

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 4, 2025**

The Meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Dato at 6:00 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( Call in)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred A. Henry, Dan Balka, CFO, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Chris Zingaro, Esq., City Engineer Rasimowicz and OEM Director Mark Herdman

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

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**POLICE ACCREDITATION PRESENTATION:**

Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S, NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police presented the second consecutive accreditation to the Council. Mr. Delgado stated that only 12% of municipalities have been able to attain accreditation two consecutive times and congratulated the Police Department as well as the Council on their achievement.

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**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. 25-124 through NO. 25-128 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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- NO. 25-124 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL 2025-2026
- NO. 25-125 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CH. 159, P.L. 148) – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REVENUES OFFSET BY APPROPRIATIONS
- NO. 25-126 RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX AND THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY FOR FY2026
- NO. 25-127 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TASERS, CARTRIDGES AND LICENSES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- NO. 25-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CASH BOND TO RUPCOE PLUMBING & HVAC – SAROP 25-112

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-129**  
**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 21, 2025 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by: Mr. Gross** of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-129 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad** **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-130 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 29, 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. Conrad** of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-130 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan.** **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

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**ADOPTION/SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE 2025-11**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,305,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,189,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

**OPEN PUBLIC – no comment**

**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. Conrad, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2025-11 is hereby adopted.

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

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the food pantry and volunteers for their continued support.
- Received an update on the attendance numbers for the summer camp – 57.
- Requested a communication be sent out letting the businesses know they can apply for outdoor dining permits in the Clerk’s Office.
- Sent condolences to the family of Henry Conroy.
- Requested the Council look into “Revolution NJ” which would help with branding and networking in conjunction with the Historic Society.

Mr. Lenahan:

- Received clarification of the Outdoor dining permit turnaround time.
- Thanked the volunteers for their continued service.
- Reported the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Food Truck Festival is this Saturday and the City wide yard sale is Saturday and Sunday.
- Reported the PBA Cornhole Tournament is June 14<sup>th</sup>, please see the PBA Facebook page for details.

Mr. Conrad:

- Congratulated the Police Department on their achievement of attaining a second consecutive Accreditation – he is not surprised but is ecstatic.
- Reported he had attended the Fire Department and First Aid Department send off for Phil English. 47 years of service is a remarkable thing.
- Received updates regarding the status of the ferry terminal and the Broadway paving projects.
- Noted it is important the Police Department remain vigilant of unauthorized trucks and speeding during events like this morning’s fatal crash on Route 35 so the streets remain safe.
- Noted he is happy the Bond Ordinance passed and noted it highlights the City’s prioritization of safety and security.

Mr. Gross:

- Noted he was proud to be attending his granddaughter’s graduation and will be signing off the call.

Ms. Dato:

- Reminded everyone that the Primary is on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Early voting is available and don’t forget to drop off your mail-in ballot if you have one.
- Reminded everyone that June is Pride month and to treat everyone with respect.
- Thanked Mr. Rasimowicz, Mr. Balka and Mr. Herdman for attending tonight’s meeting.

Mayor Henry:

- Thanked Joe Szaro, the Fire Department and First Aid Department for the work they put into the Memorial Day Services.
- Reminded everyone June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. There will be a flag retirement ceremony at the Fisherman’s Beach at 11am.
- Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> is St. Mary’s Blood Drive.
- This Saturday and Sunday is the City Wide Yard Sale.
- He is looking forward to planning the upcoming 250 year anniversary festivities and has put money in the budget for the event.
- Commended the Police Department on their response to the fatal accident on Route 35 this morning.

Mr. Kales:

- Noted the Council’s part in providing the tools that helped the Police Department earn their second consecutive accreditation.
- Reported the Planning Board will be holding a Special Meeting on Monday to review and approve the COAH numbers. The required Ordinances and Resolutions will be on the Council’s June 18<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joe Szaro noted the flag retiring ceremony is at Fisherman’s Beach.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Lenahan and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved June 18, 2025