

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2023

The Meeting was called to order by City Clerk, Deborah Brooks at 6:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President paused the meeting to wait for the arrival of Assemblyman Coughlin and the meeting restarted at 6:20pm.

Assemblyman Coughlin swore in Councilman Anthony Conrad, Councilman Michael "Mickey" Gross and Mayor Fred Henry in the presence of friends and family.

Mayor Henry wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the local legislature that were present including Assemblyman Coughlin, Assemblywoman Lopez, Congressman Pallone and Senator Vitale. He congratulated Mr. Conrad and Mr. Gross on being elected as Council Members. He also noted that the City is undergoing a change in Business Administrator and thanked Kathy Kudelka for stepping in while the interview process took place. He congratulated Mr. Dragotta as the new Fire Chief. He thanked the first responders, first aid, Police Department and Fire Department volunteers for their continued great work and his family and friends for attending his swearing in.

PRESENT: Councilman Conrad, Councilwoman Dato, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilman Reilly and Councilman Gross

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, Kathy Kudelka, Interim Business Administrator, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Dan Balka, CFO, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

The City Clerk entertained a motion for temporary Council President. On motion by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and with no further nominations, Ms. Dato was appointed Temporary Council President and the gavel was given to her. Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly Gross, Nays: McLaughlin

Ms. Dato entertained a motion for Council President. On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. Gross with no further nomination, Mr. Gross was appointed Council President. Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly Gross, Nays: McLaughlin

Clerk Brooks read the Notice of Publication Certification.

Council President Gross entertained a motion for Council Vice President. On motion by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato was appointed Vice President. Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly Gross, Nays: McLaughlin

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 #23-001 through #23-051 and Resolution NO. 23-154, as amended, are hereby approved retroactive to January 1, 2023. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly, Gross Nays: McLaughlin

- Resolution 23-001 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Budget Appropriations for the 2023 Calendar Year
- Resolution 23-002 Resolution Adopting 2023 Cash Management Plan
- Resolution 23-003 Resolution establishing 2023 Meeting Dates
- Resolution 23-004 Resolution Adopting 2023 Holiday Schedule
- Resolution 23-005 Designating Official Newspapers
- Resolution 23-006 Designating Official Depositories
- Resolution 23-007 Resolution Filing Signature with Secretary of State
- Resolution 23-008 Appointment to Emergency Management Council
- Resolution 23-009 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- Resolution 23-010 Appointment of Crossing Guards
- Resolution 23-011 Appointment Deputy Records Custodians
- Resolution 23-012 Approval of Towing City Tow Service Operators
- Resolution 23-013 Change Fund – Tax Collector
- Resolution 23-014 Change Fund – City Clerk
- Resolution 23-015 Petty Cash Fund – Administration
- Resolution 23-016 Change Fund – Municipal Court Administrator
- Resolution 23-017 Approving municipal Public Defender
- Resolution 23-018 Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes
- Resolution 23-019 Appointing JIF Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner
- Resolution 23-020 Appointing Mark Rasimowicz as City Engineer
- Resolution 23-021 Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Sewer Use Fees
- Resolution 23-022 Authorizing Prepayment of Middlesex County Taxes
- Resolution 23-023 Appointing CFO – Dan Balka
- Resolution 23-024 Appointing Deputy Registrar – K. Garcia
- Resolution 23-025 Resolution Authorizing Tax Assessor to act as agent for the City of South Amboy for the purpose of filing and settling tax appeals on behalf of the taxing district for the tax year 2023
- Resolution 23-026 Approving municipal Prosecutor
- Resolution 23-027 Authorizing Disbursement of Hospitalization and state Health Benefits
- Resolution 23-028 Authorizing 2023 Pay Schedule and Pension Benefits
- Resolution 23-029 Authorizing the CFO to Wire Transfer Funds
- Resolution 23-030 Payroll Agreement with Sadie-Pope-Dowdell Library
- Resolution 23-031 Payroll Agreement with SARA
- Resolution 23-032 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Labor Counsel
- Resolution 23-033 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Appraisal, Consulting and Expert Witness Services
- Resolution 23-034 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for IT Services – Vertilocity
- Resolution 23-035 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Planning Board Planner/Engineer
- Resolution 23-036 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Consulting Engineer Services
- Resolution 23-037 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Special Services Engineer
- Resolution 23-038 Authorizing the Award for Architectural Services
- Resolution 23-039 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Special Tax Counsel
- Resolution 23-040 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Planning Board Attorney
- Resolution 23-041 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Risk Management Consultant/Liability Insurance Broker of Record
- Resolution 23-042 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Auditor
- Resolution 23-043 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Bond Counsel
- Resolution 23-044 Authorizing the Award of Contract for General Counsel
- Resolution 23-045 Authorizing the Award of Contract for Grant Writer
- Resolution 23-046 Appointing Sustainable Green Team members
- Resolution 23-047 Library Board Appointments

Resolution 23-048 Appointing Planning Board members
Resolution 23-049 SARA Appointments
Resolution 23-050 Interim Business Administrator Appointment - Kudelka
Resolution 23-051 Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with Woodbridge for Opioid Overdose Recovery Program
Resolution 23-054 Appointment of Judge Weber

END REORGANIZATION MEETING/BEGIN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-052
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 December 14, 2022 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-052 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dato, McLaughlin, Reilly, Gross Abstain: Conrad**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-053
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 28, 2022, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bill list be appended to the official minutes.

MOVED by: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-253 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2023-01

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 #2023-01 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the February 4, 2023 meeting.

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

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Congratulated Mayor Henry, Mr. Gross and Mr. Conrad on their election and wished them good luck.
- Thanked the First Responders and Food Pantry volunteers for all their continued good work.
- Sent condolences to the George Baetz family and Frank Grimley family.
- Asked the residents of the City to support local business and consider volunteering.
- Noted the Friends of South Amboy basketball event was a huge success and thanked all those that helped with the event.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Thanked the First Responders for their continued good work.
- Congratulated Kathy Kudelka on being appointed Interim BA.
- Received confirmation that there have been no PILOT numbers reported yet.
- Received confirmation that the Floating Dock rejected Bid has not yet been rebid.

Mr. Conrad:

- Congratulated Mr. Gross and Mayor Henry on their re-election.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Thanked all his friends, family, local legislature, past colleagues and supporters for attending his swearing in.
- Noted it is his honor to serve on the Council and recognizes the trust the public is showing him.

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated Mayor Henry, Mr. Gross and Mr. Conrad on their election victory.
- Noted the success of many of the past year's projects was due to the help of the local legislature – Assemblyman Coughlin, Congressman Pallone, Senator Vitale, and Assemblywoman Lopez.
- Thanked the City employees for their continued good work.
- Noted she is grateful to the volunteers whose work is so important.
- Wished everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked all the City's volunteer noting they are what make South Amboy the Greatest Little City!
- Thanked Mary Porcello for her never-ending work with the food pantry.
- Thanked Assemblyman Coughlin for attending the Reorganization meeting and always being there for the City....in all the ways that count, you are a homegrown boy!

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked the Friends of South Amboy for doing an incredible job, giving a shout out to Mr. Reilly, and Dave Kales. A lot of money has been raised to help those in need.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved January 18, 2023