

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 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 Skarzynski, Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Mark Rasimowicz PPE, and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

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**ANNUAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

TOM SIKORSKI updated the Council regarding the County's programs, staffing shortage and upcoming programs.

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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:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 22-211 through NO. 22-218 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Noble. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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- NO. 22-211 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
- NO. 22-212 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR DMHAS GRANT FUNDING- GRANT TERM 9/1/23 – 9/30/25
- NO. 22-213 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE OF ONE GENERAC LIGHT TOWER THROUGH SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
- NO. 22-214 REFUND INSPECTION FEE – 307 GEORGE ST.
- NO. 22-215 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58
- NO. 22-216 A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FERRY TERMINAL FLOATING DOCK SYSTEM
- NO. 22-217 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUILDING APPLICATION FEE REFUND – 142 AUGUSTA ST.

NO. 22-218 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A  
FRANKLIN MILLER TASKMASTER SUB GRINDER  
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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-219**  
**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 14th Special Meeting and November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Noble of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 22-219 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-220**  
**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 December 8, 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. 22-220 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCE**

**ADOPTION/SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE 2022-18**

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.

**OPEN PUBLIC – No Comment**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2022-18 is hereby adopted.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Noble:

- Thanked the Mayor and Council for working together during her time – more fun than not – even if we disagreed.

- Thanked Mr. Womack, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Rasimowicz and Mr. Skarzynski for their efforts.
- Thanked the previous Clerk's and Administrators she had worked with including Ms. Tooker, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Vigilante and Ms. Kemble as well as the DPW, PD, City Hall employees and the unbelievable efforts of our volunteers.
- Wished Mr. Conrad good luck and thanked her family, friends and the residents for the support she has received over the years.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the food pantry and first responder volunteers for their continued great work.
- Reminded everyone that the Friends of South Amboy basketball event is this Saturday, first game at noon – come out and support a great cause!
- Confirmed from Mr. Skarzynski that no PILOT numbers have been issued by Station Bay and the City has not received any PILOT payments yet.
- Thanked the outgoing Fire Chief Dave Szatkowski for his great work.
- Confirmed no changes in the Venetian litigation or the status of the Pidgeon Palace property – he would like to make this a priority as it has been a public safety danger for a number of years.
- Thanked Ms. Noble for serving the community so well over the years as a softball and basketball coach, Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Parade, and Council member. Noted she is following in her father's footsteps and hopes she will stay active in the community. You have served with integrity and diligence and have inspired the residents of the City.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Thanked Ms. Noble for running with him and wished her luck, you have served with loyalty, integrity and character.
- Congratulated Dave Szatkowski on a job well done as Fire Chief.
- Requested the Business Administrator looks over the new Floating Dock bid and includes union labor as a bid requirement.
- Asked President Gross whether the project labor bid agreement has a height restriction.
- Requested the ice build up by the Hole-in-the-Wall be addressed.
- Wished Mr. Skarzynski good luck.

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated Jasmine Antonucci on placing as runner-up in the Altice Essay contest for Spanish Heritage Month. The contest was held over 21 states – well done!
- Bid Mr. Skarzynski farewell and thanked him for his outstanding efforts in steering the City through several large projects over the last four years. He is an asset to the City.
- Wished Ms. Noble good luck noting it was an honor working with her as another female Councilmember. Noted that Ms. Noble always kept the residents' best interests at heart. Ms. Dato is hoping she will be back.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked Mr. Szatkowski for his good work as Fire Chief.
- Wished Mr. Skarzynski the best and noted he had made a big difference to the City in spearheading numerous projects – he gave 100%, 24-7.

- Wished Ms. Noble good luck noting we all love you and think highly of you. He added she has been the voice of reason and he knows she will stay involved and they are going to miss her.

Mayor Henry:

- Noted there is a lot to be thankful for as the year winds down including the continued efforts of the food pantry, our volunteer first responders, Fire Department, and Police Department. South Amboy has excellent volunteers.
- Thanked the City Engineer, Department of Public Works, City Hall employees, and Senior Center workers for their continued good work.
- Thanked Cong. Pallone, Speaker Coughlin and Assemblywoman Lopez for their assistance in obtaining grant money for various projects to restore the coastline and improve flood issues. Those projects would not have occurred without the grant money.
- Reported the tree lighting had been well attended and thanked the volunteers for their assistance.
- Thanked Jackie from Jacquelyn's Florist for the wreath donation.
- Thanked Mr. Skarzynski for all he had accomplished and wished him luck in his upcoming endeavors. Added that an ad for his replacement has been posted but he will not be easy to replace.
- Wished Ms. Noble good luck, noting he has known her for a long time and he will always treasure her calmness – thank you for everything!
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. Rasimowicz:

- Wished Mr. Skarzkynski and Ms. Noble well and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Womack:

- Noted it is an honor to work for the City and has always been impressed by the spirit of it's community.

Mr. Skarzynski:

- Praised the people who sit at the council and sacrifice their time in order to serve the City. In his opinion the City is collectively moving in the right direction.
- Noted the family name of Noble is synonymous with service and Ms. Noble is a credit to her family.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chris Smiga, 144 Second St., congratulated the Council on the 2.8 million dollar grant that had just been awarded for waterfront improvements. He appreciated the dedication of Cong. Pallone and the Mayor and Council. He spoke of how the establishment of an environmental commission would help the City and requested the Council approve it's formation.

Greg Babilak, 125 Henry St., requested whoever was in charge of the baseball field lights would turn them off earlier. Inquired as to whether or not the City had received any funds from Station Bay and received confirmation that the March Development Project was tentatively scheduled to begin in March.

Larry Parson, 46 Pupek Rd., wished Ms. Noble and Mr. Skarzynski good luck in their new endeavors and requested the City do the repairs by the Hole-in-the-Wall.

Mr. Szatkowski, 48 Barkalow St., thanked the Mayor, Council and Ms. Brooks for a good year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved January 4, 2023