

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 1, 2026
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 1

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF PUBLIC LAW OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING – 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE ON DECEMBER 17, 2025, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING – 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey was held on January 1, 2026 and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 12:00 PM with the following Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor and Council Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused Tardy
<i>Mayor Peter S. Guindi</i>	X		
<i>Councilwoman Sandra DaSilva</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Matthew DeSantis</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Joseph Donato</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Business Administrator Arthur Londensky.

COUNCIL-ELECT OATHS OF OFFICE

- Mayor Guindi administers Oath of Office to Councilmember-elect Joseph Donato.
- Mayor Guindi administers Oath of Office to Councilmember-elect Sandra DaSilva.

Councilman Donato and Councilwoman DaSilva make speeches thanking everyone for their support.

NOMINATION(S) FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Guindi called for nomination of Council President. Councilman Dziemian nominated Councilman DeSantis; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. Being no other nominations were called; Councilman DeSantis had been approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>			X			

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

- Council President DeSantis thanks everyone for their support.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Land Use Board – Sandra Adelino (Class 4)
Christian Eleto (Class 4)
Bryan Almeida (Alt 1)
Katlin Vargo, Mayor’s Alternate

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2026-1 TO 2026-9

RESOLUTION 2026-1

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RULES OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of South River has heretofore adopted an amended and compiled “**RULES OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**” for the conduct of municipal business; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to readopt the same for the year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the said amended and compiled “**RULES OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**” be and the same are hereby adopted for the year 2026 with “**ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER**” prevailing in all instances where the Rules of the Borough Council do not govern.

Section One :

The rules herein will be in effect from January 1, 2026. Once adopted, no rule of this Governing Body, or part thereof, shall be amended, or suspended, without consent of two-thirds of the entire Council.

The Governing Body shall be governed by Chapter 59 of the Code of South River, Rules of the Borough Council, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition) and all other rules adopted hereunder.

Section Two:

The regular meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River shall be held in accordance with the schedule of meetings adopted by Resolution at the annual Organization Meeting of the Borough Council.

Special Meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River shall be called and held as provided by statute and upon written notice designating the time and place of said Special Meeting, authorized by the Mayor or four members of the Borough Council, which notice shall be given to all members of the council at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the said special meeting. Said written notice shall contain the name and signature of those calling the meeting and shall include the reason(s) as to why the meeting is being held.

The Governing Body Members(s) requesting the Special Meeting shall contact the Borough Clerk who will notify TV-35 in order to arrange for the taping and broadcasting of said meeting, providing that a volunteer staff member is available for same.

Continued and adjourned meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River shall be called and held at the time and place designated by the Mayor with the consent of the Council.

All above described meetings shall be open to the public and will comply with (Chapter 231 P.L. 1975), subject to provision providing for executive sessions.

The business of each **REGULAR MEETING** shall be conducted in the following prescribed manner:

Meeting called to order by the presiding officer.

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Statement of Notice of Publication
Call of the roll.
Salute to the flag.
Moment of Silence
Proclamations, Honors, Awards, and Presentations
Executive Session (when necessary)
Agenda Session (Discussion Only)
Ordinances requiring a second reading
Ordinances requiring a first reading
Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Director of Law, Clerk, Council Reports
Public Comment (5-minute limit)
Consent Agenda (Resolutions)
New Business (Resolutions requiring a reading)
Governing Body Comments For the Good of the Cause
Adjournment.

The Mayor will determine the Seating Arrangements for all meetings (Regular and Special).

All agenda items must be received by the Borough Clerk, on the prescribed forms, by 12 noon on the Tuesday preceding the Regular Meeting. The Borough Administrator, Mayor and Borough Clerk shall finalize the agenda so that all members of the Governing Body shall receive the agenda and said agenda shall be published on the Borough website by the close of business that Friday.

Appearances before the governing body must be arranged by the Thursday preceding the Regular Meeting and will require the Mayor's approval or four council members. All Governing Body members need to be informed of the reason for the appearance twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the appearance.

Public comment shall be afforded all members of the general public at each regular, and special meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council. Any member of the general public desiring to address the governing body shall do so upon recognition of said speaker by the Chair. The speaker shall first identify herself/himself by name and address. The speaker shall be permitted to address the governing body on any topic that is for the good and welfare of the general public. Comments, questions or other reasons for an appearance, as well as responses from the governing body, shall be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. No questioning of individual members of Council shall be permitted by any speaker. In the event a speaker wished to pose a question to any individual member, she/he shall address the question to the Chair, the time limitation imposed by this Rule may be waived or modified by the Presiding Officer or by a majority of the Council Members present, upon motion duly made and seconded. No member of the public shall be allowed to poll the council on any issue. The Presiding Officer shall on all occasions preserve the strictest order and decorum and shall cause the removal of all persons who interrupt the orderly proceedings of the Governing Body.

