

**MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING MAY 6, 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, and CFO Dan Balka were also present.

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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**DISCUSSION:** Police personnel

Officer Noble and Chief LaVigne answered questions from the council regarding the grievance filed by Officer Noble. After lengthy discussion and a request by Councilman McLaughlin to have the SOA, PBA and DPW contracts forwarded to him, the Council voted to carry the grievance to the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-223**  
**APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South Amboy does hereby receive and file the bills list dated April 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. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-223 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-224**  
**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 15, 2020 City Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-224 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-225**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR 113 HENRY ST. BA-19-1924.**

**WHEREAS**, Ultimate Properties issued a Performance Bond for a BA-19-1024, 113 Henry Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer, Mark Rasimowicz, has recommended that the Cash Bond be released, in the full amount of \$5,482.50.

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

1. The aforesaid Cash Bond shall be released in the amount of \$5,482.50; and
2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the City Clerk to Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer; Dan Balka, Chief Financial Officer and Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-225 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION 20-226**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE THIRD QUARTER 2020 DUE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Phil Murphy has issued Executive Order 130 permitting governing bodies to extend the due date for second quarter property taxes to June 1, 2020 to meet the statutory requirements as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body hereby establishes an extension of the due date for taxes due 2nd quarter 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, upon passage of this resolution the due date for the second quarter taxes will be extended to June 1, 2020 after which time interest will accrue from May 1, 2020; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of South Amboy authorize the Tax Collector to extend the second quarter due date and charge interest in accordance with normal delinquencies for payments received after the due date.

**MOVED by:** Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-226's title is hereby amended from third quarter to second quarter and from due date to grace period. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-226 is hereby approved as amended. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**DISCUSSION:**

- a.) Discuss a Resolution for tax exempt veteran – Moglia – approved to be put on the next agenda
- b.) Discuss a Resolution authorizing Agreement modification 2 for the DOT South Amboy Intermodal Center Remediation of Former Conrail and Spectraserve Properties – approved to be put on the next agenda
- c.) Discuss a Resolution authorizing purchase of Police Department vehicles – approved to be put on the next agenda
- d.) Discuss a Resolution for tax refund – Jackson – approved to be put on the next agenda
- e.) Discuss Bond Ordinance – approved to be introduced at the next agenda

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## **COMMENTS:**

### Ms. Dato:

- Confirmed with BA Skarzynski that the monies being spent on dealing with the Covid-19 virus were being tracked so they could be submitted to the state for reimbursement.
- Gave kudos to the City Hall staff, DPW, Police Dept., First Aid and Fire Dept. for their continued efforts
- Gave kudos to the FSA for their continued fundraising efforts and donations to the local food pantries.
- Reminded everyone that can donate should so we can help those that are out of work.
- Suggested citizens reach out to their neighbors to check in and stay in touch with each other.

### Ms. Noble:

- Thanked everyone for continuing to do such a great job and reported she had received compliments from some residents about the excellent communication from City Hall and keeping everyone up to date.
- Wished everyone to be safe and be well.

### Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked OEM, First Aid, Fire Department, Police department for their continuing good work and the FSA for their continued fundraising for the food pantries.
- Requested status of the First Aid proposal and was told by BA Skarzynski that there would be information regarding the proposal on the next agenda.

### Mr. Reilly:

- Confirmed that Officer Noble had been RICE'd correctly for the grievance hearing.
- Wanted to move forward with the First Aid proposal.
- Thanked Mary at First Presbyterian Church for her aid in the food bank deliveries and also thanked resident Tom Kenny for his help with the deliveries. He reminded everyone that the food deliveries take place every Saturday morning if anyone wants to volunteer.
- Received updates from Attorney Womack regarding the status of the vaping ordinance.
- Reported that the garage on Lower First St. is in terrible condition and falling apart. BA Skarzynski reported Jay Elliot was in contact with the owner and was working with the owner to get it cleaned up.
- Requested that the City Hall start taking daily temperatures as a precaution measure. BA Skarzynski reported the City had just received the delivery of thermometers and the program would be initiated shortly.
- Requested status of putting a parking spot in the back of City Hall for senior parking. BA Skarzynski said it was in the queue and that with all the craziness from the Covid Virus being dealt with he had not had a chance to get to it.
- Confirmed with BA Skarzynski that the tax pie chart being placed on line was still in the pipeline.
- Requested Clerk Brooks forward him a list of the Boards/Committees members and vacancies.
- Requested the status of the Venetian legislation. Attorney Womack reported he would update the Council in closed session at the next meeting.
- Inquired whether or not the company that had purchased the Woodmont property had been vetted as an approved Redeveloper. Mr. Skarzynski will follow up.
- Thanked Jack Leary for working with the Jewish Renaissance facility to provide Covid testing to the employees.

### Mr. Gross:

- Thanked First Presbyterian Church, and FSA for their continued efforts with the food pantries.
- Thanked OEM, First Aid, Fire and Police departments for their continued efforts.
- Thanked Jewish Renaissance for their assistance in testing City Hall employees.
- Reported that the Fourth of July fireworks had officially been postponed.
- Noted that sadly his sister-in-law had just passed away from the covid virus, and sent condolences to the family.

Mayor Henry:

- Reminded everyone to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire.
- Thanked Middlesex Water for their donation to St. Mary's and First Presbyterian Church for the food pantries
- Reminded everyone that this was National Nurses Appreciation week.
- Noted that while he was appreciative of the testing arranged at Jewish Renaissance, he was dismayed that the entire process had been completed without notifying his office. In the future, please ensure that any events, etc. be run through his office for approval.
- Stay safe and stay home!

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reiterated that there was absolutely no conflict of interest in his participation as Administrator in the grievance process, as always he would do what is best for the City of South Amboy and it's residents.

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Reported that at the next meeting there would be the local aid grant agreement from NJDOT for the Phase II Feltus St. project.
- At the Mayor's request, he will reach out and get a report on the status of the Lower Main St. project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: - No public**

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC  
City Clerk  
Approved May 26, 2020