

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 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 7:00 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, City Engineer, Rasimowicz and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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**PRESENTATION:**

Louisa Faulk and Dan Harris from Assemblyman Coughlin’s office presented the check representing funds earned from the Bowl for Hunger event to Mary Porcello of the First Presbyterian Church Food Bank.

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**DISCUSSION:**

- 1. 2023 St. Patty’s Day Parade – sponsored by the City** – The Council agreed to once again sponsor the Parade.
- 2. Free Rabies Clinic October 15<sup>th</sup> – 9am to 12pm**

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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. 22-178 through NO. 22-180 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

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NO. 22-178                    CHAPTER 159- DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT

NO. 22-179                    CHAPTER 159- MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

NO. 22-180                    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FEDERAL AID GRANT AGREEMENT 2022-DT-BLA-302, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. DEMO-DOOS-0021(579), WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SOUTH AMBOY INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION/RADFORD FERRY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$7,228,992.96

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-181**  
**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 September 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-181 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-182**  
**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 15, 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. 22-182 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCE**

**ADOPTION/SECOND 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.

**OPEN PUBLIC – No comment**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-14 is hereby adopted.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked Assemblyman Coughlin’s representatives for the donation to the food bank and thanked Mary Porcello for her continued good work. He also thanked Mark Herdman, Larry Parson, Rusty Kusik and all the other dedicated volunteers.
- Received confirmation that the CO-OP program and Government week program are in progress.
- Congratulated the Fire Department on their successful Wildwood event – 5 trophies!
- Reminded everyone to help support the veterans and the Build-a-Brick fundraiser.

- Confirmed that the new speed limit signs for the alley are progressing and the Speed Bumps are still on back order.
- Requested the Council look into establishing a list of seniors contact information so they can be easily identified in case of an emergency.
- Wondered if we could use high school students who need community hours to help shovel in the wintertime.
- Asked that we all keep supporting local businesses.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Congratulated the Firemen on their success at Wildwood.
- Thanked everyone involved in the rededication of Allie Clark Sports Complex.
- Thanked the First Aid and volunteers for their continued good work.

Ms. Noble:

- Reported that she had attended the Allie Clark rededication and it was a great success – all the hard work put in by all involved is much appreciated.

Ms. Dato:

- Thanked the Traffic Officer and Clerk Brooks for keeping the handicap spaces up to date. Parking is an issue for the City and every spot helps.
- Agreed with Ms. Noble's comments regarding the success of the Allie Field Sport Complex rededication. She thanked the SAYAA, Brian Noble, Mr. Skarzkynski, Jacklyn Kelly and County for the effort they put in to make this happen. It's our own "Field of Dreams"
- Congratulated Joan Conway on a successful Arts Festival event.
- Noted the October 1<sup>st</sup> Irish Fest was approaching quickly.
- Congratulated the Fireman for their success at Wildwood.
- Congratulated the Food Bank volunteers for their continued good work.

Mr. Gross:

- Stated he was proud of the great results the Firemen had in Wildwood.
- Thanked Mary Porcello and Assemblyman Coughlin's office for their donation.
- Thanked all involved in making the Allie Filed rededication such a big success.

Mayor Henry:

- Noted he was proud of the great representation of South Amboy at the Wildwood event.
- Thanked all involved in the Allie Clark Field project. The rededication was a great event.
- Noted the Arts Fest had been very successful – good job by all involved.
- Reminded everyone about the senior center's "lunch 7 Learn" program. They are informative and have been well attended.
- Thanked Assemblyman Coughlin's office for the food pantry donation.
- Reassured the public that there is no overcrowding in the school system from the Station Bay occupants- in fact at this point there isn't one student enrolled from that development.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reported the Lower Main Warehouse project will start construction today.
- Reported the Mayor and he had met with a representative of the National Fish & Wildlife Commission and South Amboy has made the final list for a sizeable grant.

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Reported various road improvements will be starting in the next two weeks and reminded everyone to drive carefully around the work sites.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Greg Babilak, 125 Henry St., asked about the rentals at Station Bay, whether the City had received its first PILOT numbers yet (no), and whether they had started building the second building yet (no). He confirmed there was no problem with student numbers coming from Station Bay.

Anthony Conrad, 83 S. Shore Dr., BOE member, congratulated the firemen on their success at Wildwood, Thanked Mary Porcello for her continued good work with the food pantry, congratulated all involved on the new Allie Clark Fields and confirmed what the Mayor had said previously and that capacity is fine in the South Amboy school system.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-183**  
**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously Resolution 22-183 was adopted and the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved October 5, 2022