

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 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 7:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Fred A. Henry, Mayor, Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk 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".

Humane Society Representative Larry Cohen spoke briefly to the Council regarding the need to pass the Puppy Mill Ordinance that was being introduced tonight.

**CONSENT AGENDA: PAGE 3**

The following items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the Agenda.

**MOVED by:** Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #150-2019 through #155-2019 and #158-2019 are hereby approved. Resolutions 156-2019 and 157-2019 were pulled from the Consent Agenda. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly, Gross (Gross Abstaining from R-153-2019)

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- a.) R-150-2019 Resolution to Release Performance Guarantee/Accept Maintenance Agreement for Woodmont properties
- b.) R-151-2019 Resolution Authorizing a Change Order for 2018 Road Improvements/S&G Paving
- c.) R-152-2019 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Bond/Accepting Maintenance Bond for 2018 Road Improvement/S&G Paving.
- d.) R-153-2019 Resolution Authorizing grant application to Middlesex County Dept. of Planning, Division of Solid Waste Management for Recycling Center Signage
- e.) R-154-2019 Resolution to Purchase Two Police Interceptor SUVs
- f.) R-155-2019 Resolution for Tax Overpayment – 221 Thompson St
- g.) R-156-2019 Resolution Appointing Camille Tooker to SARA - tabled
- h.) R-157-2019 Resolution Authorizing Mayor to sign NJDEP TWA Grant Application for Lighthouse Point - tabled
- i.) R-158-2019 Resolution to Amend the City Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

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

- a.) List of bills for payment dated September 12, 2019 – received and accepted

**MINUTES RECEIVED AND APPROVED FOR 9-4-19 MEETING - Approved**

**ORDINANCES:**

**ADOPTION/SECOND READING:**

- a.) #18-2019 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

**OPEN PUBLIC**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #18-2019 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly, **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor**

**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:**

- a.) #19-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 (SEWER USE CHARGES)

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #19-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 16, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor**

- b.) #20-2019 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SALE OF "PUPPY MILL" CATS AND KITTENS

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #20-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 16, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly, **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

- c.) #21-2019 AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 15-1 THROUGH 15-7 CREATING THE SOUTH AMBOY ARTS COMMISSION

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #21-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 16, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly, **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

- d.) #22-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1036 ENTITLED "PARKING AND TRAFFICE REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY" IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble that Ordinance #22-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 16, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.**

- e.) #23-2019 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #23-2019 be introduced on first reading as amended with Middlesex Water Company language removed and "Authority" language corrected to reflect a Falkner government, and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 16, 2019 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.**

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Received updated information on the status of the Joe Smokes Building and the 1<sup>st</sup> street garage demolition project from BA Skarzynski.
- Urged the public to come to the Friends of South Amboy Fundraiser for the Leonard family on 9/26 from 7pm to 10pm at Murphy's Shamrock.
- Arts Festival on Broadway is September 22<sup>nd</sup> – come out and enjoy!
- Attended the Firemen's Convention at Wildwood this past week and urges people to consider volunteering.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Received confirmation that the Stevens Ave. repaving is moving forward – we are waiting for a start date.
- Received confirmation from BA Skarzynski that the Mocco property clean up had been completed to the City's satisfaction.
- Confirmed there was no change in the status of the Cedar Street Property.
- BA Skarzynski reported he thought that it would not be possible to clean the alley on fifth street that Mr. McLaughlin had mentioned in the previous meeting due to access issues.
- Asked about the status of the meeting with BNE regarding the New Business initiative and BA Skarzynski had reported that the developer was not through the Planning Board process as of yet so no work on the New Business initiative had commenced.

Ms. Noble:

- Thanked Mr. Reilly for helping support the Leonard family with the Friends of South Amboy upcoming event

Ms. Dato:

- Reiterated the previous Councilmen's request that people come out and support the Arts Festival. There will be many art vendors, live artists performances and the YMCA will be hosting a scarecrow contest.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Thanked Camille Tooker, Joan Conway and Mary Szaro for their help in preparing for the Arts Festival

Mr. Womack:

- Requested Clerk Brooks add an Executive Session to the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting agenda.

Pres. Gross:

- Joined the other Council members in urging the residents to come out for the Friends Event at Murphy's, the Art Festival and the Raise a Pint St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraiser. This year the Grand Marshal's will be Tim and Karen Wozak, Deputy Grand Marshal will be Larry Parsons, Honorary Grand Marshal will be Dennis Kelly and honored guests will be Mary Szaro and Karen Robeson.

Mayor Henry:

- Encouraged everyone to come out for the Arts Fest, Hoist a Pint and the Friends of South Amboy event at Murphy's Shamrock Inn.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments.

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Noble and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC  
City Clerk  
Approved October 2, 2019