

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 29, 2020

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 read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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 #20-057 through #20-066 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

- NO. 20-057 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – CONNOR DREVELUS
- NO. 20-058 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT – ZITO
- NO. 20-059 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT – DILL
- NO. 20-060 AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GRANT WRITER - MAZAUSKAS
- NO. 20-061 APPOINT MUNICIPAL JUDGE – WEBER
- NO. 20-062 AWARD STATE CONTRACT DIESEL AND HEATING OIL – GRIFFITH
- NO. 20-063 AWARD STATE CONTRACT - AUTOMOBILE PARTS -PARTS AUTHORITY LLC
- NO. 20-064 AWARD STATE CONTRACT – MID-ATLANTIC TRUCK CENTRE – AUTOMOBILE PARTS
- NO. 20-065 AWARD STATE CONTRACT – LIGHT DUTY AUTOMOBILE PARTS – MALOUF FORD
- NO. 20-066 AWARD STATE CONTRACT – TIRES – CUSTOM BANDAG

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-067
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 list dated January 23, 2020, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution

No. 20-067 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-068
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 January 2, 2020 Reorganization and January 8, 2020 Business Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-068 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

COMMENTS:

Ms. Noble: No report

Ms. Dato: Urged residents to participate in the upcoming 2020 Censes

Mr. Reilly:

- Sent Condolences to the Kudelka and Szatkowski families
- Requested the 2020 Boards and Committees be updated on the website
- Requested a chart illustrating residents tax dollar allocations be posted on the website

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Received clarification that residents receiving a letter from our auditors is part of their standard practice. Next year
- Requested Summer Hiring be put on the next business meeting for discussion
- Received confirmation that the Ferry project was still waiting for DEP Waterfront permits.
- Requested the Business Administrator look into grants for the Roswell contamination clean up from the County
- Confirmed the Manhattan Beach developers are still moving forward toward hiring local union workers for the project.
- Requested the State of the City Address given by the Mayor be held in the evening as per some residents request to him.

Mr. Womack: No report

Mr. Rasimowicz: No report

Mr. Skarzynski:

- The City has received an \$8000 grant from the County for promoting participation in the 2020 census. Residents will be receiving mailers, there will be display ads and information on local media platforms.
- The Arts Alliance is teaching line dancing this Friday from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked our local fire fighters and OEM personnel for their continued hard work.
- Reminded the public that the St. Patrick Day parade was coming up and to be sure and attend the breakfast and concert the day before.

Mayor Henry:

- Reported that CBS News and the News Tribune had done a story promoting the City's Redevelopment plans.
- Reported the City has received a \$1,000,00 grant from the state for designated for Transit Village municipalities and that the money would go toward new street lights and security cameras on Broadway and Mason. He thanked Governor Murphy and Assemblyman Coughlin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sean Horan, 354 Bordentown Ave. voiced concerns about the approval of the liquor store going in to the strip mall next to his home. He cited concerns about the number of liquor stores and bars in the City, additional sale of cigarettes and vaping goods, increased crime and the proximity of the liquor store to the elementary school. Councilwoman Dato agreed with many of his concerns.

Brian Murphy, 260 Henry St., thanked Councilwoman Dato for providing him with a connection at the County to help him in his quest to more greatly utilize the City's baseball fields. He also thanked Mr. Reilly for helping him with an issue in front of his home. Finally, he reported that because of the construction there was no longer a "No Turn on Red" sign turning right from Main to Broadway.

Sandra Reilly, 410 John St., voiced her concerns about the increase in her sewer bill and received confirmation from the Business Administrator that all residents of the City had received an increase in their sewer bill and these monies would go toward repair and maintenance of the sewer system. The Business Administrator noted this was the first increase of rates in eleven years.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved February 5, 2020