

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2026
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 7

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 May 11, 2026, and was called to order by Mayor Guindi at 7:00 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 Joseph Donato</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Nick Giannakopoulos</i>		X	
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Council President Matt DeSantis</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan, DPW Director Adriano Soares, First Assistant Fire Chief Steve Drugos, Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Zanga, Borough Attorney John DeLuca, and Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

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 JANUARY 7, 2026, POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BULLETIN BOARD, THE BOROUGH WEBSITE, THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUILDING AT 61 MAIN STREET, SOUTH RIVER.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Guindi lead the salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

PROCLAMATIONS, HONORS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

- Older Americans Month – Mayor Guindi reads the Proclamation:

Proclamation

Borough of South River

WHEREAS, the month of May 2026 marks the national observance of Older Americans Month, a tradition established in 1963 to honor the wisdom, resilience, and vast contributions of our elder citizens; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Champion Your Health," encourages older adults to take an active role in their well-being through prevention, social connection, and informed choices that support independence and vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Office on Aging serves as a boutique hub of creativity and connection, "flipping the script" on aging by providing a vibrant space where our residents don't just grow older, but grow bolder through curated lifestyle programming and integrated wellness collaborations that combine dynamic physical exercise with vital screenings to help our seniors champion their health; and

WHEREAS, our community is strengthened by the diverse stories and life achievements of those who have paved the way for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Older Americans Month and urge all citizens to celebrate the power of aging well and to recognize the essential role our seniors play in the heart of our community.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION 2026-133
RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in Town Hall and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman DaSilva</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Donato</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Giannakopoulos</i>						
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>		X	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 May 11, 2026.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of the 2026 Municipal Budget only.

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Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in Favor.

RESOLUTION #2026-134

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2026

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the MIDDLESEX BOROUGH of SOUTH RIVER, County of MIDDLESEX that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 12,785,462.00 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
(b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
(c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
(d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
(e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
(f) \$ 835,543.00 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

Ayes

Dasilva
Donato
Dziemian
Gurchensky
De Santis

Nays

Absent

Absent

Giannakopoulos

SUMMARY OF REVENUES			
1. General Revenues			
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$	2,690,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$	6,669,786.84
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	16-499	\$	480,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$	12,785,462.00
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$	-
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$	-
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY		\$	-
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:			
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191		
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$	835,543.00
Total Revenues	13-299	\$	23,460,791.84

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 13,400,194.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 2,068,165.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 3,966,075.84
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ 850,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 2,216,357.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ -
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ -
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 960,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 23,460,791.84

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 11th day of May, 2026. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2026 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 11th day of May, 2026, ahager@southrivernj.org, Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2026-135
SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of South River has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2026 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

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 May 11, 2026.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78(b) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6.

Dated: May 11, 2026

By: _____
Joseph Zanga
Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA SESSION

- Discussion on Ordinances –Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan explains the ordinances on the agenda.

ORDINANCE– SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2026-9

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” BY AMENDING SECTION 193-31.1, SCHEDULE IIA “HANDICAPPED PARKING” THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, that Chapter 193 of the Code of the Borough of South River entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” be amended by amending Section 193-31.1, Schedule IIA as follows:

SECTION 1. Schedule IIA. HANDICAPPED PARKING

Street	Side	Location
Phillip Street	West	43 Feet South of Burton Avenue, extending 28 feet

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Thereof

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause of provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-9 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-9 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

Adopted 5-11-26

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			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCE 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend § 193-31 entitled, "No Parking Certain Hours," so as to add the following location:

Street	Side	Location
William Street	West	From the northwest corner of Henry Street, extending 220 feet north thereof

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

Council President DeSantis motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2026-10 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2026-10 only.

Being no public came forth, Council President DeSantis motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Gurchensky. All in Favor.

Adopted 5-11-26

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

ORDINANCES– FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-11 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026–11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, TITLED “PUBLIC SAFETY,” TO AMEND SECTION 72-27, TITLED “SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,” TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF CLASS ONE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERGEANT TO CLASS ONE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SUPERVISOR.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has established the position of Special Law Enforcement Officer within Chapter 72, Section 72-27 of the Code of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, Section 72-27 currently refers to certain designated Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers as “Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Sergeants” or “Class One Sergeants”; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has requested that the title of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Sergeant be changed to Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this amendment is to distinguish the Borough’s regular sworn police rank of Sergeant from the designated Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer position, and to reduce confusion regarding the authority and responsibilities associated with each role; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended as a title and nomenclature change only, and is not intended to alter the powers, duties, limitations, supervision, employment status, or statutory authority of any Special Law Enforcement Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 72-27D(1)(f).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(1)(f) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(f) The number of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers shall consist of a maximum of two Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors and 18 Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 72-27D(1)(g).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(1)(g) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(g) The Chief of Police shall be responsible for designating up to two Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers who will hold the position of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor during their period of appointment.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 72-27D(2)(d).

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(2)(d) of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) The Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors will be responsible for the scheduling of Class One Special Law Enforcement Officers to any given assignment at the direction of the Chief of Police or his direct designee.

SECTION 4. Amendment to Section 72-27D(8)(a)[5].

