

**MINUTES FOR BUSINESS/COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 11, 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:** 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 October 17, 2019, provided to the Star Ledger, filed with the City Clerk and posted in the City Municipal Building on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

There was a moment of silence for the Police and civilians killed in the Jersey City shooting.

**LIST OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: (Bill list dated December 5, 2019)**

**R- 195-2019  
APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South Amboy does hereby receive and 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:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #195-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:  
R-196-2019  
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 25, 2019 City Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #196-2019 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **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:** \_\_\_\_\_ of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #197-2019 through #204-2019 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** \_\_\_\_\_. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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- a.) Resolution 197-2019 Tax refund - Inclan
- b.) Resolution 198-2019 Tax refund- Patel and Shah
- c.) Resolution 199-2019 Transfer Resolution
- d.) Resolution 200-2019 Chapter 150 Body Armor Grant
- e.) Resolution 201-2019 Bond Release Wisnik – 533 Henry Street Opening
- f.) Resolution 202-2019 Change Order – Your Way Const. Bordentown Ave. Rd. Improvement
- g.) Resolution 203-2019 Accept Maintenance Bond/Release Performance Bond Your Way Construction
- h.) Resolution 204-2019 Sewer Bill Adjustment – 411 Portia St.

**DISCUSSION:**

a.) 5 MPH for alleyways – The Council directed Mr. Womack to proceed with the Ordinance to amend the speed to 5mph in the alleys as well as adding stop signs at the end of the alleys.

b.) Ordinance 27-2019 – Handbills/No Knock – rewrite in progress

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**ORDINANCES:**

**ADOPTION/SECOND READING:**

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

**This was tabled until the new year.**

b.) #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

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. Reilly, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #28-2019 is hereby adopted.

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

c.) #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

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #29-2019 is hereby adopted.

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

d.) #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

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. Reilly, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #30-2019 is hereby adopted.

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

e.) #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

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #31-2019 is hereby adopted.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Reminded everyone to come out for the Friends of South Amboy event on December 21<sup>st</sup> in support of the Leonard Family.
- Suggested that the City start a Home Town Heroes write up for the webpage and Facebook page.
- Requested the City designate a parking spot for seniors in the back of City Hall.
- Attended the Historical Society's Christmas Carol event which was very enjoyable and thanked everyone for a great event. He suggested the City works harder at promoting these events in the future.
- Confirmed with Attorney Womack that the Venetian Litigation was still in progress.
- Received confirmation from Attorney Womack that the Vaping Ordinance was still in progress.
- Reported a successful County "Slow Down in Our Town" event last week.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Offered his condolences for the lives lost in the Jersey City shooting.
- Requested the contractors remove the remaining job debris from the Hole in the Wall building site.

Ms. Noble:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ms. Dato:

- Reminded everyone about the YMCA Swim with Santa event on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm.
- Handel's Messiah at St. Mary's, Saturday, December 14, 7:30 pm.
- City Trolley Tour rides this Friday and Sunday.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Thanked the DPW workers for all their hard work in getting things ready for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Reminded the public that the YMCA is currently running their fundraiser campaign.
- Thanked Java Dave's for supporting the Trolley rides by offering a coupon to participants.

Mr. Gross:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- He thanked everyone who helped with the events – DPW, First Aid, Police Department and Fire Department and is proud of the City of South Amboy.

Mayor Henry:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Noted it is a great time of year and that the City offered lots of events such as the Trolley Tour, the Tree Lighting, Victorian Caroling, etc.

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mr. Womack:

- Appreciates being able to work with the City of South Amboy
- Wishes everyone Happy Holidays.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Brandon Russell, 431 Henry Street, requested information about what was discussed in the Closed Session of the October 22, 2018 Council meeting. Attorney Womack will follow up with him.

Mark Herdman, 149 Stockton, requested the City do more to promote businesses on our website.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved January 8, 2020