that "The Notice requirements provided in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this Meeting was published in the Home News Tribune on December 13, 2018, provided to the Star Ledger, filed with the City Clerk and posted in the City Municipal Building on January 10".

Resident Larry Parsons spoke to the Council regarding the ongoing issue of the overgrowth on the Mocco property that is encroaching on his property, 46 Pupek Ave. Business Administrator Skarzynski reported that the maintenance crews had been seen starting the clean up work today and they would follow up and make sure the work was continued to a satisfactory conclusion. Council President Gross was extremely dissatisfied that this entire process had taken so long and urged the Council to issue a citation if the work was not completed properly in a timely manner.

REQUESTS AND INVITATIONS:

- a.) Request for Handicapped parking space at 230B John Street was approved by the Council and the Ordinance will be introduced at the 9-18-19 Council meeting.
- b.) Request for bingo and raffle from the South Amboy PTO was approved by the Council.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a.) Discuss a Resolution to Amend the City Policy – The policy language must be updated with regards to requirements of CDL and any licensed driver using a City vehicle to comply with Federal law as well as the JIF. The Council approved and the Resolution will be on the 9-18-19 agenda.
- b.) Discuss a Resolution to Purchase Two Police Inceptors SUV – The Council approved the purchase and the resolution will be on the 9-18-19 agenda.
- c.) Discuss a Resolution to Release Performance Guarantee – As per the recommendation of the Planning Board Consultant Valetutto, PE, this resolution will be on the 9-19-19 agenda
- d.) Discuss a Resolution Authorizing a Change Order and Bond Release for 2018 Road Improvements- As per the recommendation of City Engineer Rasimowicz, the Council approved payment #2, change order #1 and release of the performance bond for S&G Paving and the resolution will be on the 9-18-19 agenda.
- e.) Discuss an Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Ordinance No. 26-02 (Sewer User Fees) – The Council approved the change is sewer fees to add a connection fee for New Construction. The Ordinance introduction will be on the 9-18-19 agenda.
- f.) Discuss an Ordinance to Adopt Code – Tabled
- g.) Discuss Parade as City Sponsored Event- The Council agreed to sponsor the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th.
- h.) Discuss 611 Bordentown Ave. Easement- This is still in progress as there needed to be update to the diagrams provided.

- i.) Discuss Ordinance for Art Commission- Attorney Womack received approval to move forward with the creation of the South Amboy Arts Commission. Once the Ordinance forming the Commission is adopted, an Ordinance creating a 501c3 Charitable Organization will be formed which will increase the opportunities to apply for a greater number of grants.
- j.) Discuss Resolution of Tax Overpayment at 221 Thompson Street – This was approved by the Council and the Resolution will be on the 9-18-19 agenda.

RESOLUTION:

148-2019- Resolution Appointing David Kales to South Amboy Redevelopment Agency.

On motion by Mr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, Resolution 148-2019 was adopted.

Roll Call: Ayes: McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly, Gross

149-2019- Resolution for South Amboy Arts Alliance to apply for Grant Funding.

On motion by Ms. Noble, seconded by Mr. Reilly, Resolution 149-2019 was adopted.

Roll Call: Ayes: McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly, Gross

LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

- a.) List of bills for payment dated August 29, 2019 was received and will be filed.

ORDINANCE: (To be read on 2nd Reading at 9/18 Council Meeting)

- a.) #18-2019- 2nd Reading AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 39 ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS" ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 611 BORDENTOWN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

COMMENTS:

Mayor Henry: Condolences to the Kurtz family on the passing of Leroy.

Councilman McLaughlin:

- Received update that the Lower Main project is still in limbo, waiting for the County, State and Federal agencies to determine how to handle the unexpected cost increases.
- Received update from Attorney Womack that a Notice had been filed to act on the performance bond for Stevens Ave, the bond company will re-issue the bond but not allow the same asphalt supply company to be used.
- Requested BA Skarzynski follow up to see if the alley behind 5th street is the owners property or the City's property and whether it can be cleaned up. Agreed that the state of the Mocco property was a disgrace and urged the City to stay on top of the cleanup.
- Sent his condolences to the Kurtz family.
- Congratulated Dave Kales on his appointment to SARA.
- Confirmed that the Raritan St. property was in compliance.
- Received update that the Ferry terminal project is still waiting for approval of DEP permits.
- Received update that we had hired a new Code Enforcement officer and going forward would like to hire residents for open positions if possible.
- Send good wished to people in the path of Hurricane Dorian.

Councilwoman Noble: No report

Councilman Reilly:

- Reiterated his agreement that the Code Enforcement officer should be a resident.
- Received confirmation that litigation will begin on the Venetian issue.
- Condolences to the Kurtz family.
- Received confirmation that the "New Business" packet was still in progress and would address discounts for first responders.
- Invited everyone to attend the Arts Fest on September 22, 11am to 4pm.
- Welcomed the new City Clerk, Ms. Brooks.
- Tickets are on sale for the Friends of South Amboy event at Murphy's Shamrock Inn on September 26, 7pm to 10pm.
- Wished the new antique store in town good luck.

Attorney Womack:

- Reiterated that full notice has been given for 611 Stevens Ave paving job, and that the Bond company will cover the redo and use a different asphalt company.
- The City can move forward with the demolition of the building on the corner of David and Broadway and a lien will be put on the property for the cost of demolition.

Business Administrator Skarzynski:

- The Rotary Club has reached out to ask the City to encourage Businesses to participate. The meetings are held on Wednesday nights.
- There will be a ribbon cutting scheduled for the new sign at the School/Library complex.

Council President Gross:

- The Council agreed to introduce an Ordinance prohibiting the sale of puppies and kittens from "puppy mills" at the next meeting.
- Stressed his concern that the issue with the overgrowth on the Mocco property would not occur again.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments.

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Noble and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC
City Clerk
Approved September 18, 2019