

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 17, 2024

The Meeting was called to order by City Clerk, Deborah Brooks at 7:00 P.M. The City Clerk read the Opening Prayer, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, David Kales, BA, Mayor Henry, Dan Balka, CFO, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer and Keith Kandel, Esq. (Attorney Womack arrived at 7:35pm)

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

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 Resolutions NO. 24-094 and NO. 24-095 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

NO. 24-094 RESOLUTION APPROVING LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS – VEE, BROWN, RASKOSHIN

NO. 24-095 SEWER OVERPAYMENT REFUND – SHEPHERD TITLE AGENCY

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-096

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 17, 2024 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. McLaughlin of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 24-096 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-097

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 25, 2024, 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. 24-097 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. McLaughlin. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

COMMENTS:

Mr. McLaughlin:

- Received confirmation that Mr. Russell needs to submit an OPRA for information regarding the Green Team.
- Thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and thanked the volunteers.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the food pantry and first aid volunteers for their continued service.
- Sent condolences to the John Sturgis family.
- Reported he had looked at the latest draft of the TNR Ordinance and he is in favor of moving forward but just needs a few questions answered. Mr. Womack will follow up with him.
- Reported he had attended the truck dedication for Robert Noble.
- Wished best of luck to the new business Virtuous Boutique.
- Received confirmation that the 131 Broadway project is moving forward. Mr. Rasimowicz noted it will take a little longer than a usual project because the City must coordinate with NJ Transit.
- Received confirmation from Mr. Kales that there is no new movement on the third phase of Station Bay. Mr. Kales reported there will be a meeting with the developer in the next few weeks.
- Stated for all the Star Wars Fans....."May the 4th be with you"!

Ms. Dato:

- Attended the recognition of Robert Noble and is eternally grateful to he and his family for their dedication.
- Thanked Speaker Coughlin for his assistance in acquiring the grant money for the new fire truck.
- Reminded everyone that June 4th is the Primary Election. Mail-in-Ballots have been sent out. Vote early and the easiest way is to drop your ballot in the Drop Box.
- Wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day – how could we operate in this world without the mom's juggling family, careers, kids and households?

Mr. Conrad:

- Acknowledged the service for Robert Noble and gave a shout-out to the entire Noble family for their good services to the community.
- Thanked the volunteers and their families.
- Wished everyone a Happy Cinco de Mayo and Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Gross:

- Reported that all members of the Council have received the latest version of the TNR Ordinance and that Mr. Kales had met with members of the TNR community. Mr. Gross directed Ms. Brooks to have the TNR Ordinance on the June 5th Agenda for introduction.
- Reported that at the May 15th meeting the City will be celebrating Ms. Betty Leveille as the first woman First Aid volunteer and her 50 years of service.
- Thanked the Department Heads for their attendance.

Mr. Kales:

- Thanked the Department Heads for attending tonight's meeting and noted they may soon just be at meetings quarterly.
- Reported the MCV mobile event was very successful and the next one would occur on May 22nd.

Mr. Womack noted he will continue his work on the TNR Ordinance and Mr. Rasimowicz had no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Greta Grasso, 413 David St., thanked the Council for the update and is thrilled the Ordinance is moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved May 15, 2024