

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 17, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, Glenn Skarzysnki, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, 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: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 22-160 through NO. 22-168 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

- NO. 22-160 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GCADA DMHAS GRANT
- NO. 22-161 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISING DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT THE INTERSECTION OF STOCKTON STREET AND SECOND STREET.
- NO. 22-162 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT 2022-DT-BLS-302 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SOUTH AMBOY INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION/RADFORD FERRY PROJECT
- NO. 22-163 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPT VETERAN REFUND - MAURINA
- NO. 22-164 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLING DISABLED VETERAN TAX-SCHAEFFER, III
- NO. 22-165 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DCA FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND GEAR
- NO. 22-166 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ELEVEN (11) PANASONIC FZ-55 SEMI-RUGGED LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND HAVIS DOCKING/MOUNTING SUPPLIES
- NO. 22-167 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FORD F450 AMBULANCE
- NO. 22-168 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-169
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 July 13, 2022 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-169 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble Abstain: Reilly Absent: Gross

RESOLUTION NO. 22-170
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 11, 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. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-170 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-171
APPOINT CHRIS SMIGA TO GREEN TEAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chris Smiga is appointed to the City of South Amboy Sustainable Jersey Green Team for an unexpired one year term to expire December 31, 2022.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-171 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 22-10

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 – ADD 142 GEORGE ST.- FREEMAN, REMOVE 323 FOURTH ST.

OPEN PUBLIC – No Comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-10 is hereby adopted.

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

ORDINANCE 22-11

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A 50' WIDE GRADING AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPOSED MANHATTAN BEACH DEVELOPMENT AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES

OPEN PUBLIC – No Comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-11 is hereby adopted.

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

ORDINANCE 22-12

SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS

OPEN PUBLIC – No Comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-12 is hereby adopted.

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

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 22-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BEACH CLUB DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO INCORPORATE BLOCK 161.01, LOTS 25.05, 25.06, 25.07, 26.01 AND 26.03 THEREIN

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2022-13 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the September 7th, 2022 meeting.

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

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the food pantry and first responders for their continued good work.
- Received confirmation that it was legal for the Station Bay owners to offer two months free of rentals.
- Requested that next summer the City returns the Arts and Crafts program.
- Requested Mr. Skarzynski follow up with the Police Department regarding the traffic ordinance.
- Requested the Co-op and Government Club programs be reinstated.
- Requested the alleyway between Second St. and Main St. have a speed sign and confirmed that speed bumps are in the process of being purchased.
- Was concerned that the Historical Society had not been informed that a sign had been removed. He confirmed the sign was on City property and thought that notifying the Historical Society is a reasonable accommodation.
- Wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Received an update on the speed bump delivery from Mr. Skarzynski – there are still supply chain issues.
- Thanked the First Responders for their continued good work.
- Received an update on the Catherine St. and Fourth St. properties.
- Received a status update on the Ferry Terminal from BA Skarzynski – there is one last document to be signed off by the DOT and the project will immediately go out to bid once that document is signed off.

Ms. Dato:

- Was happy to report the reinstatement of the Barbershop Literacy Program which had been put on hold during COVID. She thanked the antique shop for donating the bookshelf and the Library Director for supplying the children's books.
- Reminded everyone that there is Music in the Park this evening from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Mr. Womack:

- Reported the August 8th Venetian Trial date had been rescheduled and a new date will be set by the court.

Mayor Henry:

- Reported the Lunch and Learn Program at the Senior Center continues to be a great success.
- September 18th is the Arts Festival on Broadway and the dedication of the new Allie Clark Sports Complex.
- Thanked Independent Fire Company for a successful Car Show event.
- Noted October 6th there will be a Band playing in the plaza sponsored by the South Amboy Business Association.
- Announced that Congressman Pallone will be in town on Tuesday for a press conference announcing grant recipients.
- Reported 80% of the Rosewell project has been completed and the Fasano property project will be starting Monday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Szaro, 370 Fifth St., welcomed Mr. Smiga to the Green Team, noting it was the goal of the Green Team to become Bronze Certified by the end of 2023. She noted the Historical Society will be having an open house on the last Saturday in October. She thanked Mr. Reilly, Ms. Dato and Mr. Gross for being responsive to the concerns about moving the plaque. She is looking forward to keeping up a great relationship between the City and the Historical Society.

Greg Babilak, 125 Henry St., questioned Mr. Skarzynski about the number of active PILOTS and the state of the Audio System. The new system will be installed at the end of September.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved September 7, 2022