

MINUTES FOR BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 3, 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 6:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Fred A. Henry, Mayor, Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Francis Womack, Director of Law, and Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer

The City Clerk read the notice of publication statement.

DISCUSSION:

- 1. Resolution approving fireman Guillermo Caldron- Approved for the next agenda.
- 2. LOSAP Resolution – Fire Department- Approved for the next agenda.
- 3. LOSAP Resolution – First Aid -Approved for the next agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-073
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 17, 2021 Business Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-073 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. (Ms. Dato absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 21-074
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 25, 2021, 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. 21-074 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. (Ms. Dato absent)

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #2021-03 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the April 7, 2021 meeting.

SECONDED by: Mr. Reilly, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. (Ms. Dato absent)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

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 – 122 SOUTH FELTUS – SLINGERLAND

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #2021-04 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the April 7, 2021 meeting.

SECONDED by: Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. (Ms. Dato absent)

COMMENTS:

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Reminded everyone that COVID is still present and keep safety practices up.
- Thanked DPW for their continued good work during the winter storms as well as OEM, First Aid, Fire Department and Police Department
- Sent condolences to the family of Jack Mulvey
- Confirmed the new Fire Chief vehicles would be ordered when the budget passed.
- Noted there were fewer pallets seen on Feltus St. which was a good thing. BA Skarzynski noted Jay Elliot had issued a new round of summons against the illegal pallet production.
- Thanked all the local businesses and residents who continue to support the local food pantries with money and food donations. He is proud to be a resident of a City that keeps helping. OEM Director Herdman noted that to date approximately 42,000 bags of groceries had been handed out to families in need.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the First responders and Mark Herdman for their continued work with the food pantry noting there is still a great need and that between January and February 3000 families had been served and 12,000 bags of food given out. Please donate!
- Congratulated Tom Cross on his fifty years of service as a volunteer fireman.
- Sent condolences to the family of Jack Mulvey noting he was a volunteer member of the first aid squad for 62 years, a veteran, church usher, gentleman and friend and sends his thoughts and prayers.
- Received an update from attorney Womack on the Lower Main Fasano property and the Venetian law suit.
- Requested BA Skarsynski send him the information on the Planning Board submission for the Rosewell Street property including the type and number of units to be built.
- Confirmed the update on the illegal pallet production.

Ms. Noble:

- Thanked the first responders for their continued good work.
- Sent condolences to the Mulvey family.
- Noted that schools were reopening and hoped teachers and students would stay healthy and safe.

Pres. Gross:

- The St. Patrick's Parade has been moved to Saturday, October 2nd, 2021.

- Noted the food pantry was doing a remarkable job and thanked Mr. Herdman for his continuing efforts.
- Sent his condolences to the Mulvey family.
- Requested the City keep on top of the ordering of the new fire chief vehicles after the budget passed.
- Recommended everyone get vaccinated!

Mayor Henry:

- Sent condolences to the Mulvey family, noting Jack was a great citizen of South Amboy and will be missed.
- Congratulated the food pantry for their continued good work and noted that there were many still in need so please donate if you can.
- Reported the rumors that the LOSAP program was going to end was completely untrue, the program would continue on as it has for years.
- Reported a successful public meeting held last Thursday for the Ferry project and was looking forward to the project moving forward.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reminded people to avail themselves of the free COVID testing that was being offer on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Middle-High School.
- Reported that the property on 4th and Potter had been issued over \$2000 in fines in court. The owner is reportedly going to sell the property and has registered the property as vacant and will be paying the appropriate fees.
- Reported the ground level drop box requested by Mr. Reilly should be installed by the end of the week.
- Affirmed the new fire chief vehicles will be ordered as soon as the budget is passed.

Mr. Womack:

- Reported the Pidgeon Palace property should be scheduled to be heard in the courts shortly and he was looking forward to adding the October 2nd St. Pat's parade date to his calendar!

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - No comments

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On motion of Ms. Noble, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC
City Clerk
Approved March 17, 2021