

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 17, 2023

The Meeting held at South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey, was called to order by Council Vice President Dato at 5:30 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred Henry, David Kales, BA, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Mark Rasimowicz, PPE, Dan Balka, CFO and Francis Womack, City Attorney.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 23-107 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor. Mr. Gross Absent.

RESOLUTION 23-107
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:
 - Litigation – Venetian Memorial Medical Center
 - Police Investigation - Tavern Reports
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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the summary of revenues and appropriations are approved as attached.

At 6:04 The public portion of the meeting began

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY CLERK

OPENING PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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 Resolutions NO. 23-108 through NO. 23-112 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. Mr. Gross Absent.

NO. 23-108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND – FALISIEWICZ

NO. 23-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2023 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS

NO. 23-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE 2024 KENWORTH T480 CONVENTIONAL CHASSIS AND ONE STELLAR SLIDER HOOK LIFT BODY

NO. 23-111 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MULTI-PARTY UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH SA 101 MAIN STREET URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

NO. 23-112 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR CONTRACT MODIFICATION 1 & 2 – FERRY DESIGN ENGINEERING

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-113
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 May 3rd, 2023 Council Meeting as amended.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-113 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. Mr. Gross absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-114
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 May 11, 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. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-114 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. Mr. Gross absent.

ORDINANCE - Mr. Gross arrived at 6:11pm.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2023-09

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 328 FOURTH ST.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #2023-09 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 21, 2023 meeting. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the first responders and food bank volunteers for their continued efforts.
- Received confirmation from Mr. Womack that the sidewalk dining ordinance is progressing.
- Noted that 119 Stevens Ave. is a boarded up mess and requested Mr. Kales to please follow up with Code Enforcement.
- Confirmed the old Rosewell St. park will be moved to the DAV.
- Sent condolences to the Don Thomas family.
- Requested the City look into having Zoom meetings or live streaming. Mr. Kales agreed noting it is a big project and will take some time to research.
- Noted the certification of Counselors for the arts summer camp should not be a roadblock to the program.
- Requested Mr. Womack investigate the possibility of cancelling some of the PILOT contracts if the builders had not followed the rules about the audits.

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked the public for attending the meeting.
- Requested Mr. Womack to see if it would be possible in upcoming PILOTS to make a clause that would prevent the PILOT from moving forward to a new buyer.
- Noted the PD Memorial service was a success and thanked the police for their service.

Mr. Conrad:

- Thanked the first responders, fire department volunteers and their families for their support.

Mr. Gross:

- Apologized for being late, noting a large traffic jam on Rte 287.
- Thanked Ms. Szaro and Mr. Smiga for their presentation at the last meeting.

- Reported the YMCA and school district would be teaming up once again by offering free swimming lessons for the second graders.

Ms. Dato:

- Sent appreciation to those involved in the Police memorial service.
- Reported there will be a ceremony celebrating the installation of the waterfront mural by the winner of the Middlesex County Mural contest.
- Reported the Primary election is on June 6th, vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out and the drop boxes are open.
- Reported the Historical Society is hosting a fundraiser spaghetti dinner for the American Legion this Saturday from 5 to 7pm at the Senior Center.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked all involved for a successful Police Memorial ceremony, noting the new time enabled more people to attend.
- Noted Mr. Kales and Mr. Reilly will be honored by the 200 Club for their work with the FOSA.
- Reminded everyone of the American Legion fundraiser on Saturday.
- Reminded everyone to get out and vote!
- Sent his condolences to the family of Don Thomas.

Mr. Kales:

- Noted that tonight marked his three month anniversary as Business Administrator and he was thankful for all the support he has received from the Council.

Mr. Balka:

- Reported there would be a Bond Ordinance on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Womack and Mr. Rasimowicz had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Szaro, 370 Fifth St., thanked the Council for their support and hopes to move forward with the establishment of an Environmental Commission.

Larry Parsons, 46 Pupek, confirmed that the SAFD extends an invitation to their Memorial Day Services on Sunday, the 28th. He hoped the Council would be able to join them at the monument at 11am.

Greg Babilak questioned Mr. Kales regarding the Parks & Recreation budget and the expected budget of the Arts Camp. He received confirmation that the field renewal grant had not covered the girl's soft ball field. Mr. Rasimowicz reported the City is currently working on a grant for the upgrade of the girl's soft ball field.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Reilly and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved June 21, 2023