

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 20, 2026

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, Councilman Lenahan, Councilman Reilly, Councilman Gross

ABSENT: Councilwoman Dato

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred A. Henry, Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Aaron Rainone, Law Director, Mark Herdman, OEM

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

Mayor Fred A. Henry presented awards to the following:

250th Logo Contest Winners

1st Petrina Rizzo
2nd Joseph Schwartz

250th Essay Contest Winners

1st – Sebastian Roessle
2nd – Mario Garcete
3rd – Mikaela Pepe

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. 26-117 through NO. 26-122 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor. Absent: Ms. Dato

NO. 26-117 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. 26-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A RENTAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY INSPECTION PAYMENT – 268 JOHN STREET

NO. 26-119 REFUND OF AN OVERPAYMENT FOR SEWER FEES – 111 JOHN STREET

NO. 26-120 RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT TESTING FOR BROADWAY, PHASE 2 – ROADWAY & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS – KEYTECH LABORATORIES

NO. 26-121 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT FEE FOR THE CONTRACT
AWARDED TO ACRISURE, LLC d/b/a RELIANCE INSURANCE GROUP
FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT/LIABILITY INSURANCE
BROKER OF RECORD
NO. 26-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11)
PACKETALK HD ALPR CAMERAS (LICENSE PLATE READERS)
WITH SOFTWARE LICENSES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-123

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 6, 2026 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-123 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Gross. All in Favor. Abstain: Mr. Reilly Absent: Ms. Dato

RESOLUTION NO. 26-124

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 14, 2026 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. 26-124 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor. Absent: Ms. Dato

ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION/SECOND 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

OPEN PUBLIC CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Mr. Lenahan, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2026-08 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor. Absent: Ms. Dato

ADOPTION/SECOND 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.

OPEN PUBLIC CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2026-09 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor. Absent: Ms. Dato

COMMENTS:

Mr. Conrad

- Thank you to our Fire dept and First Aid volunteers, especially with the weather and tending to emergencies.
- Music on Broadway starts July 24th to August 29th. Every Friday from 6pm to 8pm.
- Memorial Day is upon us. A time to honor and remember the lives that were lost.
- Thank you to the veterans and their sacrifice.

Mr. Reilly

- Thank you to our first responders.
- Expanding the concert series from 4 weeks to 6 weeks. It's a great time. We will have some of the same bands and new ones.
- Thank you to Calvin Manion for the work on the community garden as his Eagle Scout Project. It is a great addition.
- Congratulations to the logo and essay contest winners.
- Happy Memorial Day. Please join the American Legion 9am at Christ Church and then the Veteran Plaza at 12. Also, the 30th is the Memorial Day picnic.
- Great American cleanup down the Waterfront Beach on Saturday June 6th.
- Jay Kennedy did a great job at the cleanup at Vets field.
- New this summer. Boys and Girls summer basketball clinic. Runs from June 29th to August 3rd from 5-7 pm. 3-8 grade kids and it's free of charge.
- December 12th Friends of South Amboy event.

Mr. Lenahan

- Memorial Day remembrance event starts at Christ Church cemetery on Sunday. Rain or shine.
- Northeast supply pipeline. Runs from Pennsylvania to Long Island and they are looking to get it through Old Bridge, Sayreville and or South Amboy. There is no benefit besides the construction workers' jobs. So please look into this.
- Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Mr. Gross

- Agrees with Councilman Lenahan about the Pipeline. We need to avoid this.
- Thank you to our Veterans.
- Thank you to the Mayor and all that are involved in the 250th event.

Mayor Fred Henry

- Calvin Manion did a great job for the Eagle Scout program and it was a great project. Thank you to him and his family.
- Thank you to Elaine and her staff at the Library for 250th anniversary events.
- Expanded the senior programs that we are offering. We have trips added to the Arts center to see a Frank Sinatra singer and a Neil Diamond event is upcoming.
- Thank you to Mickey and all that are involved in all the work for the 250th event. It will be a great day and it's coming together.

Mr. Rainone

- No Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mitchell Hall, South Amboy, NJ

Resolution 26-122 Purchasing Packetalk Cameras. There was an issue in 2024 with the CEO of the company who had charges filed against him by federal government for wire fraud. There is a cause of concern that we need to be careful with the agreements we have with the companies we work with. More background and due diligence so we can keep our citizens safe and not affect people's privacy.

Joe Szaro, South Amboy, NJ

The 6th street park is being used more by dogs. They are in the playground and in the tennis courts. They are relieving themselves there. Thank you to Mr. Reilly for the commentary in the SA Times. Historical Society and DPW placed 47 patriot banners on Broadway. Services on Sunday for Memorial Day and the Memorial Day picnic on the 30th. Rain or shine.

Judith Raskoshin, South Amboy, NJ

Attended events: The Police Memorial event which holds an important place in my heart. As well as the South Amboy Community Garden cleanup. We planted and got our hands dirty. The boy scouts did a great job, and it was nice to see our community members out there helping. As we head into Memorial Day weekend, we will honor and remember the lives that were lost.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Reilly and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty

Acting Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved 06-03-2026