

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2, 2022**

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, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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**PRESENTATION:**

USRB Exec VP David Van Steyn and Sr. VP of Lending Gary McEldowney presented the check to representatives from the Parade Committee and Fire Works Committee.

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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 NO. 22-076 through NO. 22-081 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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NO. 22-076 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION – KESTER

NO. 22-077 RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING MODIFICATION ONE BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NO. 22-078 RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING MODIFICATION TWO BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NO. 22-079 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 SNOW AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 442 BORDENTOWN AVE. BLOCK 87, LOT 1, AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR SAID COSTS.

NO. 22-080 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:12-13(a) OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW

NO. 22-081 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-082  
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 16, 2022 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-082 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-083  
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 February 24, 2022, 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. 22-083 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03**

**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. Dato, that Ordinance #2022-03 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the April 6, 2022 meeting.

**SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Dato:

- Noted she was shocked and saddened by the incursion into Ukraine by Russia and asked everyone to keep the people of Ukraine in their thoughts and prayers.

Ms. Noble:

- Echoed Ms. Dato’s thoughts regarding Ukraine and asked everyone to keep the Ukrainians in their prayers.
- Thanked the parade committee for all the hard work they do.

- Noted the beach front looks fantastic and confirmed the new lights had all been installed.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the Community Bank for the grant money to support the parade and fireworks.
- Was happy to see the COVID numbers decreasing.
- Thanked the First Aid, Fire Department and OEM for their continued good works.
- Sent his thoughts and prayers to the Ukrainian people.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked Community Bank and the Committee volunteers.
- Thanked the food pantry and first responders for their continued good works.
- Received an update on the illegal pallet operation and First St. garage from Mr. Skarzynski.
- Invited everyone to go see the March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> performance of Mary Poppins Junior.
- Reminded everyone that during April he hoped to celebrate Government Week, perhaps part of it to include an essay contest for the highschoolers on the importance of participating in local government.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked Community Bank and the Parade and Firework Committee volunteers for their efforts.
- Thanked the First Aid and Fire Departments for their continued good works.
- Sent his thoughts and prayers to the Ukrainian people.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked Community Bank and the Committee volunteers
- Congratulated B&E and Jonathan Schwartz on the grand opening of Station Bay – it is a great edition to the City.
- Noted the City is close to finalizing the contract with the ferry firm.
- Sent his thoughts and prayers to the Ukrainian people and noted increased prices in US gas was a small price to pay compared to the price the citizens of Ukraine are paying.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reported the City was one signature from completing the bid to go out for the Ferry Construction engineer.
- Reported he would post the information for two groups, one in Somerset and one in Carteret, that are working to aid the Ukrainians.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Greg Babilak questioned the Council on the stages of development to come in the Station Bay project.

Robert Mickiewicz asked about the status of the Rosewell Ave. market and apartment project. Mr. Skarzynski noted there should be something happening in about three weeks. Mr. Skarzynski will send out someone to look at the fence that is knocked over. Mr. Mickiewicz received confirmation that remediation had begun but no soil testing had started as of yet.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION AND GO TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**6:37PM**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-084**  
**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:  
  
Contact Negotiation  
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:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-084 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved March 16, 2022