MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 15, 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 Reilly, Councilman Gross

ABSENT:

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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SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Captain Michael Kelly & Captain Daniel Holovacko

Mayor Fred Henry swore in both Captains and said a few words of endearment.
Chief Patricia Kanecke also said 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: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 26-151 through NO. 26-155 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by**: Ms. Dato. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor.**

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NO. 26-151	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO EXTEND THE THIRD QUARTER 2026 DUE DATE
NO. 26-152	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. 26-153	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION – KEREKES
NO. 26-155	LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL 2026-2027 – D&J SOUTH AMBOY LLC

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NO. 26-154 SARA APPOINTMENTS – REAPPOINTMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ZUSETTE DATO, REAPPOINTMENT TONY GONSALVES, NEW APPOINTMENT ED O'CONNOR

Motion by Mr. Gross, seconded by Mr. Reilly to pull this resolution to vote on separately.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution NO. 26-151 through NO. 26-155 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by**: Mr. Lenahan. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. ABSTAIN: Ms. Dato**

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-156
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 17, 2026 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-156 is hereby approved**. SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad : ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. ABSTAIN: Ms. Dato**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-157
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 July 8, 2026, and July 10, 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. 26-157 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Ms. Dato. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor.**
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ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2026-11
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 – ADD HANDICAP SPACE 380 DIVISION STREET AND REMOVE 520 HENRY STREET

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly, that Ordinance #2026-11 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the August 19, 2026 meeting. **SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad**, **ROLL CALL VOTE:AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross. All in Favor.**

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COMMENTS:

Mr. Reilly

- Congratulations to Captain Michael Kelly and Captain Daniel Holovacko.
- Thank you to our first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- Couldn't think of a better person to be appointed to the redevelopment agency.
- Welcome the two new businesses - Italian Corner and Lumen furniture store.
- Congratulations to Kalvin Manion – and want to recognize him at a Council meeting in the future.
- Condolences to the Brian Dowling family.
- Summer nights on Broadway start a week from Friday.
- Bill A3883 was sponsored by Assembly Speaker Coughlin. Helping residents that rely on NJ residents that rely on NJ Family Cre and SNAP benefits. The bill helps beneficiaries to find volunteer work.
- Mr. Gross thanks Mr. Reilly for the Summer Camp. Mr. Reilly says that it is a team effort, with Kathy Kudelka and Dave Kales.

Mr. Lenahan

- Thank you to the first responders and volunteers.
- A shout out to the Police Department, Fire Department, DPW, Business Administrator Kales and the Mayor and Council for the 250th. It was a fantastic day.
- Condolences to Brian Dowling's family
- August 4th is National Night Out.
- July 19th the E-Bike law goes in effect.

Mr. Conrad

- First Aid, Fire, OEM, challenging times with weather, thank you for all you do.
- Congratulations to Captains Kelly and Holovacko.
- Condolences to the Brian Dowling family who dedicated over 60 years of service.
- Congratulations to Kalvin Manion on earning his Eagle Scout whose project was to revitalize the community garden with Jay Kennedy.
- Budget process included expansions to services, execution to programs like basketball clinic, baseball clinic. Thank you, Councilman Gross, for the swim program at Frog Hollow.
- Recreation Camp is a growing success.
- Tennis clinic is under way.
- Music on Broadway starts July 24th, with 2 additional nights.
- Welcomed two new businesses.
- Mayor, thank you for the leadership.

Ms. Dato

- Congrats to Captain Kelly and Holovacko.
- There is a blood shortage so please attend and donate at the Elks Thursday, July 30 1pm-6pm.
- Fundraiser for the YMCA at Sciortino's on July 28th.
- With the intense heat, please check on neighbors and the elderly.
- Caroline Maxwell is recovering. Keep in your thoughts and prayers.
- Bowl For Hunger hosted by Speaker Craig Coughlin on July 20th from 2pm-10pm at Majestic Lanes.

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the 250th anniversary. Great job.
- Thank you to the Fire department for all the work and help with fireworks.
- Congratulations to Kalvin Manion.
- Mark Herdman is doing a great job.
- Swim lessons are ready to start. Thanks to Dave Kales and Nikki Navarria.

Mayor Fred Henry

- Congrats Captain Holovacko and Kelly.
- Congratulations to Kalvin Manion.
- Thank you to everyone involved with the 250th celebration. We have been planning for months. Our DPW, Fire, First Aid, PD, OEM, were all a big part of the day.
- Thank you to Kathy Kudelka and Candace Turner for their planning for the 250th.

Mr. Kales

- Thank you to my staff and volunteers for working the 250th event.
- Swim lessons started and we had a total of 55 students. Thank you to Nikki Navarria.
- Tax bills are on the website. Tax Bills extended to August 14th.
- National Night Out is scheduled for August 4th. It is a great community event, there will be rides, food, music and it is free.
- The E-Bike flyer is on our website and social media. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the non-emergency line at 732-721-0111.
- Captain Holovacko and Captain Kelly have been in the acting position for over a year and went and put the work in and took the civil service test and passed. We have great leaders in our police department.

Aaron Rainone

- No comment.

Mark Rasimowicz

- No comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judith Raskoshin, South Amboy, NJ

Events we attended was the 250th celebration. There was face painting, rides, arts and crafts, and it was held in a beautiful area. Thank you for the brand-new curbs in our neighborhood. My children are also part of a lot of activities including the basketball clinic, tennis clinic and the frog hollow swim classes. Comments on the tennis courts regarding the cracks in the courts and any plans for revitalizing the area.

Mitchell Hall, South Amboy, NJ

Noticing flags and paint was put down by Middlesex Water Company in certain areas and wondering what exactly is being done. With the upcoming law on the ebikes, if there will be a proper patrol of enforcement to ensure safety of citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mrs. Dato and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty
Acting Municipal Clerk
Minutes approved 8-19-2026