

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 15, 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, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly and Councilman Gross

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

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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**RECOGNITION: CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

Mr. Reilly presented the Resolution, see attached, recognizing the various accomplishments of the Cross Country team members.

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**ANNUAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING** – Council President Gross reminded the public that the Council members are also the City’s Board of Health Members and an annual meeting is required. Mr. Sikorski of the Middlesex County Board of Health spoke briefly of the role that the Health Department plays and the role Ms. Lloyd plays as the City’s Health Officer.

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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. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution #21-235 through #21-244 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes with Mr. McLaughlin abstaining from 21-241**

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- NO. 21-235 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING COSTS INCURRED IN THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS AND CLEAN UP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 104 S. ROSEWELL ST. BLOCK 38, LOT 2, AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS.
- NO. 21-236 A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH AMBOY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY MULTI-JUURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN
- NO. 21-237 A RESOLUTION CANCELING GRANT BALANCES
- NO. 21-238 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58
- NO. 21-239 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNS

- NO. 21-240 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 21-230 – TAX REFUND TO BAYONNE COMMUNITY BANK
- NO. 21-241 RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR FERRY TERMINAL OPERATOR TO PORT IMPERIAL FERRY CORPORATION DBA/NY WATERWAY
- NO. 21-242 RESCIND/RENEWAL LIQUOR 21-22 LICENSE 1220-33-037-006 DOUBLE NICKEL LLC
- NO. 21-243 2021-2022 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – DOUBLE NICKEL LLC
- NO. 21-244 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-245**  
**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 November 22, 2021 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-245 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-246**  
**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 December 9, 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. 21-246 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING / ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XI OF THE SOUTH AMBOY CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH LEVELS OF STAFFING AND CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**OPEN PUBLIC** - No comment  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-18 is hereby adopted.  
**SECONDED by:** Mr. Gross, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Ayes:** Dato, Reilly, Gross, **Nays:** McLaughlin, Noble

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1036 ENTITLED "PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS" FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY -ADD FENLON**

**OPEN PUBLIC** – No comment

**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2021-21 is hereby adopted.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated the Cross Country team on all their accomplishments.
- Reminded everyone to keep in mind the devastation from the tornados and keep the families in mind. Donate if you can.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Ms. Noble:

- Congratulated the Cross Country team.
- Thanked Business Administrator Skarzynski and all who worked on getting the Ferry Operator contract together.
- Wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Reilly:

- Followed up on his comments from the last meeting with a statement noting that Grants for environmental clean up are given based on the size of the property involved. He requested that the LSRP for the new site come in front of the Council in the new year.
- Congratulated the Cross Country team.
- Thanked the food pantry volunteers, especially Mark Herdman, for the continued efforts made to provide for families in need.
- Reminded everyone that the FOSA Basketball fund raiser is this Saturday.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the emergency personnel and volunteers who continue to go above and beyond in their volunteer efforts.
- Thanked Andrew Bielak for his work over the past year and wished David Szatkowski good luck in the upcoming year.
- Noted he was happy to see the Ferry project moving forward and reported the winning contract firm would be holding a job fair in the future.
- Thanked the Rotary for recognizing some local individuals and thanked Lukas Bros. for their contributions as well.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and asked that we keep those that cannot be home for the holidays in our thoughts.
- Urged everyone to attend the FOSA Basketball fundraiser this Saturday.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked the First Responders for their continued volunteer efforts.
- Asked everyone to come and support the FOSA at the fundraiser.
- Wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked the Council for adopting the Ferry Operator Award of Contract. Noted this a very favorable project for the City and thanked everyone who has put so many hours into making this project move forward.
- Thanked the Chief of Police, Mr. Womack and Council President Gross for working together to produce the Ordinance adopted this evening. This Ordinance provides for upcoming growth of the City.
- Congratulated the Chief on successful Accreditation for the Police Dept.
- Reported he had received a letter from Brian Dowling thanking the Police Department for their help during the November Fish Dinner which was a great success.
- Congratulated Library Dir. Elaine Gaber on a successful Business Fair.
- Thanked Mark Rasimowicz and Brian Noble for their work in getting the baseball field renovations underway.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Skarzynski wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Rasimowicz wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tom Cross, 5 Grace Dr., reported frustration with the delays due to road construction and requested more details and better management of delays in the future.

Brian Murphy, 260 Henry St., Thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition of the Cross Country Team and for all the Holiday events offered by the City. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and is looking forward to the FOSA event on Saturday.

Greg Babilak, 125 Henry St., wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday. Questioned the Clerk about the sound system and asked the Council how many PILOTS are currently in place and how many are planned for the future.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION AND GO TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-247**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances;

**WHEREAS**, the Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

Litigation

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when the matters are concluded or as soon thereafter as

it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-247 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble . **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved January 5, 2022

### **RECOGNITION – SOUTH AMBOY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of South Amboy would like to acknowledge the South Amboy Cross Country team for its 2021 achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the Cross Country team had an undefeated Dual Meet Season, were Blue Division Champions, took 13<sup>th</sup> place at GMC Championships and 6<sup>th</sup> place at NJSIAA Sectionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Jamolowicz, Captain, joined the team in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and has been a varsity runner since freshman year and has gone undefeated for the last two seasons in division races and has a PR time of 17:09 which makes him the third fastest runner in school history; and

**WHEREAS**, Rafael Albarran, Captain, joined the team in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and has been a varsity runner since freshman year and has a PR time of 17:38 making him the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest runner in school history; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Smith joined the team in his junior year and was the team's 5<sup>th</sup> runner this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Steven Evanski joined the team in his junior year and quickly became the team's number three runner: and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Evanski joined the team in his freshman year and placed 12<sup>th</sup> at the GMC freshman championship in a PR time of 19:53; and

**WHEREAS**, Gabriel Albarran joined the team his freshman year and has been a varsity runner ever since with a PR time of 21:07; and

**WHEREAS**, James Jamolowicz joined the team in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and made his varsity debut in his sophomore year and has a PR time of 24:15; and

**WHEREAS**, Guinevere Kennedy, Women's Captain, joined the team in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and has been a varsity runner since her freshman year and has been undefeated in division races for the last two seasons and placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the county at the GMC Championship meet. She qualified for the NJSIAA State Group 1 meet for the last three years and this season became only the second runner in school history, and first girl, to qualify for the Meet of Champions and has a PR time of 20:31 making her the fastest girl in school history.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, The Governing Body of the City of South Amboy, would like to recognize the above for all their numerous achievements and excellent representation of the City of South Amboy.