

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING JULY 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, City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and Dan Balka, CFO.

Council President 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.

GRIEVANCE: PBA

Mr. Michael Bukosky, PBA Attorney, reviewed the complaint filed by the PBA noting that this issue had arisen in many of the towns he represented and all but South Amboy had come to an agreement on how to handle compensation due to the change in scheduling because of the COVID situation. He cited the current contract which states that any hours over the 40 hour week will be paid overtime and this would include the overtime hours that are occurring due to the COVID scheduling.

Mr. Skarzynski stated that he could not find language in the contract that stated that and was relying on language in Article 10, Section II which he read as the City is obligated to pay if the aggregate of 40 hours per week was exceeded. This was not the case in the COVID scheduling of the officers.

Both Mr. Bukosky and Mr. Skarzynski agreed to meet and see if they could come to some agreement and the grievance will be carried to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-250

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 June 17, 2020 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-250 is hereby approved as amended. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-251

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 July 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. 20-251 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

DISCUSSION:

- **Vaping Ordinance -Mr. Womack** - Mr. Womack reviewed the proposed Ordinance and received direction to prepare the Ordinance for introduction at the next meeting.
- **Permit Parking for residents – Mr. Womack** – Reported that he had researched the ability to start a resident permit parking in the Fisherman’s lot and had determined that as the City Code stands, it is not allowable.

DISCUSSION/RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #20-252

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CH. 159, P.L. 148) – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES OFFSET BY APPROPRIATIONS

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-252 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly; Abstain Gross.

RESOLUTION #20-253

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FOURTH STREET, POTTER STREET AND THOMPSON STREET ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-253 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-254

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT - SCHEETZ

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-254 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-255

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE THIRD QUARTER 2020 DUE DATE

MOVED by: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-255 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-256

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUND - MOGLIA

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-256 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-257 – Tabled until the August meeting. Council requested clarification on off hour animal service charges

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES WITH WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

MOVED by: _____ of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-257 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

RESOLUTION #20-258

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE NJDOT TRANSIT VILLAGE GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS IN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-258 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-259

RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE MONITORING OF SANITARY SEWER FLOW-CSL SERVICES, INC.

MOVED by: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-259 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-260

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLEAN UP ON THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 38, LOT 6.02 ON THE CITY TAX MAP (110 HENRY STREET) TO ABATE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS AFTER NOTICE TO THE OWNER.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-260 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

AUDIT CERTIFICATION/CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:

RESOLUTION #20-261

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-261 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #20-262

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF SAID PLAN WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

MOVED by: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-262 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION/SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2020

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 – 350 MAIN ST. - SMITH

OPEN PUBLIC
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance No. 06-2020 is hereby adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS IN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

OPEN PUBLIC: Bill Demasi, 146 John St., requested that the meeting link be put in the calendar notice with the agenda. Council directed the Clerk to comply with the request and requested the clerk add her email and drop box information for the public if they want to make comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance No. 07-2020 is hereby adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BROADWAY/MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

OPEN PUBLIC
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance No. 08-2020 is hereby adopted.

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

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked First Presbyterian Church and St. Mary’s Church food pantries for their continued good work.
- Noted that the First St. garage was still in a deplorable condition and was a health hazard.
- Noted that the illegal pallet business was still running and it is a fire hazard and needs to be addressed immediately.

- Requested the Clerk redact the social security number on the fireman application sent to the Council members.
- Requested status of installing the senior parking spot behind City Hall. BA Skarzynski noted it is in the queue.
- Received confirmation that the process for the City taking over the inspections of the boarding house was still in progress.
- Received confirmation from BA Skarzynski that the process of Progressive and Enterprise Fire Companies sharing locations is still moving forward.
- Requested status of the Acelero tax liability question and was informed by BA Skarzynski that the City's tax attorney is working on it.
- Reported one of his ward residents had complained of bamboo from his neighbor's property creeping onto his property. BA Skarzynski confirmed that a notice of violation will be sent by the code official and if not remedied a summons will be issued.
- Requested an update of removing the 4hr parking signs on First and Second Streets. The Council directed this be put on as a discussion item on the next agenda.
- Announced a fundraiser for Michael Coman, life long fireman and active in the community, who is battling an illness. The fundraiser will be a cornhole tournament on Sunday, August 23rd. Contact Michael Toth for information. \$100 per pair of tickets.
- Reminded people that when Governor Murphy raises taxes, PILOT programs are not affected. Please keep this mind as the potential for upcoming PILOTS are put in front of the Council.

Ms. Dato:

- Reminded everyone to support the local businesses.
- Reminded everyone to fill out the 2020 Census – it is critical to the City receiving a fair proportion of funds for various programs.

Ms. Noble:

- Commended DPW for their continued good work, especially regarding bulk pickups.
- Noted it is the time of year when kids are playing on the streets – let's all be careful!

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the First Aid, Fire and Police departments for their continued good work.
- Wondered why no Council members had been invited to the presentation of the new Chrome Books purchased for the schools. BA Skarzynski noted that had been a Redevelopment Committee event and not set up by the City.
- Sent well wishes to the Coman family and encouraged people to participate in the upcoming fundraiser.
- Was happy to see that violations have been issued to some of the properties that are in poor shape.
- Received an update on the situation on lower Raritan Street. Code officials continue working the issues. BA Skarzynski will follow up regarding the illegally parked trucks.

Mark Rasimowicz:

- Updated the Council on the status of various road projects

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked the Clerk and Business Administrator for their work in putting together the agenda for this meeting.
- Reminded everyone to keep up good practices for COVID safety.
- Thanked the First Aid, Fire and Police departments for their continued good work.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked Mr. Rasimowicz on the great job on the various road projects that he has been working on such as Stevens Ave. and John T. O'Leary Blvd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) William Demasi received confirmation that code enforcement will address the bamboo from his neighbors house that has encroached into his property on John St.
- 2) Katherine Maspen (sp) requested the GoTo meeting link be put in the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Noble and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved August 19, 2020