

MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING FEBRUARY 05, 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 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, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer and Francis Womack, Director of Law

Council President Gross read the notice requirements statement.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-069 **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 30, 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. 20-070 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-070 **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 29, 2020 City Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-070 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a.) Resolution Authorizing Police Training in East Brunswick/Indemnification Agreement – approved for next agenda
- b.) Resolution Veteran Refund – Candy – approved for next agenda
- c.) Resolution Veteran Refund – Lopez – approved for next agenda
- d.) Resolution authorizing signing MCIA Curbside Recycling Collection Program -approved for next agenda
- e.) Resolution authorizing issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate – approved for next agenda
- f.) Resolution authorizing sewer refund adjustment – Rama – approved for next agenda
- g.) Resolution authorizing allocation of CDBG funds – approved for next agenda
- h.) Ordinance removing resident handicapped spaces that were not registered. – approved for introduction at next agenda
- i.) Discuss award of contract for John T. O’Leary paving bid opening February 6th.
- j.) Summer Hiring program – after brief discussion the Council decided to move forward with hiring teens to help with the Summer Recreation Program
- k.) Discuss Ordinance amending Beach Hours - Council directed Attorney Womack to have the Ordinance ready for introduction at next agenda
- l.) Discuss Mayoral appointment of Councilperson to the CDBG -Mayor appointed Councilwoman Noble
- m.) Discuss Mayoral appointment of citizen to the CDBG – Mayor reappointed Joanne Downes, Mary Taylor and Laura Kemble

- n.) Discuss extending Heyer, Gruel & Associates contract – Council approved extending the contract for the work being done on the Land Use Ordinances. Awarding resolution to be on the next agenda.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION #20-072

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE
TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION
LICENSE NO. 1220-44-003-008**

The Council tabled resolution 20-072 until further information on zoning conditions for the strip aml were researched. Ms. Dato voiced concerns about the placement of the garbage dumpsters blocking the fire hydrant and the late hours of alcohol sales.

Resolution HOLD FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT – GAS SUPPLIER(pending bid review/AOC resolution by Mr. Womack) Attorney Womack reviewed the bid package and will have the Awarding Resolution for the next agenda.

ORDINANCE:

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

- 1) **ORD. NO. 03-2020** AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING FEES TO THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #03-2020 be introduced as amended, on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the March 18, 2020 meeting.

SECONDED by: Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE**

SECOND READING/ADOPTION

- 1) **ORD. NO. 01-2020** AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

OPEN PUBLIC – no public comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #01-2020 hereby adopted.

SECONDED by: Ms. Dato, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

- 2) **ORD. NO. 02-2020** 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 -ROTH

OPEN PUBLIC – no public comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #02-2020 is hereby adopted.

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

COMMENTS:

Ms Dato: Thanked the Business Administrator and DPW for getting the new electronic sign installed by the school

Ms. Noble: Confirmed with the BA that the City was responsible for the upkeep of the walkway lights and informed the BA that all the lights were in need of replacement.

Mr. Reilly:

- Received confirmation that the Pie Chart of Tax dollar allocation would be on the website shortly, however the council decided not to move forward with the Tax Calculator.
- Requested the City consider using the local firemen to do site review plans for planning and zoning applications. After lengthy discussion it was determined the Fire Chief was welcome to reach out to the County Fire Marshall with any questions he had on a proposed application.
- The Council directed Attorney Womack to follow up regarding the placement of sandwich signs on the sidewalk to aid in advertising for local businesses.
- Reported that both the YMCA and Fire Departments were interested in participating in government week.

Mr. Womack: Reported that the state had passed legislation banning the sale of flavored vaping products and suggested the City pass an Ordinance following the Piscataway model that would tighten up restrictions via zoning rules.

Mr. Skarzynski: Reported that the budget would be ready for introduction at the February 19th meeting and adoption at the March 18th meeting. He would like to meet with the Council members before the Introduction so they could have any questions answered.

Mr. Rasimowicz: Requested the release of the Performance Bond for 104 North Rosewell St. for the next agenda.

Mayor Henry:

- Announced the State of the City address will be March 11, 2020 at 6pm at the Senior Center.
- Requested a Proclamation at the next meeting for the 100th year anniversary of Gundrums.
- The City is being deeded the lot where Theo's garage sits and it is the intention of the City to make a dedicated Veteran's Park at the site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 20-071

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of, action on, and reading of the minutes of Closed Session of February 5, 2020.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

Contract Negotiations:

- Chief of Police Contract

Litigation:

- Venetian/Sewage Status
- Applegate "Condemnation" Status
- Louro Demolition Challenge

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when the matters are concluded or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution 20-071 is hereby adopted and the public session of the meeting is adjourned.

SECONDED by: Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Noble, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC
City Clerk
Approved 2-19-2018