

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

The Meeting held at South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey, was called to order by Councilwoman Noble 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, Councilman Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, and Francis Womack, Director of Law, and Mayor Henry. Mr. McLaughlin was absent.

The City Clerk read the Notice of Publication Certification.

RECOGNITION PRESENTATION:

The Mayor and Council presented Robert Senape and Wade Kabowski with plaques and Proclamations in recognition of their actions warning a resident that his home was on fire.

AUDIT CERTIFICATION/CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The City Auditor, Gary Higgins, reviewed the 2020 Audit and correction plan for the Council.

RESOLUTION #21-183

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-183 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION #21-184

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF SAID PLAN WITH THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-184 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #21-185 through #21-187 and #21-189 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. Resolution NO. 21-188 was pulled from the agenda.

NO. 21-185 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUND – AYOOLA

NO. 21-186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PNEUMATIC TIRE FORKLIFT

- NO. 21-187 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A VETERAN PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION – LONGENHAGEN
- NO. 21-188 RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TSUJ CORP.
- NO. 21-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE CASH BOND – ZREBIEC -538 HENRY STREET

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-190
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 18, 2021 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-190 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, Noble Reilly Abstain: Gross

RESOLUTION NO. 21-191
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 August 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. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-191 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-16

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 – 225 HENRY ST. - WLODARCZYK

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #2021-16 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 6, 2021 meeting. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the First Responders and Food Pantry volunteers for their continued good works.
- Thanked Mr. Skarzynski and Mr. Womack for their work on ensuring all bamboo was banned from the City.
- Received an update regarding the Pidgeon Palace. Mr. Womack had a conference with the Judge and both sides have until September 23rd to work something out or a hearing will be scheduled.
- Thanked Kim Seber for running the D.A.R.E. program.
- Wished good luck to all the kids going back to school.
- Requested acknowledgement of 4 individuals to be on the October Council meeting agenda.

Ms. Noble:

- Congratulated Robert Senape and Wade Kabowski on the recognition for their good work.
- Wished a happy and healthy school year to all the children and teachers.

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated Robert Senape and Wade Kabowski
- Commended the Fire Departments, First Aid and OEM in their quick response to the fire at Shoregate. The residents are grateful for the quick response and happily no one was injured. There will be a fire watch until the alarm system can be repaired. Of the 4 damaged units, two have already been reoccupied.
- Reported that the County was aware of the situation with the Spotted Lantern Flies and was "on it!"
- The Waterfront Park gazebo roof will be repainted soon which will greatly improve the look of the park.
- Reminded everyone that Chair Yoga classes will resume tomorrow at 9am at the Senior Center. You must be a South Amboy resident member of the Senior Center and 60 years or older.

Mr. Gross:

- The actions taken at the Shoregate fire on Friday night illustrate the greatness of the volunteers and citizens of the City of South Amboy.
- Received an update on the illegal pallet production – as per Mr. Skarzynski, the Police Department are trying to serve the bench warrant.
- The Irish Festival is on September 25th – Come out for this great event! Hats off to Mr. Skarzynski, Kathy Kudelka, Jackie Kelly, Jay Elliot, and Mark Herdman for all their hard work in putting this event together.

Mayor Henry:

- Updated the Council on the status of the Ferry project. The Ferry Operator Contract should be awarded soon and the Construction Engineering RFP's are out and are due back at the end of September. Additionally, the State should be releasing the project funds shortly.
- Thanked Kim Seber for working the FED-UP program.
- Kudos to the Police Department – he has heard many good things from residents about the way the department handles situations that may involve people with mental health issues or drug issues.
- Thanked all involved in the quick response to the fire at Shoregate on Friday – appreciate the multi agency cooperation.
- Noted the Library will be holding the Hispanic Heritage Festival on September 27th.
- On December 6th there will be a Business Fair – details to follow.
- On September 18th the Green Team will host a Beach Clean Up event.
- October 10th will be the City wide Yard Sale
- The bid for the new ball fields will be going out in the next two weeks – it will be a complete overhaul.
- The Bid opening for the road improvements on Feltus and Sixth Streets is Friday, September 10th.
- There will be a 9/11 remembrance service on the 11th at 11am across the street at the train station.

Mr. Womack:

- Reiterated the status of the Pidgeon Palace case and reported the Judge for the Venetian case had approved proceeding to trial although urging one last pre-trial settlement discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Higgins recommended using some of the surplus found in the audit to buy batteries for the clock in the Courtroom!

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved September 15,2021