

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 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.

PRESENT: Councilman Conrad, Councilman McLaughlin, Councilwoman Dato, and Councilman Gross. Mr. Reilly was absent.

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

Clerk Brooks read the notice of publication.

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.

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Ms. Dato and approved unanimously, Resolution 23-185 was pulled.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolutions NO. 23-183, 23-184, 23-186 and 23-187 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

NO. 23-183 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX CANCELLATION OF LESS THAN TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00)

NO. 23-184 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE

NO. 23-185 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

NO. 23-186 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – FELTUS & SIXTH STREET – Z BROS.

NO. 23-187 RESOLUTION INCREASING THE CONTRACT FOR THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES ENGINEER - CENTER STATE ENGINEERING

On motion by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Dato and passed unanimously with Mr. Gross Abstaining, Resolution 23-185 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-188
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 1, 2023 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-188 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-189
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 lists dated November 15, 2023, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 23-189 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18

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 371 FOURTH ST.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin, that Ordinance #2023-18 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the December 13, 2023 meeting.

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

ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1036, ARTICLE IIA, SECTION 2A-1, ENTITLED " PARKING STALLS" FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY 200 BLOCK OF JOHN STREET

OPEN PUBLIC - no comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2023-17 is hereby adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16

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 138 GEORGE ST. AND 228A DAVID ST.

OPEN PUBLIC – no comment
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2023-16 is hereby adopted.

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

COMMENTS:

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Thanked everyone who attended the meeting.
- Reminded everyone that the FOSA basketball fundraiser is approaching.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Thanked the volunteers for their continued efforts.
- Noted the two construction projects are coming along quite well.

Mr. Conrad:

- Thanked everyone who attended the meeting
- Received information on ridership numbers from Mr. Kales.
- Mentioned November celebrations including National American Indian Heritage month, Veteran’s Day, Diwali, the celebration of the founder of Sikhism and American Education Week.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Thanked the first responders and their families.
- Reminded everyone that the food pantries are still operating if anyone is in need.

Ms. Dato:

- Reminded everyone the tree lighting ceremony is December 1st, 6pm – there will be crafts and Santa will be there; on the 15th there will be the Holiday Lights Trolley Tour and November 25th is Small Business Saturday.
- Asked that people be as generous as they can be in donating to the food pantries.
- Noted NJ is the nation’s top producer of cranberries and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked all the first responders and volunteers and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Henry:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to be thankful for all the small things.
- Reported the ferry service was going well and gave a shout out to the DPW workers for preparing the area.
- Reported the Library was having a Veteran’s Day ceremony.
- Acknowledged South Amboy resident student Sara _____, who is currently attending College of NJ and has discovered a new species of moth that is new to NJ. She had attended South Amboy High School.

Mr. Kales wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as did Mr. Rasimowicz and Mr. Womack

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brandon Russel confirmed there has been no decisions made regarding a hybrid meeting format and confirmed with Mr. Kales that the PILOT issue with Woodmont has not yet been resolved.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin seconded by Mr. Mr. Conrad and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved December 13, 2023