The Mayor may request the Division of Police to designate a police officer to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms at council meetings. She or he shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Mayor or presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at Council meetings.

When a sufficient number of the members to constitute a quorum are present, the Mayor, or in his/her absence, the President of the Council, or in his/her absence, a President Pro Tempore, whom the quorum shall appoint, shall call them to order.

As soon as the members come to order, the Borough Clerk shall call the roll (Mayor, followed by Council Members in alphabetical order, ending with Council President) and note the absentees. In case of the absence of the Borough Clerk, the Deputy Borough Clerk shall assume the duties of the Borough Clerk.

Section Three:

When an ordinance is presented, the presiding officer shall direct that the title of the ordinance be read by the Clerk, it shall then be read and decided upon, which the main question shall be put: "Shall the ordinance be adopted on First Reading by Title only and advertised as required by law for Public Hearing on Second Reading prior to Final Passage?" or words to that effect. When an ordinance is taken up on Final passage after public hearing, it shall be read, and after the reading the vote shall be taken. The Governing Body, by majority vote, shall have the right to waive the full reading of said ordinance if the ordinance has been posted and published in accordance with law. Any ordinance may be amended at first reading or at the public hearing prior to final passage.

Section Four:

The Borough Council shall act as a Committee on the whole. The Mayor, with the consent of the Borough Council, shall appoint members to act as liaisons to all departments, boards and commissions as deemed necessary. Special Committees may be appointed by the Mayor from time to time. Each Special Committee shall consist of at least two (2) members, and the Mayor shall designate the Chairperson of all Special Committees. The Mayor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section Five :

Each Liaison shall:

Serve as a liaison between the governing body and the Borough departments covered by subject matter of the said appointment.

Report back to the Governing Body (either written or oral as requested) with the activities that have or shall be transpiring within the appropriate Borough Department, Board or Commission to which said Council Member acts as a liaison.

Be informed by the department heads within the jurisdiction of his/her specific assignment of all major events within the said department.

Under no circumstances would any committee chairperson have the authority to act in an administrative capacity by attempting to direct department heads or borough employees in the performance of their duties.

Only be allowed to contact or request information from Department Heads within their immediate departments.

Nothing shall preclude the Mayor or any Borough Council Member from contacting the Borough Administrator in an effort to resolve a citizen complaint concerning borough services.

Section Six :

Standing Committees of the Borough Council shall be the following:

- Committee on Budget
- Committee on Public Safety
- Committee on Utilities

Borough Council Liaisons shall be as follows:

- Finance & Administration
- Environmental Commission/Shade Tree/ Green Team
- Facilities Management
- Human Services

- Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging
- Mayor's Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities
- Board of Health
- Human Relations Commission

Economic Development and Planning/ Economic Development Commission

Cultural Arts and Heritage Commission

Recreation Advisory Committee

Board of Education

Municipal Alliance

Library Board of Trustees

Cable Television Advisory Board/TV-35

Section Seven :

All bills, demands, or claims for payment, shall:

Be accompanied by a voucher, on a form to be prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer; be itemized, specifying job numbers or descriptions particularly how the bill or demand is made up, and certified, by the party claiming payment, that is correct; and

Shall contain the certification of the Borough Administrator and the department head in whose department the indebtedness has been incurred, that the goods have been received by, or the service rendered to the Borough. All vouchers shall be referred to the certifying and approval officer for his review and approval. All approved vouchers shall be submitted by the certifying and approval officer to the Borough Council, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, for final approval or disapproval.

The Borough Council shall have READ ONLY access to Financial/Purchasing System with the ability to review all Purchase Requests.

