MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 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: Business Administrator, David Kales, Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Aaron Rainone, Law Director, Dan Balka, CFO, Mark Herdman, OEM, Fire Chief/Police Captain, Michael Kelly, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer, Ken Krass, DPW Director, Jason Valetutto, Zoning Officer, Greg Czoch, Construction Official, Kristal Manion, QPA

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. 26-174 through NO. 26-182 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by**: Mr. Reilly. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross.**

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NO. 26-174 RESOLUTION CANCELLING REAL PROPERTY TAX BILL FOR BLOCK 38 LOT 6.02

NO. 26-175 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ADJUSTMENT – 411 GEORGE STREET

NO. 26-176 TAX REFUND - 103 N BROADWAY LLC

NO. 26-177 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT SERVICES – ACUITY CONSULTING SERVICES

NO. 26-178 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 F650- 7 YARD DUMP TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NO. 26-179 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 JOHN DEERE GATOR XUV 845M HVAC FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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NO. 26-180 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A RECOGNITION AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS INSURANCE AND ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA RELATING TO THE PEARL AT STATION BAY PROJECT

NO. 26-181 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A RECOGNITION AGREEMENT WITH TEACHERS INSURANCE AND ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA RELATING TO THE STATION BAY PHASE I PROJECT

NO. 26-182 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A RECOGNITION AGREEMENT WITH PROVIDENT BANK RELATING TO THE TWO-SAMBOY PARTNERS URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

Attorney Law Director explains that this property is seeking to refinance their mortgage and this is their way to alert the City and get their acknowledgement and approval. Business Administrator said this has been done before in 2019 and this a secondary mortgage.

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-183
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 August 19, 2026 Council Meeting.

MOVED by: Mr. Conrad of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-183 is hereby approved**. SECONDED by: Ms. Dato ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan. ABSTAIN: Mr. Reilly & Mr. Gross.**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-184
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 August 31, 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. 26-184 is hereby approved. **SECONDED by: Mr. Lenahan . ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross.**

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ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION/SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2026-12
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 309 HENRY STREET AND REMOVE 151 NORTH BROADWAY & 147 DAVID STREET

OPEN PUBLIC
CLOSE PUBLIC

MOVED by: Mr. Reilly, of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Ordinance #2026-12 is hereby adopted. **SECONDED by**: Mr. Lenahan **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross.**

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COMMENTS:

Mr. Conrad

- Happy birthday to Mark Herdman.
- Thank you to the Summer Concert series on Broadway team. Our DPW, Finance, Mayor's office, OEM, Fire and PD. It was a joint effort. There is one more night. It was rescheduled for 9/10 6-8 Emily Grace Lucas Band.
- As we come upon the 9/11 anniversary, thank you to all service members and those defending their fellow citizens.

Ms. Dato

- Blood donations are needed. The YMCA is having a drive on 9/3 315pm-630pm. A drive at the Senior Center 9/17 from 1pm-6pm. Please try and make an appt in advance.
- Graveyard tour is on 10/24, $5 dollar donation at Christ Church. 2pm and 330pm are the tours.
- At the Waterfront Park there are 2 more concerts.
- School starts tomorrow so please be cautious when you are driving around.
- Jared Gonsalves and longtime friend are planning the Turkey Trot at the waterfront park. This raises money to replenish food pantries.
- Thank you to all department heads for being here.
- Thank you to City Clerk and Officer Norek for their work on the handicap spots.

Mr. Reilly

- Thank first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- Sons of the American legion is looking for signups.
- Best of luck to the teachers and students returning to school.
- 25th anniversary of 9/11. Services will be on Friday 9/11 at 6pm.
- Question about the parking lot. When can you park and not park there?

Mr. Kales

- Regarding the new Municipal parking lot, we are waiting for the electric and lights/ev chargers and guard rails to be put up.
- It is 2-hour parking, from 7-7pm Monday through Friday.
- It can be used by residents, bars, restaurants, etc.
- There is no charge and it is free parking.
- It will be enforced by the Code Enforcement.
- Education will be starting around town and enforcement will begin thereafter.

Mr. Reilly (continued)

- The concert series was very successful. We have one more show on the 10th from 6-8pm - Emily Grace Lucas Band which was rescheduled.
- Business Summit in New Brunswick on 10/8. Discusses how to attract business to your town, programs availability for businesses.
- In the SA Times I wrote an article about our Fire Dept. We need members to join. It is a great organization; they do a great job.

Mr. Lenahan

- Thank you to our first responders and volunteers.
- September 10th, 11th and 14th. Milling and Paving to the Elm St. Bridge and Washington Rd.
- NJ is critically low on blood. Please donate.

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to the department heads.
- Thank you to our first responders and the American Legion.

Mr. Kales

- Thank you to the department heads and welcome back
- Crosswalks along Broadway are getting done.
- Fisherman Lot guard rail got delayed until 9/8 due to weather.
- 9/11 ceremony at the Train Station which will be done by the Fire dept.
- Cranes are down there at the Ferry to move the dock. Take a ride down there, it is beautiful.

Mr. Rainone

- No comments.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Szaro, South Amboy, NJ
The flagpole at Barkalow Street Park – looking for an update. Looking for an update on an Ordinance for the Veteran Plaza and Parks regarding the animals. A lot of residents along Fifth street regarding the water problem about the paving and curbs were replaced. The water is coming over the curbs.

Judith Raskoshin, South Amboy, NJ
As September 11th Is approaching, I want to remember close family members that were loss that day. Please take a moment to remember all those that lost their lives.

Mitchell Hall, South Amboy, NJ
Question regarding the relining of the municipal parking lot that was previously marked for 2-hour parking has turned into official use only.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Ms. Dato and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty
Acting Municipal Clerk
Minutes approved 9-16-2026