

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The Meeting held at South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey, was called to order by Councilwoman Dato at 7:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Dato, Councilman McLaughlin, and Councilman Reilly

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, Glenn Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Mark Rasimowicz, Eng. and Francis Womack CFO.

Councilwoman Dato read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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**PRESENTATION:** Citizen Recognition: Surjit Singh, Kimberly Seber, and Edward Szatkowski

Mr. Reilly presented the above citizens with Recognition Resolutions speaking at length about all the volunteer work and community involvement that made them such assets to the community. Approximately 75 family and friends of Mr. Singh, Ms. Seber and Mr. Szatkowski were present.

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**DISCUSSION:** Best Practices

Mr. Skarzynski reviewed the Best Practice results with the Council and answered questions from Mr. Reilly regarding some of the questions.

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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 # 21-207 and #21-212 through #21-214 are hereby approved as amended by the removal of Resolution 21-207. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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- NO. 21-207            AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PASSENGER FERRY OPERATOR – **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
- NO. 21-212           RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – BRITO AND STRUNK
- NO. 21-213           RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAX – CORELOGIC 317 FOURTH ST.
- NO. 21-214           RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CH. 159, P.L. 148) – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES OFFSET BY APPROPRIATIONS

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-215  
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 October 6, 2021 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-215 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-216  
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 October 14, 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. 21-216 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING/ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-17**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TEMPORARY GRADING EASEMENT BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY FROM MANHATTAN BEACH CLUB LLC FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED FERRY TERMINAL FACILITY**

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment  
CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-17 is hereby adopted.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Reiterated his thanks to the three citizens honored this evening.
- Thanked the First Aid Squad and Food Pantry for their continued good work.
- Requested people consider volunteering.
- Sent well wishes to Jerry "Otis" Garnett as he is dealing with some health issues.

- Sent Condolences to the James Sorrentino Family on the death of his mother Marie.
- Reminded everyone of the FOSA fund raising event on December 18<sup>th</sup>, details can be found on the FOSA Facebook page.
- Asked everyone to please patronize our local businesses.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the volunteers, Police Department and Fire Department for their good work.
- Reminded everyone that with Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching there are still many people in food crisis, so please donate if you can.
- Received and update on the installation of the speed bumps and requested Mr. Skarzysnki look at the Raritan Street issue.

Ms. Dato:

- Reported that early voting starts on Saturday. The nearest polling location to South Amboy is the Senior Center at Sayreville. There are 10 early voting locations in Middlesex County. Information can be found on the County Election website. You can also do a mail in vote or go to the Middle-High School or Senior Center, depending on your Ward and District, to vote on Election Day.
- Please exercise your privilege and right to Vote!
- Reported the Senior Center will be offering Flu shots October 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 11am.

Mayor Henry:

- Sends his condolences to the Sorrentino family and noted James father had served on the Council in the 1960's.
- Noted it was great to honor the three citizens who have contributed so much to the City of South Amboy.
- Commended the Rotary Club for honoring some local volunteers. The video of the event will be available shortly.
- The Senior Citizen Group will be starting a Book Club on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Elaine Gabor for setting this up.
- Reminded everyone that Touch-A-Truck is the Sunday, 10am to 3pm.
- The Historic Committee's Cemetery Tour is this Saturday at 3:30.
- Come out to vote!
- The Ferry project has received its completed permit form the Army Corps and we are one step closer to starting the construction of the new ferry line.

Mr. Womack:

- Reported he is working on the Ordinance to add Independence Fire Company to the Historic Property list.
- Requested Ms. Brooks put an Executive Session on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda to update the Council on two litigation cases and one contract negotiation

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Reported the S. Broadway project is moving along and should be completed in about two weeks.
- Reported the N. Feltus & 6<sup>th</sup> Street project will be starting this week.

Mr. Skarzysnki:

- The bidding for the revitalization of the baseball fields should go out in the next two weeks.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 1) Greg Babilak questioned Ms. Brooks about the maintenance schedule for the audio/video equipment and received confirmation from BA Skarzysnki that if he wanted to speak to the audiologist he was welcome to do so "on his own dime".

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and passed unanimously, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved November 3, 2021