

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 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 Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Dan Balka CFO 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. 22-201 through NO. 22-208 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

- NO. 22-201 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY –MROZ
- NO. 22-202 OVERPAYMENT TAX REFUND -RC REPSHA
- NO. 22-203 CANCELLATION OF ANY PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY OF LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS
- NO. 22-204 TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – NICOLETTE
- NO. 22-205 TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – CORELOGIC
- NO.22-206 TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – GUILLAUME
- NO. 22-207 TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – ZDANEWICZ
- NO. 22-208 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-209
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 November 2, 2022 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-209 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-210
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 November 18, 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. 22-210 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

ADOPTION/SECOND 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., 138 DAVID ST. AND 380 DIVISION ST.

OPEN PUBLIC – No comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-15 is hereby adopted.

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC – No comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-16 is hereby adopted.

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

ORDINANCE 22-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 88-11 OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

OPEN PUBLIC – No comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Noble, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-17 is hereby adopted.

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

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 22-18

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 255 HENRY ST., AND 411 DAVID ST.

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2022-18 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 14th, 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 dedication.
- Announced the Friends of South Amboy basketball fundraiser will take place on December 17th.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Noted that the City was in need of new volunteers.
- Reminded residents to support local businesses.
- Confirmed that revenue from sewer fees is designated for the utility.
- Received confirmation that the Venetian court case is scheduled for mid December.
- Confirmed no change in the Pidgeon Palace property.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!
- Thanked the volunteers.
- Received confirmation that the bids received for the floating dock project will be rejected as the lowest bid was three times the budgeted amount for the project.

Ms. Dato:

- Please donate to the food drive. Donations can be dropped at the Senior Center.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms Noble:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked the First Responders for their continued great work.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Henry:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Thanked the Food Pantry volunteers noting they had provided 267 turkey dinners. Thanks for the donation by the Lukas family and SA Kitchens.
- Sent Condolences to the Senape family.
- Thanked the volunteers for their help today in evacuating the residents of Hillcrest to the Senior Center during an emergency evacuation.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Reported that he and Mr. Balka have begun work on the 2023 Budget.
- Noted that the Ferry Terminal construction should begin in mid December.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Szaro, 370 Fifth St., gave a lengthy, in-depth review of the Green Teams current and future projects. Noted the Historic Preservation Committee will be moving forward with an updated Ordinance.

Chris Smiga, 144 Second St., clarified the Middlesex County Residential Water Testing project, and encouraged the Council to establish an Environmental Commission.

Norman Gayle and Carol Kennedy, 15 Spinnaker Drive, thanked the Council for looking into the increased sewer rate and wanted to ensure all residents were treated equitably in the billing process.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved December 14, 2022