

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Council President Gross

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, Glenn Skarzysnki, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, CFO Balka 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. 22-172 through NO. 22-175 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

- NO. 22-172 REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT- ROBINSON
- NO. 22-173 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND – TSUJ CORP.
- NO. 22-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – PPH MORTGAGE
- NO. 22-175 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENTS WITH SHERMAN CAPITAL MARKETS LLC IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH AMBOY INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION/RADFORD FERRY PROJECT

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-176

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 August 17, 2022 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-176 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Reilly Abstain: Gross

RESOLUTION NO. 22-177
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 September 1, 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. 22-177 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

ADOPTION/SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 2022-13

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

OPEN PUBLIC – no comments
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-13 is hereby adopted.

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

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2022-14

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 520 HENRY ST. – RAVAIOLI , REMOVE 515 MAIN ST. AND 353 DAVID ST.

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, that Ordinance #2022-14 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 5th, 2022 meeting.

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

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the First Responders and Food Pantry volunteers for their continued good work.
- Asked that the City look into converting to an electronic permitting process.
- Received confirmation that the City had not yet received the first quarter PILOT results and requested the BA forward him the information as soon as it is received.
- Received updates on the Pidgeon Palace and Rosewell St. properties.
- Reminded everyone to support local businesses.
- Asked the Council and residents to support the American Legion and buy a brick for the Buy-A-Brick fundraiser.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Confirmed that a resident's garbage can issue had been handled.
- Confirmed that Ward St. is being completely repaved.
- Reminded everyone that school is open – drive carefully!
- Thanked all the volunteers.

Ms. Noble:

- Wished the Student, teachers and parents good luck in the upcoming school year.

Ms. Dato:

- Reported she had visited the Food Pantry during a delivery and was very impressed with the process and volunteers.
- Noted the Allie Clark Fields rededication was 9/18/22.
- Noted there will be an Arts Festival on 9/18/22 with live music and vendors, etc.
- Noted that Superintendent Dr. Williams would be across the street at the arts gallery this evening doing a meet and greet.

Mr. Gross:

- Is happy to see the City engaging in such an aggressive paving program.
- Noted the Irish Festival is October 1, 2022.
- Noted the regular and insulated grocery bags being given away were provided by a Clean Communities Grant.

Mayor Henry:

- Gave credit to Congressman Pallone for his efforts in obtaining a 4.9 million dollar grant for fixing infrastructure. There will be work done on lower Main Street and a new pump station.
- Reiterated the dates for the Allie Clark Field dedication, the Arts festival and asked people to attend the September 11th memorial ceremony.
- Reported the Small Business Association was having a breakfast hosted by the library on October 21, 2022.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reported the audit had been completed and the City Auditor would be present at an upcoming meeting to present the results. Was proud to report no exceptions had been found!

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Szaro, 370 Fifth St., questioned the vagueness of Resolution 22-175 and was informed the specific easements will be brought before the Council in the form of an Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks

Municipal Clerk

Approved September 21, 2022