

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 6, 2026

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 Lenahan, Councilman Gross

ABSENT: Councilman Reilly

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred A. Henry, Business Administrator David Kales, Dan Balka, CFO, Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Aaron Rainone, Law Director, Ken Krass, DPW Director, Jason Valetutto, Zoning Officer, Mark Herdman, OEM, Michael Kelly, Fire Chief, Patricia Kanecke, Police Chief.

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. 26-109 through NO. 26-114 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. **ABSENT:** Mr. Reilly

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| NO. 26-109 | 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. 26-110 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTY RELEASE BLOCK 142, LOT 19 – 440 RAILROAD AVENUE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS 428 RAILROAD AVENUE) |
| NO. 26-111 | RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR BUILDING DEMOLITION – 131 SOUTH BROADWAY- TTL SERVICES |
| NO. 26-112 | RESOLUTION APPROVING A SENIOR CITIZEN TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2026 – JOANNA SLANINA |
| NO. 26-113 | RESOLUTION APPROVING A SEWER REFUND TO MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY |
| NO. 26-114 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PACKETALK PTVAS LICENSE AND VIDEO MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE, FOR THE CURRENT SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. |

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-115

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 15, 2026 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-115 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan** **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. **ABSENT:** Mr. Reilly

RESOLUTION NO. 26-116

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 30, 2026 as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

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

MOVED by: Ms. Dato of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-116 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan.** **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. **ABSENT:** Mr. Reilly

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2026-07

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110 HENRY STREET, SOUTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY 08879 DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY AS BLOCK 38, LOT 6.02 FROM JERZY M CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDED BY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

OPEN PUBLIC
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2026-07 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad,** **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. **ABSENT:** Mr. Reilly

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2026-08

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 – REMOVE 720 BORDENTOWN AVENUE, 360 CONOVER STREET, 223 MAIN STREET, 238 BORDENTOWN AVENUE, 111 JOHN STREET, AND 265 FIRST STREET

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad, that Ordinance #2026-08 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the May 20, 2026, meeting.

SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan, ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. **ABSENT:** Mr. Reilly

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2026-09

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,872,600 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,778,970 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad, that Ordinance #2026-09 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the May 20, 2026, meeting.

SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan, ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. **ABSENT:** Mr. Reilly

COMMENTS:

Mr. Lenahan

- Thank you to our first responders.
- Independence Fire Dept having their Mother's Day rose sale \$20 for a dozen and \$35 for 2 dozen.
- May 11th at 6pm South Amboy Police Department Memorial.
- May 14th at 3pm 250th events at Library.
- May 15th Rock and Roll Country dance at the Knights of Columbus.
- Poles and wire removal on South Feltus are still on going. They are making good progress.
- Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Conrad

- Thank you to our Fire dept and First Aid volunteers.
- Happy Cinco de Mayo.
- Thank you to Tex Mex for cosponsoring with the city for our event. It was a great success.
- This week is Teacher Appreciation. Thank you for contribution.
- May 6th starts Nurses Appreciation week. Thank you.
- Happy Mother's Day to the mothers and the fathers that are fulfilling that role.

Ms. Dato

- The improvements on Broadway are moving along, and they are doing an incredible job. Also, the building on the corner of Bordentown and Broadway is progressing nicely.
- Today we had a Ribbon Cutting at New Horizon Wellness Center which is located at the old hospital. They are offering services for mental health.
- The Democratic woman committee called "Hats On: awarded Mary Porcello for her contributions.
- Lunch and Learn Wednesday the 20th about maintaining a healthy mind.
- Thank you to the Department heads for being here.

- Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to the department heads.
- To the volunteers, thank you for being here and all the work you do.
- Please attend the PBA Memorial event at 6pm on Monday.
- To the Rone family who hosted the Touch A Truck. Hats off to the family who provide scholarships and give to charity. Congratulations on a great event.
- June 27th is our city's 250th event.
- Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Fred Henry

- On May 18th the Ferry parking will be moving to the new permanent parking lot.
- Thank you Sherman Corporation for the Ferry temporary parking lot.
- New Horizon Wellness is a new business offering programs for mental health.
- Memorial Day events on May 24th - visit the cemetery and American Legion picnic.
- Thank you to the Council for passing the ordinance for the purchase of 110 Henry Street which we will be using affordable housing money. This is a step to keep the project moving forward.
- Thank you to Elaine Gaber and the Library. They are doing a great job with the events for the 250th Anniversary.
- May 14th Patriotic Music Event.
- June 18th Witness the Revolution event.
- Monday at 6pm is the PBA Memorial.
- Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Kales

- Passing the Resolution to purchase 110 Henry Street now allows the completion of the contract, we can process the appraisal and start phase 1. The next step will be adjusting the spending plan and presenting a builder's agreement.
- The Ferry is coming up on completion. It was turned over on May 1st. There is a punch list being worked on and will be done by the 31st. The opening of the new location will be on May 18th. NY Waterway will be giving proper notification.
- Broadway Phase 2 is ongoing and moving forward.
- Thank you to the Department heads.
- Happy Mother's Day

Mr. Rainone

- No Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Mikitis Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Here on behalf of the Food and Water watch. Looking for support on 2338A3735, a bill that would force polluters to pay for the damage they have caused to our environment. The bill would provide funding to any municipality in need of climate change adaption and resilience would be able to apply.

Brian McLaughlin South Amboy, NJ

The project on Broadway and Bordentown, he spoke to the workers who are paid substandard wages. The contractor Concrete Systems has been fined several times for violating taxes. Mr. McLaughlin requested the City to use a system call E-Verify, which verifies workers and employees that they are legal citizens. Also, asked the Council to listen to the residents, who want no more building. Inquired if there was a hearing on Lagoda's Liquor License Transfer.

Judith Raskoshin, South Amboy, NJ

Expressed her support of the Ordinance that was passed to use Affordable Housing Trust funds to purchase 110 Henry Street.

Attended events: Rock the 250th, which was a great turnout and the kids enjoyed it. Also, excited about the fireworks at the 250th event. Attended the Touch A Truck event, which was a great event for the kids. As well as the Cino de Mayo event across the street. It was a great turnout and the food and entertainment were awesome.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Lenahan and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty
Acting Municipal Clerk
Approved May 20, 2026