

CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY
PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING/MINUTES
May 22, 2024

Members present: Chairman Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez, Vice-Chairman Scott Kominkiewicz, Mayor Fred A. Henry, Council President Michael Gross, William DeMasi, Janet Kern, Sean Li, Francis Mulvey, Michael Greenhaus
Members absent: Gregory Czoch, George Baranowski, Andrew Horezga
Also present: Jason C. Valetutto, P.E., P.P., Jay Holub, Esq.

Chairman Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez called this meeting to order.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided under “The Open Public Meeting Act of New Jersey” by advertisement published in the Home News Tribune, on the City of South Amboy Planning/Zoning Board website, and by posting on the information board at City Hall. Electronic notice has been provided via the agenda on the City Website and the agenda posted on the bulletin board at City Hall.

Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken at this time.

Chairman Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez asked for a motion which was made by Janet Kern and seconded by William DeMasi to accept the Minutes of April 24, 2024. Motion carried 9-0, 0 abstentions.

Chairman Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez then reviewed the evenings agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application: 448-24 American Legion Luke A Lovely Post No. 62
Southwest corner of David Street & Rosewell Street/Block 38 Lot: 1 & 27

Pending Transcript.

Mayor Fred A. Henry and Council President Michael Gross recused themselves from the hearing due to the Use Variance.

Application is for Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan, Use and Bulk Variance Approval.

Motion by Janet Kern and seconded by Scott Kominkiewicz to open the meeting to the Public. Joseph Szaro was sworn in and wanted to clarify two things. The housing of the units will be followed by all state guidelines and the second is the storage unit will be used for wreaths, flags, and grave markers that are used for their events. Then Mayor Fred A. Henry spoke. He thanked all that presented the application and that they have the Mayor’s support and the support of the City’s

Administration, and they are dedicated to helping them make this possible. Steven Tarr was sworn in. He is a member of the American Legion, and he expressed his feelings on how the veterans have no place to go and hopes all to vote in favor. Larry Bishop is a state commander, he expressed that all rules will be followed and how everyone is doing a fantastic job. Kenny Kokoszka was sworn in. He is a veteran and a lifelong resident. He said that ever since Hurricane Sandy and the American Legion was destroyed there has not been anywhere for these veterans to go. He wants the tradition to continue, and it is very important for South Amboy. With no one else from the Public wishing to speak, a motion by Janet Kern and seconded by William DeMasi to close the Public portion of the meeting.

Motion to approve application by Scott Kominkiewicz and seconded by Janet Kern. Motion carried 7-0, 0 abstentions.

Motion by Scott Kominkiewicz and seconded by William DeMasi to open the meeting to the Public. Joseph Szaro, as Post Commander of Post 62, said they are the last organization in town and wanted to thank all for the approval of the application. Motion by William DeMasi and seconded by Scott Kominkiewicz to close the Public portion of the meeting.

DISCUSSION- NONE

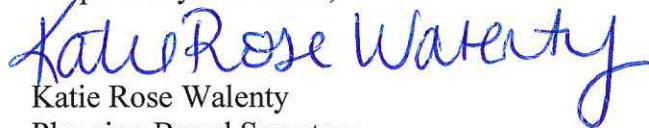
All in favor.

Chairman Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez announced that the next scheduled meeting would be held in person on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez called this meeting to adjourn.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Rose Walenty
Planning Board Secretary