

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 1, 2023**

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: Councilman Conrad, Councilwoman Dato, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilman Reilly and Council President Gross

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, Dave Kales, BA, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Mark Rasimowicz, PPE, 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. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 23-070 through NO. 23-074 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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NO. 23-070 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1, FINAL PAYMENT #2, PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC.

NO. 23-071 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59

NO. 23-072 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-250 FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

NO. 23-073 RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT #9, PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR ALLIE CLARK FIELDS – LAND TEK

NO. 23-074 RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE FELTUS AND SIXTH STREET PROJECT – Z BROS

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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-075**  
**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 February 15, 2023 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-075 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly Abstain: McLaughlin, Gross

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-076**  
**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 February 23, 2023, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

**MOVED by:** Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-076 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCE**

**ADOPTION/SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE 2023-02**

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**OPEN PUBLIC -** No comment.  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. McLaughlin, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2023-02 is hereby adopted.

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

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**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the first responder and food pantry volunteers.
- Requested an update from Code Enforcement on the Rosewell Street properties. Mayor Henry stated he thought the house had been sold.
- Confirmed the Government Week information had been posted on Facebook.
- Requested a Business Breakfast meeting for June – received confirmation from Mr. Gross that someone from the County would be available to speak.
- Received an update from Mr. Womack on the Venetian litigation (Mr. Womack will address in the next Executive Session) and confirmed no update on the Pidgeon Palace property.
- Confirmed with Mr. Womack that the Ordinance for animal safety will be on the next agenda.
- Please support the AOH by attending the Friday night fish fry event.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked everyone who attended the meeting as well as the volunteers.

- Wished Mr. Kales good luck in his new role of Business Administrator.
- Confirmed with Mr. Kales that he would receive a copy of the speed bump traffic study.
- Received an update on the status of the PILOT Audit presentation. Mr. Balka stated Mr. Higgins would be sending the report to the Council around the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and would present to the Council at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Conrad:

- Noted it was Women's History month and honored the three most important women in his life, his grandmother, mother and wife.

Ms. Dato:

- Reported she had attended the latest Lunch & Learn which was focused on hands free CPR and AED use. The program was very well done and she is hoping to get AED units in all the senior buildings.
- Thanked all those involved in the Parade event – it takes a great deal of planning and hard work.

Mr. Gross:

- Noted he is still recovering from his knee replacement surgery and thanked his wife Sue for all her help in his recovery.

Mayor Henry:

- Complimented Ms. Kudelka and Mr. Kales for the progress they are making in streamlining City services and setting up a chain of command.

Mr. Kales:

- Reported that he has met with all department heads and the professionals and appreciates their welcome.
- Noted he had sat in on a Parade Committee meeting and is very impressed with how well run this event is.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Greg Babilak questioned the Council on when the PILOT Audit will be complete and how often the PILOTS have been audited in the past.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Conrad and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved 3-15-2023