

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 25, 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".

RESOLUTION: (Peter Lupo)

Resolution 192-2019 "Veteran Friendly Municipality"

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #192-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

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: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #173-2019 through #182-2019 and #184-2019 through #191-2019 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly Abstain: Gross**

- a.) Resolution 173-2019 – Municipal Alliance Grant 2020-2025
- b.) Resolution 174-2019 – Approving Employee Handbook
- c.) Resolution 175-2019 – Renewal ABC License 1220-44-003-008 (2018-2019)
- d.) Resolution 176-2019 – Renewal ABC License 1220-44-003-008 (2019-2020)
- e.) Resolution 177-2019 – Resolution Expressing Support for Transportation Electrification in the State of New Jersey
- f.) Resolution 178-2019 – CFC/HCFC Subsidy Agreement (Solid Waste)
- g.) Resolution 179-2019 - Ch 159 Solid Waste Clean Communities Grant
- h.) Resolution 180-2019 – CH 159 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant
- i.) Resolution 181-2019 – CH 159 Emergency Mgmt. Performance Grant Award
- j.) Resolution 182-2019 – Interlocal Agreement for Health Services 2020-2021
- k.) Resolution 183-2019 - Transfer of Funds (pulled from consent agenda)
- l.) Resolution 184-2019 – Fireman – Justin Tresch – Progressive
- m.) Resolution 185-2019 - Cancel Tax Delinquencies
- n.) Resolution 186-2019 – Release Cash Bond for 211 Augusta St.
- o.) Resolution 187-2019 – Tax Refund 4 Raritan Reach Rd.
- p.) Resolution 188-2019 - Resolution authorizing emergency appropriation for demolition
- q.) Resolution 189-2019 – Award Of Contract 131 South Broadway – Tri Con
- r.) Resolution 190-2019 - CH 159 Municipal Alliance
- s.) Resolution 191-2019 – CH 159 Sustainable Jersey Grant

Resolution 183-2019 Transfer of Funds: On motion of Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin the Council voted to adopt Resolution 183-2019. Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Gross Nays: Reilly

LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: (Bill list dated November 19, 2019)

**R- 193-2019
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: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #193-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

MINUTES APPROVAL:

**R-194-2019
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 November 6, 2019 City Council Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves November 6, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the City

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #194-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION/SECOND READING:

- a.) #24-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1036 ENTITLED "PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY" IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment
CLOSE PUBLIC**

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #24-2019 is hereby adopted.

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

- b.) #25-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 88-110 OF THE SOUTH AMBOY CODE [MERCANTILE LICENSES; APPLICATION FOR LICENSE]

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comments.
CLOSE PUBLIC**

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #25-2019 is hereby adopted.

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

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:

- a.) #26-2019 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING FEES TO THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY [NON-RESIDENT SENIOR CITIZEN FEES]

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #26-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 11, 2019 meeting.

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

- b.) #27-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 81 "HANDBILLS AND SIGNS" OF THE SOUTH AMBOY CITY CODE AND INCLUDING A NO KNOCK REGISTRY

This Ordinance was tabled. The Council requested Attorney Womack revise the language regarding flyer delivery.

- c.) #28-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1036 ENTITLED "PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY" IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY - Hoffmann

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #28-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 11, 2019 meeting.

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

- d.) #29-2019 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, FOR DEMOLITION OF AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #29-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 11, 2019 meeting.

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

- e.) #30-2019 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN ACCESS AND PARKING EASEMENT THROUGH A PORTION OF BLOCK 10, LOT 1 & 10.01 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #30-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 11, 2019 meeting.

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

- f.) #31-2019 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF FLORENCE AVENUE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND CONVEYING SUCH VACATED LANDS TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #31-2019 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 11, 2019 meeting.

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

COMMENTS:

Ms. Noble:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Dato:

- Commended everyone involved with the Veteran's Day events for a job well done.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Reilly:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Sent get well wishes to Dean Kenny
- Reminded everyone to come out for the Friends of South Amboy event on December 21st in support of the Leonard Family.
- Requested an APP that people could report potholes on.
- Requested BA Skarzynski send him a copy of the MEUSA contract.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Congratulated the emergency responders, firemen, etc. on the swift containment of the fire last week.
- Requested the Planning Board push off the date of the special meeting to hear the Manhattan Beach Builders to the new year.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Reminded everyone to come out to the Tree Lighting, Friday, December 6th at 6pm.

Mr. Womack:

- Will present a draft ordinance to ban the sale of vaping products, etc. to the Council shortly.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked the men from the Fire department and Emergency Responders for their rapid response to the fire that was across the street from his house.
- Hats off to everyone involved in producing the great Veteran's Day events.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to keep our armed servicemen and women in our thoughts.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked everyone for a great Veteran's Day Event.
- Thanked the First responders, Firemen and Police Department for their quick response to the fire last week.
- Reminded everyone of upcoming events such as the Trolley Rides and Vintage Caroling.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved December 11, 2019