

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

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 7:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Dato, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly, Councilman McLaughlin and Council President Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Mayor Henry, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Francis Womack, Director of Law and Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer

The City Clerk read the Notice of Publication Certification .

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**GRIEVANCE** – The Grievance has been settled.

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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:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #21-067 through #21-070 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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- NO. 21-067 APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION OF NJT GRANT APPLICATION FOR A BUS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER
- NO. 21-068 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR COMMUNITY CENTER WATERPROOFING REPAIRS – SA-20-011-01
- NO. 21-069 AWARD OF CONTRACT – GRANT WRITER – BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS, INC.
- NO. 21-070 RESOLUTION APPROVING SOUTH BROADWAY ROADWAY & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS EXTENSION OF TIME NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID FY 2019

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-071**  
**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 February 3, 2021 Business Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-071 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-072**  
**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 February 11, 2021, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the bills list be appended to the official minutes.

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-072 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING SOUTH AMBOY'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET (CR 684) AND BROADWAY.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato that Ordinance #2021-02 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the March 17, 2021 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**SECOND READING/ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 53 "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXIII ENTITLED "STORMWATER CONTROL"

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-01 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the First Responders and food pantries for their continued good work.
- Received confirmation from BA Skarzynski that the City was working on installing a drop box for payments, etc. at the bottom of the stairs.
- Received an update on any new possible redevelopment projects coming in front of the Planning Board.
- Received an update that there was no change in illegal pallet operation court proceedings.
- Received a status update from attorney Womack regarding the Pidgeon Palace demolition.
- Voiced support for providing vaccinations for seniors and questioned whether South Amboy may open a site. Pres. Gross noted that the only viable option would be the middle-high school and currently only County sites were being opened and maintained.
- Received information regarding which personnel took home City owned vehicles.
- Encourage the Council to support an upcoming resolution approving Independence Firehouse as a designated landmark.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked emergency services, OEM, Police Department and DPW for their work during the snow storm.
- Requested the City utilized DPW on night shifts to clear the parking spots on Broadway. BA Skarzynski noted the high cost and more importantly the DEP regulations on where the removed now, that has brine or salt in it, can be dumped.
- Inquired if the Budget would allow for the hiring of high schoolers for the summer. BA Skarzynski would follow up.
- Received the status of the First Aid/Fire House merger. BA Skarzynski noted they are awaiting financial documents from the First Aid Squad.
- Confirmed the two new fire trucks were ordered and due to be delivered in August.
- Confirmed the purchase of the two chiefs vehicles is moving forward and there has been no movement on the purchase of an ambulance.
- Received confirmation that the City has received grant money to cover COVID costs.
- Received confirmation from the BA that South Amboy was not opening a site for senior vaccinations and that the rumors had been incorrect. The City's residents will be using County and State facilities for time being.
- Congratulated Tom Cross for 50 years at Independence Fire House.

Ms. Dato:

- Shared her concerns about getting the seniors vaccinated and agreed that the bigger issue at this moment was Supply and Demand, not the location for vaccinations. She suggested the senior center staff aid the City's seniors who are having difficulty getting registered for vaccinations.
- Noted there is still a great need for food and that OEM Director Herdman had reported that 1200 bags of food had been delivered in just one day! Please donate if you can. There will be a "Stuff the Truck" event from 10 to 3pm on Saturday in East Brunswick Stop and Shop.
- Reported the concerns of a Prospect Street resident that was concerned with the narrowness of drivable space on the plowed street and wondered if a "No Parking While Snow Covered" sign would be appropriate. BA Skarzynski will follow up with the Traffic Division of the PD.

Ms. Noble:

- Received confirmation that 99% of the beach walkway new lighting was installed.
- Thanked DPW, PD and FD for their good work in the snow storm and reminded everyone to stay safe.
- Congratulated Mr. Cross for his 50 year anniversary at the fire house.

Pres. Gross:

- Reviewed the requirements for a successful vaccination site and confirmed that South Amboy at this point, could only use the middle-high school.
- Hats off to the continued excellent work by the food banks.
- Congratulated Mr. Cross on his 50 years of volunteering at the fire house.

Mayor Henry:

- Was honored to present the 50 years of service proclamation to Mr. Cross and acknowledged the sacrifices come from both Mr. Cross and his family.
- There will be a conference call public meeting on the Ferry Project on February 25 at 6pm. The link is on the website.
- The schools will reopen for a staggered in person attendance on March 1, 2021.
- Free COVID testing will be available starting February 27 at the middle-high school.
- Stay safe and continue to follow all COVID precautions.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Encouraged residents to take a look at the newly installed lights on Broadway.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved March 3, 2021