

## **MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 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 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:** Tom Sikorski from the County Board of Health gave a brief annual update on the services being provided to the City of South Amboy.

### **LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: (Bill list dated October 31st, 2019)**

#### **R- 171-2019 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 #171-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Councilwoman Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

#### **R-172-2019 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 October 16, 2019 City Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Councilwoman Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #172-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Councilman McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Reilly, McLaughlin, Gross Abstain: Dato, McLaughlin

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- a.) Discuss Resolution 173-2019 – Municipal Alliance Grant 2020-2025
- b.) Discuss Resolution 174-2019 – Approving Employee Handbook
- c.) Discuss Resolution 175-2019 – Renewal ABC License 1220-44-003-008 (2018-2019)
- d.) Discuss Resolution 176-2019 – Renewal ABC License 1220-44-003-008 (2019-2020)

- e.) Discuss Resolution 177-2019 – Resolution Expressing Support for Transportation Electrification in the State of New Jersey
- f.) Discuss Resolution 178-2019 – CFC/HCFC Subsidy Agreement (Solid Waste)
- g.) Discuss Resolution 179-2019 - Ch 159 Solid Waste Clean Communities Grant
- h.) Discuss Resolution 180-2019 – CH 159 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant
- i.) Discuss Resolution 181-2019 – CH 159 Emergency Mgmt. Performance Grant Award
- j.) Discuss Resolution 182-2019 – Interlocal Agreement for Health Services 2020-2021
- k.) Discuss Resolution 183-2019 - Transfer of Funds
- l.) Discuss Resolution 184-2019 – Fireman – Justin Tresch – Progressive
- m.) Discuss Resolution 185-2019 - Cancel Tax Delinquencies
- n.) Discuss Resolution 186-2019 – Release Cash Bond for 211 Augusta St.
- o.) Discuss Resolution 187-2019 – Tax Refund 4 Raritan Reach Rd.
- p.) Discuss fees for non-resident seniors using City of South Amboy Services – the Council directed Attorney Womack to amend the Fee Ordinance to add a \$60 annual fee (\$50.00/year if paid in advance) for senior citizen programs for non-residents.
- q.) Discuss First Net Phones – This is in progress and will be presented for the 2020 budget.
- r.) Discuss Illegal Housing – The Council directed BA Skarzynski to ensue the housing inspector was noting any possible illegal rentals and directed Attorney Womack to look into creating an Ordinance which required Boarding House inspections.
- s.) Discuss Shared Services for Sewer – The Council directed BA Skarzynski to bring more detailed cost information for the option of buying the equipment and the option of using shared services with Sayreville to the next meeting.
- t.) Discuss First Aid/Fire Equipment purchases – The Council is moving forward with the purchase of two new fire trucks and will look into the possibility of a new vehicle for the first aid squad.
- u.) Discuss Aunt Bertha/Connecting People and Programs – The link will be added to the website and Facebook page.
- v.) Discuss Vaping Stores – Attorney Womack will submit an Ordinance restricting the sale of vaping products and discussed the possibility of the Planning Board changing the zoning to add Vaping Stores as a banned use.
- w.) Discuss Award of Contract for 131 South Broadway – this will be awarded November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- x.) Discuss No-Knock Registration Ordinance – Attorney Womack will have an Ordinance for introduction at the November Council Meeting.
- y.) Discuss Easement at 141 North Broadway -Attorney Womack will prepare the Resolution for the Council Meeting
- z.) Discuss Certification for the City as a “Veteran Friendly Municipality” – The Resolution will be on the November Council Meeting agenda

## **COMMENTS:**

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated Mr. Womack on his re-election as Mayor and thanked the election day workers for all their hard work.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Noted that JCP&L did a good job clearing the properties.
- Requested the alley between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> street be cleaned out.
- Requested BA Skarzynski send a letter to the owners at the skating rink regarding the overhanging trees.
- Confirmed the status of B&E Contractors for Manhattan Beach – they are still awaiting final approve from the Planning Board.
- Requested BA Skarzynski follow up on the status of Raritan Ridgeway project.
- Reported the progress on the removal of the pedestrian transit bridge was progressing quickly.
- Suggested pursuing federal grant money for the Marina and waterfront repairs.

Ms. Noble:

- Confirmed the striping on Pine Street is almost complete.
- Confirmed PD tracks street light outages.

Mr. Reilly:

- Congratulated Mr. Womack on his re-election.
- Thanked Mark Herdman and Kim Seber for attending the meeting.
- Confirmed the speeding issue in the alley was being addressed.
- Inquired as to whether or not the City's Playground is in compliance. BA Skarzynski Will ensure we are in compliance.
- Asked and received an affirmative that both PB and SARA members are required to take a class.
- Wanted to know the status of the sale of the old Brick Chevrolet lot and was informed the sale to the 7-11 had fallen through and they are looking for a new purchaser.
- Announced the Friends of South Amboy was posting a \$500 reward for the return of an urn and ashes that was stolen from a resident's home.

Mr. Womack: No report

Mr. Skarzynski: - No report

Mayor Henry:

- Congratulated Mr. Womack on his re-election.
- Send his condolences to the Booker family.
- Reminded everyone of the Dedication of South Amboy resident military that were killed in action with honorary street signs at 11am at the Historical Society offices.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Mark Herdman, Stockton Street, requested the Council consider extending Stockton's one way direction one additional block to First Street. BA Skarzynski will follow up with the PD for traffic safety.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On motion of Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and approved unanimously the Council adopted Resolution 187-2019 to go into executive session. The public meeting would be adjourned at the completion of the executive session.

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Noble and carried unanimously, the executive session of the meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved November 25, 2019