

MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 3, 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 (arrived at 6:30pm), 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, and City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz were also present.

Clerk Brooks 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-239
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 May 28, 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. 20-239 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross Abs: McLaughlin

RESOLUTION NO. 20-240
RESCIND CLUB LICENSE 2018-2019

WHEREAS, Resolution No.105-2018, adopted on June 20, 2018 authorized renewal of Club License No. 1220-31-047-001 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Renewal granted to Club License No. 1220-31-047-001 in Resolution No. 105-2018 is hereby rescinded.

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-240 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross Abs: McLaughlin

RESOLUTION NO. 20-241
PRO NUNC TUNC CLUB LICENSE RENEWAL 2018-2019

WHEREAS, Resolution No.20-240, adopted on June 03, 2020 rescinded the renewal of Club License No. 1220-31-047-001 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019;

WHEREAS, the application for renewal of Club License No. 1220-31-047-001 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 has been received; and

WHEREAS, the submitted renewal application forms are complete in all respects, renewal fees have been paid and tax clearance has been received pursuant to P.L. 1995, Chapter 161;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of South Amboy, New Jersey, that the Club License No. 1220-31-047-001 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, be in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Law, N.J.S.A. 33:1-3.1, et seq., and the rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Act. This resolution is reapproved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 NUNC PRO TUNC to July 1, 2018.

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-241 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross Abs: McLaughlin

RESOLUTION #20-242

Plenary Retail License 1220-33-005-006 rescinding license for 2019 – 2020 renewal

WHEREAS, Resolution No.121-2019, adopted on July 8, 2019 authorized renewal of Plenary Retail License No. 1220-33-005-006 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the licensee failed to pay the ABC licensing fee to complete the 2019-2020 renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Renewal granted to Plenary Retail License No. 1220-33-005-006 in Resolution No. 121-2019 is hereby rescinded.

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-242 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross Abs: McLaughlin

RESOLUTION #20-243

Estimated Tax bill – Third Quarter

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in late July 2020 unless third quarter revenue is received on time, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

- 1 The Tax Collector is directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the Municipality of the City of South Amboy for the third quarter 2020, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.2 et seq.
2. The entire tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$25,512.884
3. The tax collector takes additional steps necessary to immediately implement this Resolution.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-243 is hereby tabled . **SECONDED by:** Mr. Gross. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross Abs: McLaughlin

DISCUSSION:

- a.) Discuss additional vendor for deferred compensation – approved for next agenda Mr. Gross will abstain as he has a conflict of interest.
- b.) Discuss a resolution for release of cash bond – 381 Highland St. – approved for next agenda

COMMENTS:

Ms. Noble:

- Confirmed the City will be allowing outside seating for local restaurants starting June 15th.
- Stated Mr. McLaughlin had requested that the City look into the problem of the trucks on Main Street from Cambridge Paving blocking Raritan St. BA Skarzynski and the Police Department are working on the issue.

Ms. Dato:

- Stated the new outdoor dining rules are good for both the restaurants business and the citizens of the City to have somewhere to go.
- Was happy about the milling and paving work being done on John T. O’Leary Blvd., as well as the sidewalks installation. The area where the sidewalks are being installed is heavily trafficked and the sidewalks will be very helpful.
- Requested BA Skarzynski and Clerk Brooks work toward getting the agenda viewable on the GoTo Meeting screen for the viewers.
- Received update on the status of the Stillwagon house that had had the fire. BA Skarzynski reported the owner had recently undergone a serious surgery and had not been aware of the summonses. The outside area has been remediated and the building department is awaiting demolition permits to be filed.
- Agreed with President Gross that having “well check” phone calls to the seniors is a good idea. BA Skarzynski reported the recreation department had already begun making these calls.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked FOSA and 1st Presbyterian church for their ongoing fund raising and food pantry work.
- Received confirmation that the baseball fields at this time are only open for small groups to gather with correct social distancing. The batting cages are open.
- Requested the City move forward with the sewer bill grace period.
- Received confirmation that SARA was meeting tomorrow and requested the information be posted on Facebook.
- Stated that the illegal pallet operation was still active and needed to be shut down. It is both illegal and a fire hazard.
- Received confirmation that there was no change in the status of the Fire Department/1st Aid merger.
- Received confirmation that the door that had been broken, in the robbery of the Historical Society building, had been repaired and new doors had been ordered. Inquired about adding an alarm/camera security to the Historical building.
- Reported that Rosewell Street was in deplorable condition and was advised that the lawns had been cut and the property was in the process of being foreclosed on by the City.
- Received confirmation that there have been no plans submitted on the Wische Property by developers.
- Received confirmation that the staff will be back full time on June 22nd with no firm date on when the City will be open to the public.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked Emergency Services for their continued efforts and received confirmation that the time line for the Fire Department/1st Aid merger was likely not before the end of this year.
- Received confirmation that the 4th St. property had received summons and was due in court as soon as the courts reopened.
- Requested follow up with the violations issue at the house on Catherine and Pine.
- Thanked Ms. Noble for bringing up the situation at Cambridge Paving while he was on another call.

Pres. Goss:

- Agreed with Ms. Noble and Mr. McLaughlin about the status of Cambridge Paving trucks blocking Raritan Avenue and requested a heavy police presence to prevent any further illegal actions like truck idling, etc.
- Wanted the owner of the Pallet Operation to be picked up as there is a warrant on the owner.
- Requested that Clerk be more careful with the agenda, less mistakes.

Mayor Henry:

- Stated that he thought everyone had made good comments
- Noted that some projects moved slower than we liked, but it was important to do them correctly.
- Sent condolences to the family of the citizen killed last Friday night and hoped it comes to a successful conclusion. Requested anyone with information on the event reach out to the Police Department.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reported the staff is working hard to get back to business as usual.

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Reported there was an emergency sewer repair at Raritan and Main Streets, the resolution will be on the next agenda.
- Reported the contractors will begin work on Stevens Avenue next Tuesday.

Mr. Womack:

- Reported he had distributed a proposed OPMA Ordinance amendment to the Council. Requested any comments or changes be sent to him and he will have it on the next agenda for introduction/first reading.
- Noted he will take a look at the Pallet Operation site and see if there are any other avenues to approach in addition to the warrant already issued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - No public

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Noble and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC
City Clerk
Approved June 17, 2020