MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
MAY 27, 2026
YMCA THEATER ROOM

NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 in the YMCA Theater Room of the Public Safety Complex, 365 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, New Jersey following the Caucus and Closed Session at 7:25 pm.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Kenneth Puccio, advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website, indicating that today's meeting is being held following the Caucus and Closed Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Acting Council President Kenneth Puccio: As a courtesy to the Governing Body, I would ask all individuals present, including members of the audience, to please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Should you need to make a telephone call, please go out into the hallway and speak in a low voice so as not to disturb the ongoing meeting.

Acting Council President Puccio called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Hailey Cruz Batista, Rose B. Morales, Stacey Peralta. Milady Tejeda was absent.

Also present at this meeting were: James Cryan, Business Administrator, William P. Opel, Esq., Director of Law and Theresa Lopez, Assistant City Clerk.

The Acting Council President gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge.

ORDINANCE (PUBLIC HEARING)
(3 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER/PER ORDINANCE)

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS" (ORDINANCE NO. 380-85 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JULY 2, 1985, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 255A ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

   Re: Deletions

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

Acting Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

2. **AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" (ORDINANCE NO. C-74 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED OCTOBER 17, 1928 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 95 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

   Re: Rules & Regulations

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

Acting Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

3. **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT AUCTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, LOCATED AT 196 HALL AVENUE, AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 349, LOT 3 ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

Acting Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizens may address the Council on any matter on the agenda which does not have its own scheduled public hearing. Citizens shall be permitted to speak once for a maximum of Three (3) minutes.

No one wished to be heard.

REPORTS

1. **Fallon Barcheski, Tax Collector submitted the monthly report of collections for the month of April 2026.**

2. **Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller submitted the following:**

    - **Investment Report for April 2026.**
    - **Check Register Report for the month of April 2026 in the total amount of $24,554,975.16.**

ORDINANCE (FIRST READING)
NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "ALCOHOL BEVERAGES" (CHAPTER 137-9) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY TO TEMPORARILY EXTEND HOURS OF SALE AND SERVICE DURING THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2026.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on June 10, 2026 in the YMCA Theater Room of the Public Safety Complex following the Caucus and Closed Session of 5:30 pm and was carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to adopt R-207-5/26 – R-224-5/26.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea—Council Members Cruz Batista, Morales, Peralta and Puccio. Nay—none.

R-207-5/26 Authorizing emergency temporary appropriations to extend the CY 2026 temporary budget in the amount of $6,251,875.00. (CFO)

R-208-5/26 Authorizing preparation and issuance of estimated third quarter tax bills. (CFO)

R-209-5/26 Authorizing change order no. 2 to the contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for professional land surveying, engineering, and environmental services associated with the Convery Boulevard Safety Improvements – Survey, Geotechnical, Engineering, Environmental Permitting Bid Phase and Construction Support Services in an amount not to exceed $28,740.00. (Recreation)

R-210-5/26 Accepting grant funds awarded through USTA Eastern Growing Tennis Together Grant Program in the amount of $3,000.00. (Recreation)

R-211-5/26 Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the Truxton Park Inclusive Playground in an amount not to exceed $50,900.00. (Recreation)

R-212-5/26 Accepting a United States Tennis Association (USTA) 2026 Micro Grant in the amount of $7,000.00. (Recreation)

R-213-5/26 Authorizing the City to execute the Good Sports Donation Agreement and Release with Good Sports, Inc. to allow the Office of Recreation to receive donated sports equipment and apparel to support youth recreation programs at no cost to the City. (Law)

R-214-5/26 Approving Judge Mayo's April 16, 2026 Order Approving Settlement for Richard Novo in the amount of $64,650.00. (Law)

R-215-5/26 Approving Judge Mayo's April 17, 2026 Order Approving Settlement for Sandro Perez-Jimenez in the amount of $34,626.00. (Law)

R-216-5/26 Authorizing a settlement agreement and release with T&M Associates. (Law)

R-217-5/26 Reappointing Fernando Gonzalez to the Perth Amboy Housing Authority for a five year term to expire December 31, 2030.

R-218-5/26 Awarding a bid to Casa Blanca General Contractors, LLC for contracting services related to the Home Improvement Program in an amount not to exceed $17,900.00. (OECD)

R-219-5/26 Authorizing contract amendment no. 2 with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of $14,500.00 for additional licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) oversight and reporting services for the Willow Pond Park -Veterans Memorial Youth League Complex Project. (Recreation)

R-220-5/26 Authorizing Tax Exempt Fully Disabled Veteran status to David Lopez, Block 188, Lot 13. (Collector)

R-221-5/26 Authorizing the City Engineer to endorse the New Jersey Department of Environmental protection Treatment Works Application. (Law)

R-222-5/26 Declaring an emergency and waiving the Estoppel Period for an Ordinance authorizing the temporary extension of hours of sale and service of alcoholic beverages during the FIFA World Cup 2026. (Law)

R-223-5/26 Authorizing a professional services contract with T&M Associates to provide professional engineering and construction service for Rudyk Park Roadway and Drainage Improvements in an amount not to exceed $64,850.00.

