

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2025

The Meeting was called to order by Council President Gross 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 Reilly and Councilman Gross

ABSENT: Councilman Lenahan

ALSO PRESENT: David S. Kales, Business Administrator, Daniel Balka, CFO, Christopher Zingaro, City Attorney representative, Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Kristal Manion, Purchasing Agent, Mark Herdman, OEM Coordinator, Kenny Krass, DPW Director, Kevin McManimon, Esq.

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: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 25-196 through NO. 25-205 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mrs. Dato. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly, Gross Absent: Lenahan**

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- NO. 25-196 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. 25-197 RESOLUTION APPROVING A VETERAN TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR OF 2025 – THOMAS J. MISAK
 - NO. 25-198 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FUND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY
 - NO. 25-199 RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNORS’ COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (GCSUD) ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER FY 2027
 - NO. 25-200 RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND FOR A SEWER FEE OVERPAYMENT – DUPRAS
 - NO. 25-202 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58
 - NO. 25-203 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 MODEL 930 WHEEL LOADER

NO. 25-204 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ATTACHMENTS FOR THE 2025 MODEL 930 WHEEL LOADER

NO. 25-205 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 1 YEAR LICENSE PLATE READER SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RESOLUTIONS:

NO. 25-201 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

Mr. Conrad confirmed numbers associated with the letters refer to quantities that may potentially be available, if that inventory suits the needs of the City, at zero cost to the City. We are not looking to use this equipment at this time, but it may be available.

Business Administrator David Kales explained that so far the City has procured one vehicle. The Hummer is used as the DARE vehicle and as a community police vehicle. It came at zero cost to the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-206

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 October 15, 2025 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, Resolution No. 25-206 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Reilly. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly, Gross. Absent: Mr. Lenahan**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-207

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 October 30, 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, Resolution No. 25-207 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mrs. Dato. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly, Gross. Absent: Lenahan**

ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2025-17

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 SPACE REMOVING 108 DAVID STREET AND ADDING 248 HENRY STREET

MOVED by: Mrs. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2025-17 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly, Gross. Absent: Lenahan**

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2025-18

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FROM SA 101 MAIN STREET URBAN RENEWAL LLC TO SOUTH AMBOY URBAN RENEWAL LLC

MOVED by: Mrs. Dato, that Ordinance #2025-18 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the November 24, 2025, meeting. **SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Conrad, Dato, Reilly, Gross. Absent: Lenahan**

Mr. Conrad asked for context and conditions on the agreement. Mr. Kales asked Kevin McManimon, Redevelopment Counsel, for the City to explain.

- SA 101 Main Street constructed a warehouse and received their Certificate of Occupancy on October 1st. They are now transferring ownership to the lender. The lender is going to operate the warehouse in the same manner as the developer was. All indemnifications transfer and all provisions that apply in the agreement that is an obligation to the developer pass through to the buyer.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Conrad:

- Good to see that the money came in through a grant to improve the pickle ball courts.
- Thank you to all Veterans who served.
- Thank you to the First Aid and Fire Department.
- St. Mary's and First Presbyterian Church are open for all that need help during this difficult time. They are also putting together 50 turkey baskets so if you can help please reach out.
- November 17th there will be a business workshop at the Senior Center to talk about resources, grants, and opportunities to help their business.
- Calling on the community for ideas to how to spend and allocate city resources since it is budget season.
- Election Day – congratulated Katie Rose on a successful day.

Ms. Dato

- Congratulates the winners on Election Day and commends all that ran and those that may not have been successful but commends them and thanks them.
- The First Presbyterian food pantry ran by Mary Porcello needs donations of turkeys or ham. St. Mary's Food pantry and First Presbyterian are accepting gift cards or products as SNAP benefits are uncertain.

- November 11th is Veteran's Day and there will be a ceremony at 11am at our Veterans Plaza.
- A coat drive is currently being held at City Hall, and we need new or lightly used coats.
- On November 15th, DPW organized a paper shredding event.
- MVC Mobile Unit is scheduled at the First Aid on November 10th from 9:30am to 2pm.
- At the Senior Center there was an event on October 30th to assist with the application for the Anchor program. We had 10 state representatives and 2 from District 19. Mrs. Dato would like to thank all that helped.

Mr. Reilly:

- Congratulate winners of Election day and wish them the best of luck.
- Thanked the first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- The SNAP Program helps low-income households with benefits and because of the uncertainty, we have 2 local food pantries to help. First Presbyterian 732-721-4516 and St. Mary's food pantry 732-721-7418. Work first NJ – provides short term financial assistance/support. Please reach out if you need assistance.
- On December 13th, Friends of South Amboy is holding their basketball event down the Middle Highschool and it starts at 12 noon.
- Condolences on the passing of Debbie McQuade.
- Business Summit will be held on November 17th. Programs will be discussed about low interest loans, marketing, grants.
- A vibrant downtown is important and it drives tax revenue, is a public gathering place, and the heartbeat of the community.
- Please come out for the Veterans Day ceremony.

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to all Department heads for doing a great job.
- Veterans Day – thank you too all. We wouldn't be here without you. So please come to our ceremony on November 11th at 11am.

Mayor Fred A. Henry

- Congratulate all elected officials, wish them well. Thank you to all who lost in the elections as it is not easy.
- Thank you to First Aid, Fire Department, Police Department and Crossing Guards who helped on Halloween to keep our kids and community safe.
- Ceremony on November 11th at 11 am at the Veterans Plaza on Bordentown Avenue.
- Veterans' presentation at the South Amboy Elementary school on 11/13 at 6pm.
- Tip A Pint fundraiser is on Thursday 11/6 to support the American Legion and their projects.
- Thank you to Katie Rose for taking over as Acting Clerk and her first Election Day.
- Thank you to all city employees for doing what's best for our community.

Business Administrator David Kales

- Thank you to all department Heads and all their hard work. Kristal, Dan and Kenny went out of their way to get the best quote to save money on the brand-new machine. Our departments are taking pride in their departments.
- Commends our part-time Construction Official, Greg Czoch and Zoning Officer Jason Valetutto. The demand is sometimes a full-time position, but they get it done. He recognizes the hard work all of our department heads and employees are doing and should be commended.

COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Reilly and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty
Acting Municipal Clerk
Approved 11-24-25