

**MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 18, 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, Dan Balka, CFO, Deborah Brooks, City Clerk, Francis Womack, Esq. (called in at 7pm – arrived at 7:20), City Engineer Rasimowicz and OEM Director Mark Herdman

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

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**PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION:**

The Mayor presented Ms. Barbarino with her Proclamation in front of friends and family.

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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:** Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 25-131 through NO. 25-135 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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- NO. 25-131            LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL 2025-2026
- NO. 25-132            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AND CASH BOND FOR BLOCK 68, LOT 1 TO MAIN & THOMPSON LLC – PB 394-18
- NO. 25-133            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION FOR ALEX KOMUNICKY
- NO. 25-134            RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RARITAN REACH, BORDENTOWN, AND CONLOGUE – ROADWAY AND PEDISTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- NO. 25-135            RESOLUTON AUTHORIZING FILING APPLICATIONS WITH THE DOT FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

Attorney Kevin McManimon reviewed the resolution and answered questions from the Council members and the public

NO. 25-136

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY ENDORSING THE BOROUGH'S THIRD AND FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

**MOVED by:** Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-136 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-137**  
**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 June 4, 2025 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by:** Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-137 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-138 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 June 12, 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. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 25-138 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**ORDINANCES**

**ADOPTION/SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE 2025-12**

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 – 226 HENRY ST.

**OPEN PUBLIC – No Comments**

**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Mr. Conrad, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2025-12 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED by:** Ms. Dato **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Conrad:

- Congratulated Ms. Barbarino on the school achieving a five-star rating and for receiving the grant funds.
- Thanked the first aid and fire department volunteers.
- Reported First Presbyterian Church is having a multi-cultural potluck supper on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

- Wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July noting the values founded long ago have stood the test of time and hopes they will stand for another 1000 years.
- Thanked the men and women who have fought and sacrificed to maintain those values.

Ms. Dato:

- Stated she is pleased the Council passed the Affordable Housing Resolution noting housing is important to all communities and no community can be elitist.
- Noted the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday should be celebrated and we should remember its significance and wish America a Happy Birthday.
- Thanked Mr. Rasimowicz for his hard work on the Broadway Road project. It is a difficult project and the results look beautiful.
- Reported Waterfront Park will host the NJ Symphony Orchestra on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 9:30. If it rains it will be held at the Sayreville high school.
- Noted Plays in the Park start tonight and the tickets are only \$8.
- Reported today's Lunch and Learn on brain health had been great.
- Encouraged people to support the YMCA fundraiser at Teddy's at 7pm.

Mr. Reilly:

- Thanked the first responders and food pantry volunteers for their continued efforts.
- Wished everyone a Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Stated there will be music at the train station plaza for the five Fridays in August.
- Reported the Elks will be hosting "Batter Up" on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- Congratulated Ms. Barbarino on her recognition proclamation.
- Reminded everyone that fall ball sign up is open at SAYA.net
- Wants to have two local eagle scouts recognized at an upcoming meeting.
- Sent condolences to the DeMasi family.

Mr. Lenahan:

- Thanked the volunteers and first responders.
- Sent condolences to the DeMasi and DeForte families.
- Wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Gross:

- Thanked the first responders.
- Noted National Night Out is August 5<sup>th</sup> and South Amboy Day is September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Sent condolences to the DeMasi family.

Mayor Henry:

- Sent condolences to the DeMasi family.
- Reported there are two new additions to the Police Department, Raymond Perez and Doug Gumprecht.
- Noted tomorrow is Juneteenth and we should note that day in 1865 when the last slaves in Galveston Texas were notified that they were free people.
- Thanked the American Legion for participating in the Flag Day Ceremonies.
- Reported there is a ribbon cutting at the Pearl at Station Bay on the 26<sup>th</sup> as well as one for the new train bridge in Perth Amboy on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked everyone for their work on the Affordable Housing Resolution.

Mr. Kales:

- Thanked the Council for their support on putting together the Round Three and Round Four affordable housing numbers.

Mr. Womack:

- Updated the Council on the Special Assessment JIF litigation.

- Noted that Mr. Kales and Mr. McManimon had done an excellent job in preparing the affordable housing resolution in such a short period of time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Bill DeMasi, 246 John Street, thanked the Council for their condolences and asked the Business Administrator to investigate whether or not the MCIA would be providing new garbage cans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Lenahan and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved 7/16/2025