R-224-5/26 Authorizing application for a loan from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank Program for various water and sewer capital projects.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Middlesex County Department of Public Safety & Health advising that a virtual public hearing will be held on May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM on the Amendment**

to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. To participate use Microsoft Teams link or call in numbers listed at middlesexcountynj.gov/publicnotices. (5/13/26)

2. **Parsons submitted a copy of the NJDEP Soil Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification for the Former Chevron Perth Amboy – Amboy Field, 1200 State Street. (5/13/26)**

3. **Parsons submitted copy of the NJDEP Soil Remedial Action Biennial Certification for the Former Chevron Perth Amboy – Amboy Avenue, 1200 State Street. (5/13/26)**

4. **Parsons submitted a copy of the NJDEP Soil Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification for the Former Chevron Perth Amboy – Maurer Road, 1200 State Street. (5/13/26)**

5. **EcolScience, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP 2026 Soil Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification for 368 Rector Street., Blk. 136.01, Lot 1. (5/18/26)**

6. **NJDEP submitted a suspected hazardous substance discharge notification regarding the contamination of land with motor oil resulting from a MVA at the cross street/440 north. (5/19/26)**

7. **NJDEP acknowledging receipt of a Remedial Action Permit (RAP) Administrative Changes Application submitted by UBE Urethanes USA LLC and LANXESS for 1000 Convery Boulevard. (5/19/26)**

8. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue regarding the remediation of the 550 gallon #2 heating oil UST at 655-657 New Brunswick Avenue, Block 188, Lots 3 & 4. (5/19/26)**

9. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue regarding the remediation of the 2,000 gallon #2 heating oil UST at**

748-752 Convery Boulevard, Block 379.05, Lots 1-2. (5/19/26)

10. **LSRP Consulting LLC submitted a copy of the NJDEP Limited Restricted Use, Area of Concern Response Action Outcome for 611 Sayre Avenue, Block 183, Lot 47. (5/19/26)**

11. **Sayreville Deputy Clerk submitted a copy of an ordinance amending the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan for Parcel J to provide for the development of an age-restricted, inclusionary rental housing complex, adopted on April 27, 2026. (5/19/26)**

12. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Remedial Action Permit for the Willow Pond Park – Veterans Memorial Youth League Complex site, 617 Dorothy Avenue. (5/19/26)**

13. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue regarding the 1,000 gallon #2 heating oil UST at 189-191 Sherman Street, Block 85, Lots 23, 24. (5/19/26)**

14. **EcolSciences, Inc. submitted a copy of the NJDEP 2026 Soil Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification for the former Naval Reserve Center – former Navy Building at 304 Front street. (5/20/26)**

PUBLIC PORTION
(3 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)

Orlando Perez, a resident of the City commented on municipalities using AI.

Vince Mackiel of 214 Sheridan Street said the rent leveling board should have a secretary.

Reinaldo Aviles of South Amboy commented that feedback can be helpful. He said he asked at the caucus if Jill Goldy could speak on the process of the budget, not the content. He asked if the parking lot controlled by Eddie Trujillo is monitored by the city. He said someone was towed in the evening and the lot was empty.

The Acting Council President said Eddie Turjillo owns the lot but he wasn't sure if it is open parking or just for the tenants.

Carolyn Maxwell of Market Street said someone who works in the dialysis office got towed.

Councilwoman Peralta commented that the Council does listen to feedback and she welcomes it.

Sharon Hubberman of Cornell Street commented on the water infrastructure and data centers.

Hector Gonzalez of Market Street commented on the construction going on at the end of Market Street and questioned if a data center was going there.

The Acting Council President responded no.

Mr. Cryan said he looked into it, there is not.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Cruz Batista thanked everyone.

Councilwoman Morales said the council does listen and take into consideration feedback. Hard decisions are being made and progress is happening.

Councilwoman Peralta thanked everyone for participating and said the council listens.

Acting Council President Puccio commented on the City giving up its water rights, adding it was a bad move.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz Batista to adorn the meeting at 8:00 pm

Victoria Ann Kupsch
City Clerk

Kenneth Puccio
Acting Council President