Section Eight:

All Borough Ordinances shall be presented and passed in accordance with the requirements of Title 40 of the NJ Statutes Annotated. Every Ordinance passed by the Council shall be approved or vetoed by the Mayor in accordance with the said Statute. In the event that the Mayor shall not approve an Ordinance, but shall veto it, he shall expressly follow the said Statute by communicating to the Borough Clerk, his objections in writing and clearly state his veto in the present tense.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on January 1, 2026

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-2
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, Rule Number Six of the RULES OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL calls for the appointment of various Liaisons of the Borough Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Members of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following Liaisons of the Borough Council for the year 2026:

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cm. Hank Dziemian

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Cm. Matt DeSantis, Chair
Cm. Joseph Donato
Cm. Hank Dziemian

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD/TV-35

Cm. Joseph Donato

CULTURAL ARTS AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

Clw. Sandra DaSilva

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Cm. Nick Giannakopoulos

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION/SHADE TREE/GREEN TEAM

Cm. Nick Giannakopoulos

FACILITIES MANGEMENT, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

Cm. Joseph Donato

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Cm. Matt DeSantis

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Cm. Joseph Donato

HUMAN SERVICES

- Mayor's Advisory Committee of Persons with Disabilities
- Board of Health

- Human Relations Commission

Clw. Sandra DaSilva

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Clw. Sandra DaSilva

MAYOR’S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF AGING

CIm. James Gurchensky

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

CIm. Nick Giannakopoulos, Chair
CIm. Hank Dziemian
CIm. Jim Gurchensky

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

CIm. Matt DeSantis

COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES

CIm. Nick Giannakopoulos, Chair
CIm. Joseph Donato
CIm. James Gurchensky

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, the following shall be the regular public meeting schedule of the said Borough Council for the year 2026.

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday	January 19 th
Monday	February 9 th
Monday	March 2 nd
Monday	March 23 rd
Monday	April 13 th
Monday	May 11 th
Monday	June 8 th
Monday	June 29 th
Monday	July 20 th
Monday	August 17 th
Monday	September 14 th
Monday	October 5 th
Monday	November 9 th
Monday	December 14 th

PLACE **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
61 MAIN STREET

TIME **REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM**

SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 PM

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings of the Governing Body shall be held in compliance with Chapter 331, Public Law 1975 of the State of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), during times when a State of Emergency has been declared the meetings of the Governing Body may be held by means of the use of electronic communications equipment. If the meeting is held by electronic communications equipment, no members of the public shall be permitted to physically attend the meeting. The public, however, is invited to attend the meeting electronically. The public may participate by utilizing the methods of attending the remote meeting as set forth in Borough's Council's Procedures and Public Comment for Remote Borough Council meetings as set forth on the Borough website and by request from the Borough Clerk. A specific Zoom link will be provided on the Borough Website and Municipal Building bulletin board no later than the statutory 48 hours of the prospective meeting if determined by Council to be a remote meeting. The public will have the opportunity to speak.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2026

PRESIDENT'S DAY	Monday, February 16 th
FRIDAY BEFORE EASTER	Friday, April 3 rd
MEMORIAL DAY	Monday, May 25 th
INDEPENDENCE DAY	Friday, July 3 rd
LABOR DAY	Monday, September 7 th
COLUMBUS DAY	Monday, October 12 th
VETERANS DAY	Wednesday, November 11 th

THANKSGIVING DAY
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, November 26th
Friday, November 27th
Friday, December 25th
Friday, January 1, 2027 (Reorg Meeting at 12 noon)

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-4
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, in the normal operation of the business of the Borough of South River, it will be necessary for the making of contracts, commitments and payments prior to the adoption of the regular budget for the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, Revised Statutes 40A:4-19 of the State of New Jersey provides for the Governing Body of any municipality may make temporary appropriations to provide for any contracts, commitments or payments to be made between the beginning of the Budget Year and the adoption of the Final Budget; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the thirty (30) days of the month of January 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the current fund appropriations hereunder of \$5,299,000.00, water utility appropriations of \$1,088,000.00, electric utility appropriations of \$3,913,000.00, and parking utility appropriations of \$14,000.00 do not exceed twenty-six and one-quarter percent of the total budget appropriations of the Borough of South River, exclusive of 2025 appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the following temporary budget for the Borough of South River for the year of 2026 be adopted:

CURRENT FUND
WITHIN "CAPS"

DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Cable Television	\$ 8,000.00
COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
HUMAN RESOURCES	
Other Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
BOROUGH CLERK	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Codification of Ordinances	\$ 5,000.00
ELECTIONS	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 45,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 8,000.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 12,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	
Other Expenses	\$ 40,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES AND COSTS	
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
<u>LAND USE ADMINISTRATION:</u>	
LAND USE BOARD	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
INSURANCE	

Liability Insurance	\$ 450,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 150,000.00
Group Health	\$ 550,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 10,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS:

POLICE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,000,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 70,000.00

SPECIAL POLICE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 75,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00

SCHOOL GUARDS

Salaries and Wages	\$ 90,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00

POLICE DISPATCH/911

Salaries and Wages	\$ 80,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 250.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00
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MUNICIPAL COURT

