

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 15, 2020**

The Meeting held electronically 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 McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly, and Council President Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Fred A. Henry, Mayor, Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Francis Womack, Director of Law, OEM Director Mark Herdman, City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, CFO Dan Balka and Mayor Fred Henry

Council President Gross read the Notice of Publication Certification and noted this meeting was being held electronically because of the current Covid19 Virus Pandemic. The public has been notified of the telephone number to call to access the teleconferenced meeting. Mr. Gross thanked all the First Responders and Council and BA for their work in keeping everyone safe and informed.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-113  
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 April 9, 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. 20-113 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-114  
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 April 1, 2020 Business Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-114 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

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**BUDGET ADOPTION:**

**NO. 20-115 2020 BUDGET ADOPTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$18,835,746.00 for municipal purposes.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the summary of revenues and appropriations are approved as attached.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-115 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Gross    Nays: Reilly

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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. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #20-116 through #20-222 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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- NO. 20-116    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY FIRST AID ORGANIZATION QUALIFYING FOR CREDIT UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR 2019
  
- NO. 20-217    RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS QUALIFYING FOR CREDIT UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR 2019
  
- NO. 20-218    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY TO ENTER INTO THE RARITAN BAY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES POLICE EMERGENCY RESONSE PLAN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
  
- NO. 20-219    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN REPAIR AT THE YMCA – OSWALD ENTERPRISES
  
- NO. 20-220    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN REPAIR AT THE YMCA – B&W CONSTRUCTION
  
- NO. 20-221    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN STOCKTON AND BROADWAY – OSWALD ENTERPRISES, INC.
  
- NO. 20-222    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN STOCKTON AND BROADWAY – B&W CONSTUCTION CO.

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**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Noble: Thanked everyone for their continued good work and wished them to stay safe and be well

Ms. Dato: Thanked President Gross, BA Skarzynski, First Aid, the Police, Fire and OEM workers for all their important work, suggested everyone be kind and check on a neighbor.

Thanked Amy McLaughlin for her continued good work in the "Porch Project" to raise funds for the FSA.

Mr. Reilly: Reported he received complaints from residents that it was difficult to find the agenda on the website and requested moving forward the call-in information be posted on the doors and more clearly on the website. Thanked Amy and Allie McLaughlin for the Porch Picture project. To date they have raised over \$10,000 for the FSA who are using it to fund food banks, and feed 1<sup>st</sup> responders, etc. Thanked all the first responders, PD, Fire and OEM workers for their continued efforts. Reported that Jay Kennedy will be starting a "South Amboy Strong" sticker fund raiser and that FSA will be one of the proceeds.

Mr. Gross: Hats off and thanks to Amy McLaughlin and her daughter for their excellent work and thanks as always to the first responders, Fire, Police and OEM.

Mr. McLaughlin: Thanked the first responders, Firemen, Police, First Aid and OEM workers; requested that a stipend program be put into place for them. Attorney Womack will investigate the legalities of implementing such a program. Confirmed that nothing new was going on with the apartments on Roswell. Requested for safety reasons DPW workers no longer punched in. BA Skarzinski will forward to DPW Dir. Moffa. Requested movement on the Ordinance amendment to allow a laundromat. Attorney Womack will look into the process which he believes must go through the Planning Board. Wished good health and safety to everyone.

Mayor Henry: Thanked the Council, in adopting its budget, for providing some work to the economy in the form of purchasing the ambulance and moving forward with some paving jobs. Told everyone to be safe and stay home and thanked the First Aid, Fire, Police and OEM workers as well as the City employees for all their good work.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Larry Parson received confirmation regarding the amount the budget would be increasing.

Tim Walczak thanked OEM, Fire and Police for their help as well as the FSA, Gundrums Funeral Home, Kathy Therkleson, Tom Szatkowski, and Bill Wanko.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Ms. Noble and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved May 6, 2020