

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 19, 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, 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. 22-189 through NO. 22-191 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

NO. 22-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND – 611 BORDENTOWN AVE LLC

NO. 22-190 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVING DEMOLITION PERMIT FEE FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST #62

NO. 22-191 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A TOW TRUCK TO THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-192
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 October 5, 2022 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-192 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Reilly, Gross Abstain: Noble

RESOLUTION NO. 22-193
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 October 13, 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. 22-193 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 22-15

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 –REMOVE 124 GEORGE ST. AND 138 DAVID ST.

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2022-15 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the November 21st, 2022 meeting.

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

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the First Responders and Food Bank volunteers and would like to see the Council move forward on the proclamation of thanks for the volunteers.
- Thanked everyone who has participated in the "Buy-A-Brick" fundraiser.
- Thanked the Council for approving the Resolution cancelling permit fees for the AOH and noted he thought that no veteran should have to pay any building or permit fees.
- Confirmed that there were no PILOT numbers from Station Bay and that Mr. Higgins and Mr. Balka are working on the audit.
- Received updates on the Pidgeon Palace, Rosewell Market property and the illegal pallet business.
- Reminded everyone that FOSA event is on December 17th with games at noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8pm as well as a 50-50 raffle.
- Received confirmation that there has been no movement on the Traffic Ordinance updates from Traffic Officer Clark.
- Reminded everyone that October is National Fire Prevention Month and there will be a program on the 22nd. John Dragotta, First Asst. Chief noted there will be a live burn demonstration and apparatus in the John St. Board of Education parking lot.
- Wished all a Happy Halloween and reminded everyone to drive safely and watch out for the kids.
- Requested that Mr. Skarzynski post some information on the website regarding state assisted energy programs.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Confirmed with Mr. Skarzkyński that violations had been issued at the Hillcrest property.

Ms. Dato:

- Thanked everyone involved in the Irish Festival – it was a great success!

- Reported there will be a Community Food Drive at the Senior Center between November 25th and December 14th. Any non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Senior Center between 8am and 4pm.
- Reminded everyone that Election Day is November 8th, Early Voting will start October 29th. The closest location is the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. Also the drop boxes are a convenient way to return your ballot.

Ms. Noble:

- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween.
- Thanked Jill and Janet Rzepka for the tow truck donation.
- Thanked all that helped with the Irish Festival.
- Thanked the volunteers that continue to do great work.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked the Firemen for their continued work and reminded everyone to come out on the 22nd to participate in the live burn exercise.
- Reported the "Lunch & Learn" program had yet another successful turnout.
- Announced that the New York Times has written a nice PR piece in the Real Estate Section.
- Reported dredging on the Ferry Project should begin shortly.
- There will be a beach clean up this Saturday.
- Friday at 8am is the Biz Breakfast.
- Trunk & Treat will be held on the 29th, with a parade through the parking lot.
- The Historical Society is having a Halloween Fest from 1pm to 4pm and the Arts Alliance will pick the winners of the contest between 5pm and 8pm.
- Reported the Vascular Screening event held this week was well attended.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reiterated that dredging on the Ferry Project is eminent and next week the Floating Dock RFB notice will go out.

PUBLIC – No comment

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved November 2, 2022