Salaries and Wages	\$ 55,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

Other Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Salaries and Wages	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00

PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS:

ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Salaries and Wages	\$ 210,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 50,000.00

GARBAGE AND TRASH REMOVAL

Salaries and Wages	\$230,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00

PUBLIC BUILDING & GROUNDS

Other Expenses	\$ 75,000.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 80,000.00
Lease/Purchase of Vehicles	\$ 5,000.00

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS:

BOARD OF HEALTH	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
County Health Program	\$ 20,000.00

OFFICE ON AGING	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 40,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Senior Events	\$ 5,000.00

ANIMAL CONTROL	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00

PARKS AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS:

RECREATION	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF PARKS	
Salaries and Wages	\$120,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00

CULTURAL ARTS	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00

UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES	
Telephone	\$ 20,000.00
Heating Oil	\$ 30,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 35,000.00
Postage	\$ 10,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 25,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00

LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Sanitary Landfill Contract	\$200,000.00
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Appropriation offset by Dedicated Revenues:

Uniform Construction Code	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00

Statutory Expenditures:

Social Security	\$ 85,000.00
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	<u>1,250.00</u>

Total Operations within "CAPS"	\$4,434,000.00
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EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"

County Sewerage Authority Contract	\$ 500,000.00
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Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$200,000.00
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Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:

M.C.I.A. – Recycling	\$ 120,000.00
Radio Safety Communications System	\$ 14,000.00
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 8,000.00

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Information and Assistance Grant	\$ 3,000.00
Assistive Technology	\$ 5,000.00
Physical Grant	\$ 2,000.00
Mental Health	\$ 10,000.00
Socialization & Recreation	\$ 3,000.00

Total – Outside "CAPS":	\$ 865,000.00
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Total Current Fund Appropriations	<u>\$ 5,299,000.00</u>
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ELECTRIC UTILITY

Operating:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 550,000.00
Purchase of Power	\$1,800,000.00
Operating	\$ 200,000.00
Office/Administrative	\$ 3,000.00
Insurance	\$ 550,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 520,000.00
Accumulated Absences	\$ 10,000.00

Statutory Expenditures:

Public Employees Retirement System	\$ 225,000.00
Social Security	\$ 50,000.00
Unemployment	\$ 5,000.00

Total Electric Utility Appropriations:	<u>\$3,913,000.00</u>
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WATER UTILITY

Operating:

Salaries and Wages	\$250,000.00
Purchase of Water	\$250,000.00
Operating	\$115,000.00
Office/Administrative	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$300,000.00
Professional Services	\$150,000.00

Statutory Expenditures:

Social Security	\$ 20,000.00
Unemployment	\$ 2,000.00

Total Water Utility Appropriations: **\$1,088,000.00**

PARKING UTILITY

Operating:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,500.00
Operating	\$ 1,000.00
Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00

Statutory Expenditures:

Public Employee Retirement System	\$ 2,500.00
Social Security	\$ 1,000.00

Total Parking Utility Appropriations: **\$ 14,000.00**

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-5

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey that pursuant to Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, the HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, a news publication published in Neptune, NJ and with circulation within the Borough of South River is hereby designated as the Official Newspaper for all Official Notices of the Borough for the year 2026.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SENTINEL PUBLICATION is a weekly newspaper used for display advertisement not of a legal nature.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-6
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined it necessary to solicit proposal of qualifications for professional services as Borough Attorney under a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined and certified that the value of the services to be rendered will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of said contract is for a period of one year and shall run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has provided the necessary Public Notice for the solicitation of qualifications for professional services under the Fair and Open Process for a minimum period of ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the sealed qualifications, due on December 1, 2025, were submitted to the Borough Administrator of the Borough of South River, 48 Washington Street, South River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, John DeLuca of the firm Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O’Grodnick, & Fisher submitted a proposal for Professional Services as Borough Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mayor and appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with John DeLuca of the firm Savo, Schalk, Corsini, Warner, Gillespie, O’Grodnick, & Fisher for the position of Borough Attorney in the Borough of South River for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” which has been implemented under the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play” Law under P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Borough Attorney in accounts 6-01-20-155-205, 6-02-55-502-205 and 6-03-55-

502-205 which is based on a reasonable estimate of the goods and services required over the contract terms, and the local unit is not obligated to spend that amount.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>					X	
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of authorization to approve the foregoing resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South River on January 1, 2026

