MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 3, 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 Reilly, Councilman Gross

ABSENT: Councilman Lenahan

ALSO PRESENT: Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Carol Berlin, Law Director, Mark Herdman, OEM, Police Chief Patricia Kanecke, Fire Chief Michael Kelly, Fire Chief Ken Koskoska, Kristal Manion, QPA, Daniel Balka, CFO, Greg Czoch, Construction Official, Jason Valetutto, Zoning Officer, Ken Krass, DPW Director

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

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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. 26-125 through NO. 26-131 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by**: Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Lenahan

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NO. 26- 126	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A FOOD LICENSE – MISTER SOFTEE
NO. 26-127	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A FOOD LICENSE – PAPA PINCHO, LLC
NO. 26-128	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A FOOD LICENSE – COCO Y COQUI
NO. 26-129	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE – ANDREA BOULTON
NO. 26-130	POLLUTERS PAY TO MAKE NEW JERSEY MORE AFFORDABLE ACT MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION
NO. 26-131	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LEW ENVIROMENTAL SERVICES FOR STAFFING TO SUPPORT MANAGEMENT OF LEAD TESTING OF RENTAL UNITS TO COMPLY WITH NJAC 5:28A.

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NO. 26-125 RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – TEPOZ-SANCHEZ

Councilman Reilly inquired what Fire House he would be joining. He is joining Mechanicsville Hose Co.

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-132
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 20, 2026 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-132 is hereby approved**. SECONDED by:** Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Abstain: Ms. Dato Absent: Mr. Lenahan

RESOLUTION NO. 26-133
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 28, 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. 26-133 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Lenahan

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ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2026-10
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 116, ENTITLED "LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS"

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad, that Ordinance #2026-10 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 17, 2026, meeting. **SECONDED by**: Ms. Dato, **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Lenahan

RE-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. Reilly, that Ordinance #2026-09 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the June 17, 2026, meeting. **SECONDED by**: Mr. Conrad, **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES:** Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Lenahan

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COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly

- Thank you to our first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- There is a bill called NJ s1421 – and we need to support the amendment of the bill which will change the requirements from 1 EMT to 2 EMTs. This could severely impact on our First Aid in a negative way.
- Arts and Crafts program is 10% more than last year.
- 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.
- Events this summer, tennis clinic, concert series on Broadway, at the County park they will host their concert series
- Shop locally and support the businesses in town.

Mr. Conrad

- Thank you to our Fire dept and First Aid volunteers,
- Have a great weekend and a great summer

Ms. Dato

- Commend all who participated in the primary election. Every vote counts.
- Thank you to the Clerk Katie Rose for the work put in for the Election.
- Polish Heritage Night this Friday to support a local family in need $25 dollars.
- Thank you to dept heads for being here

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to our first responders
- Thank you to our veterans

Mr. Kales

- Thank you to my dept heads for being here
- June 6th South Amboy and Sayreville Clean Communities beach clean up
- June 27th is our 250th celebration. Thank you to all team members for their involvement.

Carol Berlin

- No comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Szaro, South Amboy, NJ
Requested at the Barkalow Street park which is named after Vietnam war veterans that we install a flagpole.

Gary Patel, 101 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ
Requested more monitoring of the parking in the 15-minute parking spots next to Krauszers. Asked for additional police or code enforcement as well as an updated Ordinance to state this is our City Code.

Brian Mclaughlin, South Amboy, NJ
Inquired about the painted roads and lines along Cedar Street. Mr. Kales explained that they are doing boring sampling. PSEG is installing high pressure lines in certain locations.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA TO REMOVE THE CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 26-134

RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOVED by: _____ of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 21-066 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: _____. ROLL CALL VOTE:**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. Conrad and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty
Acting Municipal Clerk
Minutes Approved on 6-17-2026