

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 1, 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 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, Kathryn Kudelka, Management Specialist, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Dan Balka, CFO and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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 NO. 22-127 through NO. 22-133 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

- NO. 22-127 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEWER REFUND PAYMENT – VURCHIO
- NO. 22-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB REFUND – MCCULLUM
- NO. 22-129 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY - COMAN
- NO. 22-130 LIQUOR LICENSE 2022-2023 RENEWAL PERIOD
- NO. 22-131 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY FIRST AID ORGANIZATION QUALIFYING FOR CREDIT UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR 2021
- NO. 22-132 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFICATION LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS QUALIFYING FOR CREDIT UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR 2021
- NO. 22-133 RESOLUTION AWARDING STATE CONTRACT #19-FOOD-01102 Dyed Diesel Fuel (T1845) and # 19-FLEET-00975 for Automotive Gasoline (T00083)
- NO. 22-134 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITING AND NON-AUDIT ADVISORY SERVICES - PKF

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-135
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 May 18, 2022 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-135 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Dato, Noble, Reilly, Gross **Abstain:** McLaughlin

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-136
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 May 26, 2022, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-136 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06

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- REMOVE RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP SPOTS, JOB-422 JOHN ST., LAMBERTSON-226 FIRST ST., CABANSKI-323 FOURTH ST., MOTYLEWSKI-135 HENRY ST., 325 JOHN ST., -ADD RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP SPOT, 313 HENRY ST. – JUGAN

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2022-06 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 15th, 2022 meeting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,247,600 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,460,706 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #2022-07 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 15th, 2022 meeting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$640,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$608,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #2022-08 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 15th, 2022 meeting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #2022-09 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 15th, 2022 meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the first responders and volunteers working for the food pantry and asked that a long overdue recognition be given to them at an upcoming meeting.
- Asked that everyone support the American Legion Buy a Brick fundraiser.
- Reported there will be a Flag Day celebration on June 14th.
- Reminded everyone the Food Truck Festival in on June 18th.
- Asked the public to support local businesses.
- Congratulated The Boys SABB team for being Gold Division Champs.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the City's volunteers.
- Reported the Ferry Groundbreaking event went well.
- Was happy to see the Veteran's Park project underway.
- Requested the residents to participate in the Buy a Brick fundraiser.
- Cautioned everyone to slow down and drive carefully as kids are playing outside in the warm weather.
- Received confirmation that the employees' contract had not yet been settled.
- Addressed the fictitious article that had been released and emphasized that his wife's business has donated thousands of dollars to COVID relief and the written defamation could hurt her business.
- Reminded everyone to vote on June 7th!

Ms. Noble – no comments

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated the second graders for completing the water safety class sponsored by the YMCA and Elementary School.
- Noted the Flag Ceremony at Fisherman's Pier on June 14th at 6pm.

- Reminded everyone that Election day was June 7th – Polls open at 6am and close at 8pm. Early voting starts on Friday – the closest location is the Sayreville Senior Center. You can also drop your Mail-In Ballot in the drop box or US Mail. There have been some changes in Wards and districts – check your sample ballot for your Ward and District.

Mr. Gross:

- Hats off to the success of the water safety program, let's increase participation next year!
- July 2nd are the fireworks, two local bands and food vendors.
- Chris Siebert is leaving St. Mary's to take a position at the Metuchen Diocese.
- Thanked the Mayor and all who attended the Ferry groundbreaking ceremony. Hats off to all who have put so much work into this project over many years – Mr. Skarzynski, Camille Tooker, Mark Rasimowicz, Mayor Henry and Mr. Womack.

Mayor Henry:

- Reminded everyone to get out and vote on June 7th. Noted the Memorial Day ceremony recognized those who had died to protect our right to vote.
- Thanked the Applegate family for donating the land that is becoming the Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Noted the Star Ledger had run an article about the Ferry groundbreaking event and reminded everyone that this project has been in the works for many years going back to Jack O'Leary. He thanked local and state representatives that had worked with the City to move the project forward. Thanked DPW for doing a great job prepping the area where the event was held. Mr. McLaughlin added that he had spoken to a rep from NYWaterway and they would be happy to hold a job fair for the upcoming project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Szaro, 370 Fifth St., reminded the Council that she had raised concerns with the parking situation in the City, especially on Broadway and wondered if any progress has been made. Mayor Henry noted this is a difficult issue due to a lack of parking availability, and lack of positive response by NJ Transit in working with the City. As the Ferry project took several years, so too will the parking issue.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved June 15, 2022