

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 19, 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 7:00 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 Councilman 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

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

Presentation of Civic Duty Essay Contest winners, Sara Bashir, Joshua Marte, Giovanni Pepe, Sawvera Khan, Gabriel Albarran and Sienna Lee

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION:

1. Francis " Butch" Mulvaney

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. 23-090 through NO. 23-092 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

NO. 23-090 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO 1220-33-042-005

NO. 23-091 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO GK LANDSCAPING INC. FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

NO. 23-092 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE IRISH FESTIVAL DONATION TRUST FUND N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-093
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 April 5, 2023 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-093 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-094
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 April 13, 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. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-094 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- Noted that Jamie Norek was to have been acknowledged with a Proclamation along with Mr. Mulvaney – unfortunately he was unable to attend, he will be honored at an upcoming meeting.
- Sent condolences to the Beshada, Baranowski and Chrzaszcz families.
- Stated he hoped to have the Outdoor Dining Ordinance ready for introduction at the next meeting.
- Noted he would like to see some sort of summer Arts & Crafts program instituted.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the volunteers for their continued great work.
- Congratulated Mr. Reilly on doing such a great job for Government Week.
- Stated he was in agreement with Mr. Reilly about having a summer Arts & Crafts program.
- Congratulated Butch Mulvaney on his recognition.

Mr. Conrad:

- Thanked the first responders for their continued good work.

Ms. Dato:

- Thanked Mr. Reilly, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Kudelka, the Fire Department, first responders and OEM for all their efforts in putting together a successful Government Week program.
- Reminded everyone that the hands-free CPR course will be at the Middle-High School on April 27 at 6pm.
- Noted the Library is hosting a "Sports Safety Tips" program on May 11th at 6:30pm.
- Reported the success of the Lunch & Learn program on Medicare Fraud.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked Mr. Reilly for a successful Government Week program.
- Noted the budget has been posted on the website and the public hearing will be on May 3rd at 6pm.
- Noted the animal ordinance requirements previously discussed were mostly already in the state requirements. Mr. Womack will be adding language on increased enforcement.
- The Council voted to once again sponsor the Irish Festival.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked Mr. Reilly for his work in putting together a successful Government Week program and noted he was happy with the large response to the Essay Contest and hoped some of the students would one day get involved in local government.
- Thanked everyone who came out for the beach clean-up day.
- Reported a successful Little League Opening Day event.
- Congratulated Mr. Mulvaney and noted he is a credit to the community.
- Sent condolences to the Beshada, Baranowski and Chrzaszcz families.
- Agreed with Ms. Dato on the success of the latest Lunch & Learn.
- Congratulated the quick response by our Fire Department Volunteers to the Ridgeway Avenue fire.

Mr. Kales:

- Thanked everyone involved that had made the Government Week such a great success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Murphy, 260 Henry St., thanked the Council for recognizing Butch Mulvaney for his lifetime dedication to the City of South Amboy. Thanked everyone involved in the Government Week program.

Brandon Russell, 327 Fourth St., noted a successful beach clean-up day with the Clean Ocean Action group. Asked if a hybrid call-in/live meeting could be considered. Reported the easement wall for the community garden at the YMCA had been completed and confirmed that the bill from Gary Higgins covered the PILOT Audit and some additional work completed by Mr. Higgins. Finally, he noted he would support a summer arts program.

Greg Babilak, 125 Henry St., commended Mr. Reilly on a job well done for Government Week. He wondered why it took so long for the City to do the PILOT Audits and requested the potential cost of the summer arts program.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-095 **AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of South Amboy, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

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2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matters will be made public when the matters are concluded or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-095 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. The public portion of the meeting was closed and the Council went into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved May 3, 2023