

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 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, and Council President Gross

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, Glenn Skarzysnki, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Dan Balka, CFO, and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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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. 22-194 through NO. 22-196 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Noble, Gross

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NO. 22-194 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

NO. 22-195 RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – FELTUS ST. PHASE 2 – ROADWAY & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

NO. 22-196 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58

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**DISCUSSION:**

- 1. Authorize the supporting Resolution for the County "Vision Zero" Action Plan to Eliminate Traffic Related Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes – On Motion of Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Council passed Resolution 22-199.

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VISION ZERO**

**WHEREAS**, traffic fatalities and serious injuries have been climbing since 2020 and,

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all and,

**WHEREAS**, the Middlesex County Board of Commissioners has pledged to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries on roadways in the County by 2040 and will work in partnership with municipalities, agencies, and other stakeholders to achieve that goal and,

**WHEREAS**, Assemblymen Robert Karabinchak and Daniel Benson and Senator Patrick Diegnan sponsored bills which created a commission to study the effectiveness of Vision Zero and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Amboy supports policies and programs which reduce traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that South Amboy supports the goals of Vision Zero and supports the plan of the Middlesex County Commissioners to eliminate motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries by 2040.

2. Best Practices – Mr. Skarzynski reviewed the results of the Best Practices questionnaire.  
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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-197**  
**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 19, 2022 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-197 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-198**  
**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 27, 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. 22-198 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCE**

**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE 22-16**

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE IX OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED ABANDONED AND VACANT PROPERTIES, SECTIONS 115-67 THROUGH 115-76

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2022-16 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.

**ORDINANCE 22-17**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MERCANTILE LICENSE TIMING

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #2022-17 be introduced as amended, on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the November 21st, 2022 meeting.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked everyone who had attended tonight's meeting.
- Thanked the Emergency Services workers for their continued good work on Halloween keeping the community safe.
- Inquired if there would be consequences for the new Chief's Truck being used for political announcements. The Business Administrator would follow up after the meeting as the question fell under personnel and cannot be discussed in public.

Ms. Noble:

- Wished everyone a Happy Veteran's day.

Ms. Dato:

- Invited all to join the Veterans Memorial Plaza dedication at 11am on Veteran's Day and thanked all who had participated in the Buy-A-Brick fundraiser.
- Reminded everyone the election is November 8<sup>th</sup>, polls are open from 6am to 8pm. The completed Mail-In Ballots can be dropped in the drop box located across the street from City Hall and there is early voting until next Sunday – the closest location for South Amboy residents is the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville.
- Reported that the third and final payment for the students Chromebook had been made.

Mr. Gross:

- Expressed his condolences to Ms. Dato on the loss of her mother.
- Thanked the PD and FD personnel that had made Halloween safe and fun!
- Thanked the volunteers at the Food Pantry.
- Everyday should be Veteran's Day – lets honor our Veterans!

Mayor Henry:

- Noted that it was good to see the PILOT programs working well and allowing the City to meet the needs of the school by completing the final payment of the Chromebook project.
- Urged everyone to attend the Veteran Park Plaza dedication on Veteran's Day.
- Reported another successful Lunch and Learn series done by a storyteller.
- Thanked the PD and FD for their help with the Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat event and for keeping everyone safe!
- Happily reported that the Federal Highway Authority had finally approved the specs for the new Ferry Terminal and the City would shortly be going out to bid – a feel good moment for all involved!

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Noted that the fruits of labor of the City working to build its downtown are beginning to pay off – it looks like there will be a new bakery coming in and possible a steakhouse. As per the local business owners, foot traffic has increased and business is picking up.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Anthony Conrad, 83 Shore Gate Drive, as a Board of Education member thanked the Council for the successful completion of the Chromebook project and was looking forward to working on future projects together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved November 21, 2022