

MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 2, 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, Councilwoman Dato, 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".

PRESENTATION: Assemblyman Craig Coughlin presented checks to representatives from St. Mary's and the Presbyterian Church from the Bowl For Hunger Fundraiser.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT:

- a.) Amy Russo, Confidential Secretary (Exempt), Annual Salary \$37,000, Effective October 18th, 2019
- b.) Kathy Kudelka, Management Specialist (Exempt), Annual Salary \$79,417.00, Effective retroactive to August 7th, 2019

REQUESTS AND INVITATIONS:

- a.) Request for Handicapped Parking to be removed at 322 Henry St. approved by the Council.
- b.) Request for Handicapped Parking at 232 Henry Street, 231 David St., and 233 N. Feltus St. approved by Council.
- c.) Request for Raffle – St. Patrick's Parade Committee was approved by the Council.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a.) Discuss Resolution 157-2019 to authorize Mayor to sign application for NJDEP Treatment Works Application. The Council authorized Mayor to sign application.
- b.) Discuss Resolution 156-2019 – SARA appointment. The Council appointed Camille Tooker for another term on SARA, the Resolution will be on the Council Meeting on the 16th.
- c.) Discuss Ordinance 11-2015 and Resolution 141-2015 amending city code post Superstorm Sandy. Councilman Reilly suggested attorney Womack write an Ordinance closing the expanded building requirements that had been put in effect after Superstorm Sandy. Mr. Womack will have the Ordinance for introduction at the October 16th Council Meeting.
- d.) Discuss Ordinance for Mercantile License -This Ordinance will bring the Mercantile licensing term into line with the calendar year as it currently runs a fiscal year. The Ordinance will be introduced at the October 16th Council Meeting.
- e.) Discuss approving Firemen: Jeff Stone, James Marcano, Douglas Rehm – Approved by Council, Resolution will be on the next meeting.

- f.) Discuss Resolution cancelling checks - Approved by Council, Resolution will be on the next meeting.
- g.) Discuss Resolution purchasing 2 Ton Asphalt Hot Patch Trailer – Approved by Council, Resolution will be on the next agenda.
- h.) Discuss Resolution authorizing sewer payment installment plan. Accepted by Council, the Resolution will be on the next agenda.
- i.) Discuss Best Practices results – BA Skarzynski is in the processing of finishing up the Best Practices questionnaire and it appears South Amboy will have an excellent score.
- j.) Discuss Resolution authorizing Tax Lien for maintenance performed at 356 Ward Ave. Accepted by Council, the Resolution will be on the next agenda.
- k.) Discuss Resolution authorizing Tax Lien for maintenance performed at 131 S. Broadway. Accepted by Council, the Resolution will be on the next agenda.
- l.) Discuss Alleyway - Councilman Reilly inquired about posting speed signs, or speed bumps to slow down traffic in the alleyways. BA Skarzynski will follow up.
- m.) Discuss Broadway Festival- Councilman Reilly reported that he had attended the event and while he felt it had been a great success, however, some of the business owners had been unhappy with the lack of parking and said they had lost business. The Council discussed different strategies going forward to make the event a success for everyone.

LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: (Bill list dated September 26th, 2019)

**R- 160-2019
APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of South Amboy does hereby approve the payment of the bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bills list be appended to the official minutes.

MOVED by: Councilwoman Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #160-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Councilwoman Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

**R-159-2019
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of South Amboy does hereby approve and release the Council Minutes of the September 18, 2019 City Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Councilwoman Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #159-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Councilwoman Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

COMMENTS:

Ms. Noble:

- Thanked Mr. Reilly and the Friends of South Amboy for the success of the recent fundraiser.

Ms. Dato:

- Was delighted with the success of the FSA event.
- Gave a shout out to the Arts Alliance and their volunteers for a successful Art Fest.
- Thanked SARA and the City Council for the installation of the new electronic sign at the high school.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked all the people who worked on the FSA event.
- Asked the BA to look into the location on 500 Main St. that was illegally producing pallets. The BA reported that a warrant had been issued for the owner and after a brief discussion, the Council directed Attorney Womack to look into the matter further to see if anything else could be done.
- Requested that the Administrator be more diligent in responding to emails.

Mr. Gross:

- Hats off to the Arts Festival workers, job well done!
- There is an upcoming Holocaust Remembrance program coming up on Sunday, October 6th at the Community Theatre at 2pm.
- The YMCA is hosting an Opioid Awareness program on Sunday, the 6th.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reported that DPW had new uniforms that are getting compliments from both the DPW staff and residents. They are enjoying the more professional look.
- The two new DPW mechanics are doing well and have already saved money by being able to rehabilitate 3 vehicles that were out of commission.
- The majority of the old pews will be removed from the Courtroom and replaced by new chairs.
- Good job to all the programs being offered by the Municipal Alliance which include, dances, movie nights, and Trunk or Treat.
- The schools will be taking delivery of new bike racks funded by SARA. Thank you!

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Updated the Council on the progress of the Main St. paving, S. Pine Ave. sidewalks and milling.
- Reported on an emergency pump repair at the Raritan Pump Station.

Mayor Henry:

- Spoke about his delight in seeing so many positive programs being conducted in the City.
- Congratulated the new hires in DPW and thanked DPW for their continued good work.
- Thanked SARA for the new bike racks
- Thanked Mr. Skarzynski and the Council for their continued hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

CLOSED SESSION: On motion of Mr. Reilly, seconded by Ms. Dato and approved unanimously the Council adopted Resolution 191-2019 to go into executive session. The public meeting would be adjourned at the completion of the executive session.

On motion by Ms. Noble, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously, the executive session of the meeting was reconvened at 7:20 pm. On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Ms. Noble and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC
City Clerk
Approved October 16, 2109