

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 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 and noted that any public that was present should be aware that the Ordinance adjusting beach hours was removed from the agenda.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**NO. 20-072 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE NO. 1220-44-003-008**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #20-072 is hereby tabled. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

**NO. 20-073 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, PROVIDING FOR THE RECYCLING COLLECTION AND MARKETING SERVICES OF DESIGNATED RECYCLABLES.**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #20-073 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly Abstain: Gross**

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**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. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #20-074 through #20-076 and Resolution #20-078 through #20-085 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor**

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NO. 20-074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POLICE TRAINING IN EAST BRUNSWICK/INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

NO. 20-075 VETERAN REFUND – CANDY

NO. 20-076 VETERAN REFUND – LOPEZ

~~NO. 20-077 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PERSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1~~

NO. 20-078 SEWER BILL ADJUSTMENT – RAMA

NO. 20-079 RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND – 104 NORTH ROSEWELL/R&D CONSTRUCTION

- NO. 20-080     AWARD OF CONTRACT – Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION – JOHN T. O’LEARY
- NO. 20-081     RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO  
BLOCK 22, LOT 3.03 AND BLOCK 24, LOT 2.03
- NO .20-082     RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED PROJECTS AND ALLOCATIONS MADE BY THE  
LOCAL CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP
- NO. 20-083     RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISING DUE TO  
AN EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN REPAIR IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN POTTER ST. AND  
STEVENS AVE.
- NO. 20-084     RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE DCA FOR \$1,000,000 FOR  
INTERMODAL SECURITY FOR BROADWAY AND MASON
- NO. 20-085     RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR REMEDIATION OF FORMER  
CONRAIL AND SPECTRASERVE PROPERTIES
- NO. 20-XXX     AWARD OF CONTRACT – GAS (PENDING MR. WOMACK) – no material provided
- NO. 20-XXX     AWARD OF CONTRACT – HEYER GRUEL & ASSOCIATES (PENDING MR. WOMACK) – no  
material provided

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**BUDGET INTRODUCTION:**

- NO. 20-086     WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2020

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution  
No. 20-086 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

- NO. 20-087     INTRODUCTION OF 2020 BUDGET

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution  
No. 20-087 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-088**  
**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 bill list dated February 13, 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. 20-088 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-089**  
**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 February 5, 2020 Business Meeting and the February 5 Closed Session (**PENDING MR. WOMACK**).

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-089 is hereby approved as amended by removing the February 5<sup>th</sup> Closed Session Minutes.

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

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**ORDINANCES:**

**ORD. 04-2020** 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 - 215 CATHERINE - OSTRANDER

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #04-2020 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the March 18, 2020 meeting.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Noble: No report.

Dato:

- Reminded the public that the 2020 census begins soon and it is important everyone participates in order for the City to be eligible for the maximum amount of funding.

Reilly:

- Reported he is strongly against limiting the fishing hours at the beach.
- Sent condolences to the Nemeth family.
- Was given the update on the status of consolidating the Fire Companies. As per the BA, there are ongoing discussions with the Fire Companies with everyone recognizing there needs to be consolidation in order to provide better equipment and better housing for the various trucks. The BA clarified that there will be no dissolution of any company, however, there may be sharing of spaces.
- Thanked all the City's volunteers noting how important they are to maintaining the safety of the City's citizens.
- Received confirmation the buyer of the Woodmont property is assuming the PILOT program.
- Received confirmation from the BA that the Fire Chief's will be able to reach out to the County Fire Marshal and arrange to view plans for site plan review.
- Received an update on the sale of the Rosewell Street apartment complex - there is no confirmed buyer as of now and Code Enforcement is keeping on top of the situation.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Asked about the status of the drilling on the old Sunocco site - had heard that the Wische family was looking to purchase. The BA had no knowledge about a potential sale.
- Noted he was in agreement with Mr. Reilly that the City should not limit the fishing on the beach.
- Stated he would have preferred that the Council be included in any discussions with the Fire Companies about consolidation
- Confirmed no builder has been identified for the Manhattan Beach site so there has been no further discussion of the local hire policy.
- Requested the BA look in to the newly installed 4 hour parking signs on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- Confirmed with Mr. Rasimowicz that the debris from the Hole in the Wall project is scheduled to be removed by the end of the week.

Mr. Gross:

- Received an update on the NJ Transit demolition project – as per the City Engineer permits are ready to be pulled and the Contractors are completing the required NJ Transit training.
- Received confirmation from the City Engineer that the completion of the Middlesex County Main Street project was many months away.
- Reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade was being rerouted from Main St. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. due to the construction on Main St.

Mayor Henry:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone to participate in the upcoming Census 2020.
- Reminded everyone that the State of the City is March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Reported that the John T. O'Leary road project which was awarded this evening was being funded by a NJDOT grant.

Mr. Womack – No report.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- The City has received a \$1,000,000.00 grant from the DCA for the lighting and CCTV for Broadway and Mason and the NJ Transit lot

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Brian Murphy, 260 Henry St., noted that while the Council may not be voting on the Beach Hours Ordinance, the public had a right to speak about it. The Council agreed.

Margaret Gorman, reported she had left a message with the BA over a week ago and had not gotten a return call. Mr. Skarzynski apologized for the lack of a call back. Ms. Gorman was concerned with the debris on the JCP&L lot behind her yard. The Council directed DPW to remove the debris.

Teddy Lenahan, 126 Conlogue Ave., requested weight limit signs be reposted on the corner of Bertram & Catherine and Conlogue Ave. and Upper Main St. The Council agreed and suggested increased patrol in the area to keep speeding down.

Lisa Joseph, 76 Raritan Reach Rd., spoke at length about her concern that social media was portraying the residents of Lighthouse Bay as the instigators of the request to curtail beach hours. This is not the case at all. She emphasized the importance of all of the City's citizen's working together to make a safe City.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved March 4, 2020