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-7
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined it necessary to solicit proposal of qualifications for professional services as Borough Engineer under a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined and certified that the value of the services to be rendered will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of said contract is for a period of one year and shall run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has provided the necessary Public Notice for the solicitation of qualifications for professional services under the Fair and Open Process for a minimum period of ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the sealed qualifications, due on December 1, 2025, were submitted to the Borough Administrator of the Borough of South River, 48 Washington Street, South River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, David Samuel, P.E. of the firm CME Associates has submitted a proposal for Professional Services as Borough Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mayor and appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with David Samuel P.E. of CME Associates for the position of Borough Engineer in the Borough of South River for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” which has been implemented under the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play” Law under P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Borough Engineer in account 6-01-20-165-205 which is based on a reasonable estimate of the goods and services required over the contract terms, and the local unit is not obligated to spend that amount.

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COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-8
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined it necessary to solicit proposal of qualifications for professional services as Borough Prosecutor under a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined and certified that the value of the services to be rendered will not exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of said contract is for a period of one year and shall run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has provided the necessary Public Notice for the solicitation of qualifications for professional services under the Fair and Open Process for a minimum period of ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the sealed qualifications, due on December 1, 2025, were submitted to the Borough Administrator of the Borough of South River, 48 Washington Street, South River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Robert Scott LaMountain, Esq. submitted a proposal for Professional Services as Borough Prosecutor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mayor and appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Robert Scott LaMountain, Esq. for the position of Borough Prosecutor in the Borough of South River for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” which has been implemented under the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play” Law under P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$18,000.00 for Borough Prosecutor in accounts 6-01-25-275-205 which is based on a reasonable estimate of the goods and services required over the contract term, and the local unit is not obligated to spend that amount.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>					X	
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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RESOLUTION 2026-9
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined it necessary to solicit proposal of qualifications for professional services as Borough Planner under a “Fair and Open Process” pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has determined and certified that the value of the services to be rendered will not exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of said contract is for a period of one year and shall run from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has provided the necessary Public Notice for the solicitation of qualifications for professional services under the Fair and Open Process for a minimum period of ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the sealed qualifications, due on December 1, 2025, were submitted to the Borough Administrator of the Borough of South River, 48 Washington Street, South River, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bignell, P.P. of the firm Bignell Planning Consultants Inc. has submitted a proposal for Professional Services as Borough Planner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Mayor and appropriate Borough Officials are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Bignell Planning Consultants Inc. for the position of Borough Planner in the Borough of South River for the calendar year 2026 pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” which has been implemented under the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play” Law under P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Borough Planner in account 6-01-21-180-205 which is based on a reasonable estimate of the goods and services required over the contract terms, and the local unit is not obligated to spend that amount.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			

Councilman Donato					X	
Councilman Dziemian		X	X			
Councilman Giannakopoulos			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President DeSantis	X		X			

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**** Councilman Donato abstained from voting on resolutions 2026-6, 2026-8, and 2026-9.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public comment.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, congratulates the newly sworn in council members and the new Council President and wishes everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Hutchison speaks on resolution 2026-6 and discussions ensue between Mr. Hutchison and Mayor Guindi regarding the new Borough Attorney. Mr. Hutchison speaks on the number of meetings for the year and requests that more meetings are added in the future.

Julie Meira, 189 Main Street, congratulates new council members. Ms. Meira thanks the Mayor for adding the Land Use Board appointments to this meeting. Ms. Meira also speaks on the number of meetings for the year.

Teresa Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, congratulates the newly sworn in council members and Council President. Mrs. Hutchison requests that more meetings are added and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Being that no one else came forward for public comment, Mayor Guindi requested motion to close. Council President DeSantis motioned to close; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS (For the Good and Welfare of the Borough)

Council President DeSantis

- Happy New Year.
- Thanks everyone for their support with voting him as Council President.

Councilwoman DaSilva

- Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year.
- Thank you for the support

Councilman Donato

- Happy New Year
- Speaks on increasing the number of meetings for the year

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety workers and borough workers
- Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year

Councilman Dziemian

- Thank you to Tony Ciulla and Donna Balazs for their service
- Happy New Year
- Congrats to Council President Ciulla, the new members of Council, and the new Fire Department Chiefs

Councilman Giannakopoulos

- Happy New Year
- Speaks on the number of meetings for the year. Our meetings are efficient the way they are

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on the meeting schedule and council pay
- Congratulations to the new council members
- Thank you to Tony Ciulla and Donna Balazs for their years of service and dedication
- Speaks on the 2025 accomplishments

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Council President DeSantis motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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