

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 16, 2025

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

PRESENT: Councilman Conrad, Councilwoman Dato, Councilman Lenahan, Councilman Reilly and Councilman Gross.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred A. Henry, Business Administrator David Kales, Dan Balka, CFO, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer, and James Stahl, Esq.

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION:

Mr. Reilly presented the proclamations of recognition to Joan Conway and Tom Gorman in the presence of friends and family.

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

- 1st Lilian Khalil
- 2nd Eryk Gurdak
- 3rd Dina Bashir

Mr. Reilly presented the awards to Ms. Khalil and Ms. Bashir. Mr. Gurdak was not in attendance. Ms. Khalil read her winning essay.

There was a break from 7:19 to 7:26pm.

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 Resolution NO. 25-106 through NO. 25-107 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

NO. 25-106 AMENDING RESOLUTION 24-118 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NO. 25-107 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-108
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 2, 2025 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-108 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-109
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 11, 2025, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

MOVED by: Mr. Lenahan of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-109 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2025-010

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 – HANDICAP PARKING SPACE – 341 DAVID ST.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad, that Ordinance #2025-10 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the May 21, 2025 meeting.

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

ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2025-09

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,986,492 RECEIVED AS A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE \$1,000,000 APPROPRIATED BY BOND ORDINANCE #2021-11, FINALLY ADOPTED JULY 14, 2021, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RARITAN STREET PUMP STATION

OPEN PUBLIC – No comment

CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Mr. Lenahan, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2025-09 is hereby adopted.

SECONDED by: Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Lenahan, Reilly, Gross**

COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly:

- Stated it was a great night for South Amboy and he was pleased to celebrate the first responders and volunteers. He noted Joan and Tom have dedicated many years of volunteering to make the City a better place.
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.
- Thanked teacher Alyssa Gemellaro, the City Clerk, Administrator and Board of Education for putting together another successful Government Week program.
- Sent condolences to the family of Eugene Dennin.

Mr. Lenahan:

- Thanked the first responders and volunteers and is grateful to them noting it improves the quality of life for the residents.
- Congratulated Joan and Tom on being honored for their years of service to the City.
- Stated he was, as always, impressed with the mock council meeting.
- Reported the State of City address is April 26, 11am at the Senior Center.
- Reminded everyone to take a look at the Middlesex County on-line survey if they wish to have input on where funding goes.

Mr. Conrad:

- Stated the Government Club did an excellent job on the mock Council session and praised the poise and confidence of Ms. Khalil. He noted the diversity of students and talent of the students are evident.
- Thanked Mr. Reilly and Ms. Brooks for their work on Government Week.
- Congratulated Ms. Conway and Mr. Gorman on being recognized for their many years of service to the community.
- Thanked the first responders and fire department volunteers.
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Ms. Dato:

- Congratulated Ms. Conway and Mr. Gorman, noting she is appreciative of all they do.
- Thanked Mr. Reilly and Ms. Brooks for all their work on Government Week.
- Agreed with Mr. Conrad on the impressiveness of the students.
- Congratulated the winners of the essay contest and participants in the mock Council session.
- Reported the YMCA is hosting an Exer-thon on May 4th from 10am to 2pm. It is open to all – come out and participate or consider donating!
- Wished a Happy Easter and Passover to all.

Mr. Gross:

- Congratulated the essay contest winners and congratulated Ms. Conway and Mr. Gorman.
- Thanked the first responders and fire department volunteers.
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Mayor Henry:

- Congratulated the honorees, essay winners and especially the children who participated in the mock Council session. He noted the education system works if you put the effort in. Thanked the parents, teachers and Board of Education members for working together to support the students.
- Thanked Mr. Reilly and Ms. Brooks for their work putting together Government Week.
- Reported the new ambulance had arrived and was getting its lettering put on.
- Wished all a Happy Easter and Passover.
- Thanked Mr. Rasimowicz for his work on the new pump station project.

Mr. Kales:

- Congratulated Mr. Gorman and Ms. Conway.
- Noted Government Week had been a great success and thanked Mr. Reilly and Ms. Brooks for their efforts. He had greatly enjoyed the mock Council session noting the fifth graders had had a busy day as they also had the D.A.R.E. Graduation.
- Wished everyone happy holidays.

Attorney Stahl had no comments.

Mr. Rasimowicz reported work on the Broadway project continued. Businesses are open! There will be delays and detours so use caution while driving.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brian Murphy, 260 Henry Street, noted that although he doesn't attend as many meetings as he used to, he always attends the Government Week meeting. Ms. Gemarello and the kids did a fantastic job. He congratulated the essay winners as well as Ms. Conway and Mr. Gorman. He requested the scoreboards at Allie Field are repaired – they have been broken for two years. Mr. Kales will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Lenahan and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks
Municipal Clerk
Approved May 7, 2025