

**MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 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, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly, and Council President Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Francis Womack, Director of Law

The City Clerk 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.

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**GRIEVANCE:** PBA

Mr. Skarzynski reported he had spoken to Mr. Michael Bukosky and an agreement had been reached. Officer Noble noted there was just one minor point which needed to be confirmed and he expected the matter to move forward to conclusion.

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**DISCUSSION:**

1. Resolution for 2020 County Board Tax Appeals – approved for the next agenda
2. Ordinance amending Ordinance 1036 - removing expired residential handicapped parking spaces – approved for the next agenda
3. Resolution to approve Minutes from the October 22, 2018 and December 19, 2018 meetings- tabled
4. Resolution for shared services – SA for Mutual Aid- approved for the next agenda

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-281**

**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 August 27, 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. 20-281 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor (McLaughlin Absent)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-282**

**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 August 19, 2020 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-282 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor (Mr. McLaughlin absent)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-283**  
**PLENARY RETAIL LICENSE 1220-33-005-006 RENEWAL FOR 2019-2020**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-283 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor (Mr. McLaughlin absent)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-284**  
**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR 2020-2021**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 20-284 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Noble . **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor (Mr. McLaughlin absent)**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2020**

LOAN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION, AS APPLICABLE, OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,550,000, THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE FINANCED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2020 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comments**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #12-2020 is hereby adopted.  
**SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross Absent: McLaughlin**

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**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Noble:

- Congratulated the Fire Department and everyone involved in making the Sunday fundraiser for the Coman Family a great success.
- Wished all the teachers and students a healthy and happy school year.

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulations on a great fundraiser, people worked together beautifully to put the event together.
- The General election in November will be conducted through Mail In Ballots. Every active voter will receive the ballot which can be filled out and mailed through the post office, dropped off in one of the County's Drop Box locations or dropped off at the polling location or at the Board of Elections.
- Please remember to fill out the 2020 Census, the deadline is at the end of September and the count will determine how much funding the City will receive.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the food pantries for their continued good work.
- Thanked First Aid for all its good work during the COVID pandemic.
- Thanked BA Skarzynski for the senior parking sign installed in the back of City of Hall and the posting on the e-sign regarding the food pantry.
- Reported the fund raiser on Sunday was a great success for a great cause.
- Confirmed the City is going forward with extended hours for the restaurants and noted he thought it was a great idea.
- Thanked Dawn Lewis for her quick response in help with a building permit matter.
- Reminded everyone about the upcoming 9/11 observance ceremony and let the public know they could contact Phil English to get an application for an engraved brick.

Mr. Gross:

- Commended everyone involved in the execution of the fundraiser – it was a great success!
- Reminded everyone that as per the Governor’s executive order, indoor dining would begin at 25% capacity and with the safety standards in place. He noted that while outdoor dining hours would end at ten pm, the indoor dining hours would be the usual 2pm closing.
- Thanked the Business Administrator and all the City Professionals for their continued hard work.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- On behalf of the City Staff and Professionals thanked President Gross for the recognition and appreciated the thanks.
- Reported a job opportunity being offered by the County Board of Elections for ballot counters in the upcoming weeks. It will pay \$15 per hour and offer flexible hours. Information for applying is on the County Board of Elections website.
- Thanked the public for their patience during the last few weeks for dealing with the inconvenience of the local road projects.
- Reported the Manhattan Beach project was well underway and the parking garage will be going up shortly.
- Reported the Rotary will be holding a drive thru classic car parade on the 21<sup>st</sup> with one of the floats accepting donations for the food pantry. Please come out and support the “Fill the Float” event!
- Confirmed that indoor dining has begun and he had received positive feedback from the restaurant owners who would like to keep up the practice going forward. The Council will consider the request.
- Thanked Dawn Lewis for her hard work in the Building Department.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Bill Demasi, 146 John St., noted he is still working with his neighbor regarding the bamboo issue and is in support of continuing the outdoor dining.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Ms. Noble and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk