

## **MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 17, 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: Councilwoman Dato, Councilman Lenahan, Councilman Reilly, Councilman Gross

ABSENT: Councilman Conrad

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Fred A. Henry, Business Administrator, David Kales, Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Louis Rainone, Law Director, Mark Herdman, OEM, Police Chief Patricia Kanecke, Fire Chief Michael Kelly, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

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### **POLICE OFFICER SWEARING IN:**

Jake Szatkowski  
Ryan Shereyka  
Hernan Durana-Torrez

Mayor Fred A. Henry swore in each police officer.  
Police Chief Kanecke said a few words of endearment.

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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. 26-135 through NO. 26-148 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**AYES: Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Conrad.**

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NO. 26-135            A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH AMBOY CITY COUNCIL REALLOCATING  
UNEXPENDED FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

NO. 26-136            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION – RILEY  
ROBINSON

NO. 26-137            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC  
ADVERTISING DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SANITARY MANHOLE REPAIR  
AT SOUTH PINE AVENUE

NO. 26-138            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC  
ADVERTISING DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIR AT  
100 MAIN STREET

- NO. 26-139 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC ADVERTISING DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIR AT 314 NORTH FELTUS STREET
- NO. 26-140 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2026-2027
- NO. 26-141 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR TWO (2) '25 FORD F150 POLICE RESPONDER SUPERCREW 4X4 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- NO. 26-143 RESOLUTION CANCELLING REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR BLOCK 161.02, LOTS 6.06
- NO. 26-144 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS AND RECONCILING ITEMS
- NO. 26-145 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO JADS CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR ALPINE STREET – ADA ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK RAMPS AND RESTRIPIING
- NO. 26-146 RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PINE AVENUE, PORTIA STREET & BROADWAY ROADWAY, PEDESTRIAN & SHARED BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS – BLACKROCK ENTERPRISES, LLC
- NO. 26-147 RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DAVID, JOHN, AND SOUTH FELTUS - ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
- NO. 26-148 RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDEMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR BROADWAY, PHASE 2 – ROADWAY & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS FOR SOUTH BROADWAY PARKING LOT – JADS CONSTRUCTION CO.

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NO. 26-142 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) SEEK THERMAL NEW ENGINE TRUCK BUNDLES FOR THE SOUTH AMBOY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Reilly asked Fire Chief Kelly for more information about the purchase of these cameras.

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### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-149**

#### **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 3, 2026 Council Meeting.

**MOVED by: Mr. Reilly** of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-149 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Ms. Dato** **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Conrad.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-150**

## **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 11, 2026 and June 17, 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. Reilly** of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-150 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Conrad.**

Mr. Reilly was happy to see on the bill list the trips for the summer camp.

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## **ORDINANCES:**

### **ADOPTION/SECOND 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"

**OPEN PUBLIC**  
**CLOSE PUBLIC**

**MOVED by:** Ms. Dato, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2026-10 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan, **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. Absent: Mr. Conrad.**

### **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.

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**CLOSE PUBLIC**

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

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## **COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reilly

- Congratulations to the new sworn in police officers.
- Thank you to our first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- Happy 4th of July and come down to the Ferry for the events.
- Thank you to the Mayor for extending the invitation to participate in the events.

- Summer Nights/Music on Broadway on Fridays starting in July running through August.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Hazardous Waste drop off at Old Bridge recycling center.
- Congratulations to our school graduates.
- Happy Father's Day.
- Over 30 kids signed up for the basketball camp. Gave credit to Matt Wiater and Steve Herdman.

Mr. Lenahan

- Thank you to the first responders and volunteers.
- Witness to the Revolution at 630pm on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Library.
- Taste of library events is coming up.
- June 27th activities at the Ferry waterfront celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup>.
- Follow up on pipeline. It will not be going through South Amboy. Please keep an eye on it. Council President Gross asked if there is anything we can do.

Ms. Dato

- Dowdell Library hosting Taste of South Amboy. Will be highlighting local restaurants. \$25 dollars on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Stars and Stripes event the 27th 3pm. Rain date is the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Lunch and Learn at the Senior Center. The topic was Cooking with Greek.
- Music in the park hosted by the County. Starts Wednesday July 1 through September. 630pm - 830pm.
- Congratulations to the new police officers.
- Happy Father's Day.

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to our first responders.
- Thank you to our City employees for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for all their help.

Mayor Fred Henry

- Congratulations to the new police officers that were sworn in.
- Happy Father's Day.
- 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 3pm.

Mr. Kales

- Thank you to my staff and volunteers for working on the 250<sup>th</sup> event.
- July 2nd Perth Amboy fireworks. The county park will be open, and our ferry will be open. Our DPW and Police Department will be out there to ensure safety.
- Summer camps are starting up. Great turnout every year.
- Raritan pump station - started construction - 9-to-10-month project.
- Broadway construction is in the final stages – JADS Construction is great to work with.
- Happy Father's Day.

Louis Rainone

- No comment.

Mark Rasimowicz

- No comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joe Szaro, South Amboy, NJ

Thank you for the City's help with the Community Picnic we held. Especially to the Fire Department for using the house and thank you to DPW for their help with the flag ceremony. Requesting an Ordinance to protect the Veteran Plaza from dogs defecating at the memorial. Also, at 6th street park and the Reilly park. Requesting an Ordinance about not allowing dogs in the playground areas and only in the open area. As well as the tennis courts.

Mitchell Hall, South Amboy, NJ

In agreement with Mr. Szaro on 6th street park.

At the tennis courts, there is cracking. This is a danger to kids and can be hazardous. Requesting an ordinance to ban large data centers from construction or creation in town. A lot of towns are battling this, the citizens are suffering because data centers will cause electricity cost rises and can use up a lot of water to cool the center which can cause a drought and limitations on water usage.

Judith Raskoshin, South Amboy, NJ

Thank you for repairing the lights and cleaning the hole in the wall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. Reilly and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty

Acting Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved 7-15-2026