

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 2021**

The Meeting held 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 McLaughlin and Council President Gross.

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

The City Clerk read the Notice of Publication Certification

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**Mayoral Appointment:**

**Andrew Horezga as Planning/Zoning Board Alternate 5 year term. 7/14/21-7/13/26**

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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:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #21-144 through #21-156 are hereby approved with Council President Gross abstaining from Resolutions 21-144 and 21-154 . **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

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- NO. 21-144 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR 2022-2026
- NO. 21-145 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE
- NO. 21-146 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTIMATED TAX BILL 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2021
- NO. 21-147 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE THIRD QUARTER 2021 DUE DATE
- NO. 21-148 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS
- NO. 21-149 RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, SHARED BIKE LANES PROJECT

- NO. 21-150 RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
- NO. 21-151 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO ATHLETIC SPORT SURFACES LLC FOR CRACK REPAIR OF TENNIS COURTS AT JOHN ZDANEWICZ PARK
- NO. 21-152 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CASH BOND TO WATER MANAGEMENT, INC.
- NO. 21-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES WITH WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE RECOVERY PROGRAM
- NO. 21-154 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MCIA AND THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, PROVIDING FOR THE YARD WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTION AND MARKETING SERVICES OF DESIGNATED RECYCLABLES
- NO. 21-155 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1, FINAL PAYMENT #2 AND BOND RELEASE FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION OF 131 S. BROADWAY – TRICON ENTERPRISES INC.
- NO. 21-156 RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE NJDOT TRANSIT VILLAGE GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-157**  
**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 16, 2021 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-157 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-158**  
**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

**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 8, 2021, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-158 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

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**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING/ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,808,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,665,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-09 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin , Noble, Gross  
Absent: Reilly**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RARITAN STREET PUMP STATION IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-11 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin , Noble, Gross  
Absent: Reilly**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SOUTH AMBOY CITY CODE, CHAPTER 19, ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE II, EMPLOYMENT OF OFF DUTY POLICE OFFICERS (ORDINANCE NO. 13-92)**

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-12 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin , Noble, Gross  
Absent: Reilly**

## **FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13**

**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 – 249 Second Street - MOSMAN**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #2021-13 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the August 18, 2021 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin , Noble, Gross Absent: Reilly**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14**

**AN ORDINANCE RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC TO A PORTION OF SOUTH STEVENS AVE.**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2021-14 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the August 18, 2021 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin , Noble, Gross Absent: Reilly**

## **COMMENTS:**

Ms. Noble: No comments

Ms. Dato:

- Noted it is good to be back holding live meetings.
- Notices the installation of the new cameras along the walkway and confirmed that the coverage review of the cameras would be monitored by the Police Department.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Stated it was nice to be back in person.
- Thanked the first responders for their continued good work
- Received confirmation that the new fire chief vehicles would be ordered after the estoppel period of the Ordinance was over.
- Confirmed the two fire trucks are due to be delivered in August/September.
- Received confirmation that the installation of alleyway speed humps is in progress.
- Wished Ms. Noble a happy birthday.
- Received confirmation that there is no set timeline for the introduction of the two PILOT ordinances – negotiations are still in progress.

Mr. Gross:

- Reminded everyone that the Irish Festival is on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Assured the public that there will 1 or 2 public hearings regarding the Claremont warehouse and housing projects.
- Urged everyone to get vaccinated!!

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Noted the Mayor was held up in a conference and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- Requested everyone keep Camille in their thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from a health issue.

Mr. Womack:

- Noted he will ask Clerk Brooks to schedule an Executive Session at the next hearing.

**PUBLIC**

- 1) Owen Johnson, 402 Prospect St., voiced his concern with the state of policing in South Amboy. He noted that it was about time that the officers started wearing body cameras and received guidance from the Business Administrator and Attorney Womack on how to go about following up on the results of an Internal Investigation of Sgt. Jacob Murray with whom he had had unacceptable interactions.
- 2) Larry Parsons, 46 Pupek Rd., received confirmation from Mr. Womack that it would be unlikely to be able to create a PILOT that wouldn't transfer upon sale of the property.
- 3) Brandon Russell, 327 Fourth St., received confirmation that the BOE is not involved with the negotiation of the PILOT and that the next step was the Council's concerns being sent to Glenn to forward to the Professionals. It was also confirmed that the meetings are not being put on social media or being live streamed.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and passed meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved August 18,2021