MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Councilwoman Dato, Councilman Lenahan, Councilman Reilly, Councilman Gross

ABSENT: Business Administrator, David Kales

ALSO PRESENT: Katie Rose Walenty, Acting City Clerk, Aaron Rainone, Law Director, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer

The Clerk read the Certification of Meeting Notice.

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PROCLAMATION:

Kalvin Manion, Eagle Scout

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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. 26-185 through NO. 26-193 are hereby approved. **SECONDED by**: Mr. Conrad. **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross**

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NO. 26-185 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAX BALANCE

NO. 26-186 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR FURNITURE FOR THE SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BUREAU

NO. 26-187 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR FURNITURE FOR THE SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BUREAU

NO. 26-188 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM AND TWO (2) YEAR PRO-CARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE SOUTH AMBOY FIRST AID

NO. 26-189 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAX REFUND – 417 LEFFERT ST

NO. 26-190 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KATIE ROSE WALENTY AS ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK

NO. 26-191 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH FREEMAN PERMITTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WALL WITHIN THE CITY'S CATHERINE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY (BLOCK 30, LOT 8; 241 BORDENTOWN AVENUE)

NO. 26-192 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER LICENSE NO. 1220-33-011-008 FROM JETMIR KACIC TO KACIC LLC

NO. 26-193 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA SIGNS TO FASTSIGNS

Comments by Mr. Reilly on Resolution 26-188, that he is happy to see the purchase of another Chest Compression System. This will be the second one, so we will be able to have one system on each of our rigs. Also, on the award for the new Veteran Memorial Plaza signs, what is the expectation of them being done intime for Veteran's day, and it is expected to be.

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RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-194
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 September 2, 2026 Council Meeting.

MOVED by :Mr. Reilly of the Council of the City of South Amboy, that Resolution No. 26-194 is hereby approved**. SECONDED by: Mr. Conrad ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-195
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 September 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. 26-195 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:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2026-13
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO BLOCK 18.01, LOT 27 (356 FERRIS STREET)

MOVED by: Ms. Dato, that Ordinance #2026-13 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the October 7, 2026 meeting. **SECONDED by:** Mr. Lenahan, **ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Conrad, Ms. Dato, Mr. Lenahan, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Gross**

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COMMENTS:

Ms. Dato

- Congratulations Kalvin Manion and his parents on his achievement as an Eagle Scout. The work done in the community garden was wonderful.
- 9/11 ceremony was touching and impressive. Thank you, Mike Kelly, for putting it together and all that was part of it.
- Upcoming Senior Center events: Mayor's Halloween Party 10/30 at 12pm & Grandparents ice cream social on 9/18 at 12pm. Free wellness checks by Hackensack Meridian 9/28 from 12pm-3pm at Senior Center.
- Upcoming Library event: Home buyer boot camp 9/24 630pm-830pm. There will be seminars and free information from realtors.
- Free rabies clinic 10/17 9am-12pm at Enterprise Fire House for both dogs and cats.

Mr. Conrad

- Good luck to the firemen down in Wildwood. Hopefully they come home with hefty trophies.
- For Hispanic heritage month there are numerous events around our area to celebrate the culture and heritage.
- Jewish calendar holy days are upon us. To all those that observe, I wish a good ceiling for the new year.

Mr. Reilly

- Thank first responders and food pantry volunteers.
- Condolences to the Gregorski family on the passing of Joseph Gregorksi, Ex Captain of Progressive firehouse. Longtime volunteer.
- Chest compression system that we purchased. This is very important due to the low number of volunteers.
- Good luck to firemen in Wildwood.
- Congratulations to Kalvin Manion on his Eagle Scout Award.
- First aid member Brandon Kuo had a project for Eagle Scout to repair the lounge. So hopefully, we will see him soon.
- New proposed legislation in NJ concerning EMTS would require 2 EMTS on every call
- Congratulations to Andrew Hatchcock and Brandon Kuo on the new certification of becoming certified EMTS.

Mr. Lenahan

- Happy belated birthday Ms. Dato
- Gasline through Sayreville and Old Bridge- if the EPA gets the permit requirements tentative start date 11/1.

Mr. Gross

- Thank you to the department heads.
- Thank you to our first responders and the American Legion.
- 2 ordinances will be on October 7th. Animal Waste and Handicap.

Mayor Fred Henry

- Thank you to the Fire Dept for the 9/11 ceremony. Also, wish them well in Wildwood.
- Congratulations to Kalvin Manion.
- American Legion cruise on September 26th.
- Congratulations to Katie Rose on being reappointed to Acting Clerk.

Mr. Rainone

- No comments.

Mark Rasimowicz

- Be aware of the metal plates on Broadway. The crosswalks are being installed

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mitchell Hall, South Amboy, NJ question on the road work on Broadway. Heard that the pipe was forgotten to be installed in the ground and this is why the work was being done. Our City Engineer confirmed this was not true.

Sarah Bernal, South Amboy, NJ
Thank you to the Council, lucky to have a TNR and American legion. Important to have an open dialogue with the community. Thank you for supporting the ruck march and posting it. As well as for the Police department for the support. There will be a plaque available for the City. There will be another march scheduled for November 7th. Thank you for all the information about the Sierra Club, Mr. Lenahan.

Brianne Rodgers
Happy birthday Ms. Dato.
I run Saving All Species and work with the South Amboy TNR. After an incident with a deceased cat, we worked with South Amboy DPW and Administration about purchasing a Microchip. So, thank you to City. Also, inquiring about space or a business to run an adoption event but do not have the space to do so.

Joe Szaro, American Legion Commander, South Amboy, NJ
Happy birthday. The ruck walk will also be a food drive for our 2 local food pantries in town.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Ms. Dato, seconded by Mr. Conrad and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Rose Walenty
Acting Municipal Clerk
Minutes approved 10-7-2026