Chapter 72, Section 72-27D(8)(a)[5] of the Code of the Borough of South River is hereby amended to read as follows:

[5] Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer Supervisors: minimum wage plus \$8 per hour.

SECTION 5. Construction.

This Ordinance shall be construed as a title and nomenclature amendment only. Nothing herein shall be construed to create a regular police rank, to modify the chain of command of the South River Police Department, to alter the statutory classification or authority of any Special Law Enforcement Officer, to expand the duties of any Class One Special Law Enforcement Officer, or to modify the supervision and limitations otherwise applicable under Section 72-27 of the Code of the Borough of South River and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Codification.

The Borough Clerk and/or the codifier are authorized and directed to make all necessary changes to the Code of the Borough of South River to reflect the amendments adopted herein.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on May 11th, 2026, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 8th day of June, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 5-11-26

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			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-12 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 193, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ESTABLISH NO STANDING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF CHARLES STREET AND LINCOLN STREET.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is authorized to regulate traffic and parking on streets under municipal jurisdiction, including by ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles on streets and portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the South River Police Department has reviewed traffic conditions in the area of Pillars Preparatory Academy, located at 34 Charles Street, including conditions occurring during student drop-off and pick-up periods; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has reported that vehicles stopping, standing, or idling in the area create congestion, restrict visibility, interfere with traffic flow, and limit the passage of vehicles, including emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has further reported that the existing conditions have created recurring nuisances for nearby residents, including blocked driveways, restricted access to on-street parking, excessive noise, and vehicles using private driveways to turn around; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that the Borough amend § 193-32.1, Schedule IIIA, "No Standing," to add no standing restrictions on the south side of Charles Street from Stanton Street to Lincoln Street and on the west side of Lincoln Street from Charles Street to a point 265 feet south thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council find that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate to enhance public safety, improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and address the conditions identified by the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 193, "Vehicles and Traffic," of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River to establish no standing zones on portions of Charles Street and Lincoln Street in order to promote public safety, improve traffic flow, and address congestion in the area of Pillars Preparatory Academy.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Chapter 193.

Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River, titled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended and supplemented to amend § 193-32.1, Schedule IIIA, "No Standing," to add the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Charles Street	South	From Stanton Street to Lincoln Street
Lincoln Street	West	From Charles Street to a point 265 feet south thereof

SECTION 3. No Standing Restrictions.

No person shall stand or permit a vehicle to stand in the areas designated in Section 2 of this Ordinance, except as otherwise permitted by law.

SECTION 4. Signs and Enforcement.

The appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to install, or cause to be installed, appropriate signage designating the no standing zones established by this Ordinance. The restrictions adopted herein shall be enforceable upon the installation of appropriate signage.

SECTION 5. Continuing Effect.

Except as amended and supplemented by this Ordinance, Chapter 193 of the Borough Code of the Borough of South River shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Codification.

The Borough Clerk and/or the codifier are authorized and directed to make all necessary changes to the Code of the Borough of South River to reflect the amendments adopted herein.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

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Introduced 5-11-26

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-13 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 363-5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER TO ADD A FARMERS' MARKET VENDOR ANNUAL PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Code of the Borough of South River presently establishes fee requirements for retail and wholesale food establishments, including a fee for a temporary retail food establishment of \$25 for a one-day permit and \$10 for each consecutive day thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that vendors participating in duly authorized farmers' markets within the Borough should be subject to a permit structure tailored specifically to farmers' market operations, rather than the existing temporary retail food establishment fee structure; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to create a new annual permit fee specifically for farmers' market vendors so that such vendors may operate at duly authorized farmers' markets within the Borough during the calendar year under a single annual permit; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds that establishing an annual farmers' market vendor permit will create a clearer and more predictable fee structure for farmers' market participation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body also desires to make clear that this annual farmers' market vendor permit applies only to farmers' market vendors operating stands at a farmers' market and does not apply to food trucks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to Code.

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Section 363-5 of the Code of the Borough of South River, titled "Fees," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 363-5. Fees.

The fees for licenses for retail and wholesale food establishments, such licenses to be effective from January 1 until December 31 of the current year, are hereby amended as follows:

- A. Retail and wholesale food establishments, permanent locale: \$100.
- B. Any retail food establishment engaged in the sale of packaged food products: \$50.
- C. Temporary retail food establishment: \$25 for a one-day permit and \$10 additional for each consecutive day thereafter.
- D. Farmers' market vendor annual permit: \$50. This annual permit shall be valid for the calendar year commencing January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year and shall entitle the permit holder to set up and operate a stand at a duly authorized farmers' market within the Borough for the entirety of that calendar year without payment of any additional daily temporary retail food establishment fee. This annual permit shall apply only to farmers' market vendors operating stands at a farmers' market and shall not apply to food trucks.
- E. Late fee of \$20 after January 31 of the current year for retail and wholesale food establishments.
- F. Late fee of \$10 after January 31 of current year for sale of packaged food products.

Section 2. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Codification.

This Ordinance shall be codified in the Code of the Borough of South River as amended herein.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication according to law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on May 11th, 2026, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 8th day of June, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located May 11, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 6/29/26

at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

Introduced 5-11-26

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			

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

The Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2026-14 by title only

ORDINANCE 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 58, LOT 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, FROM SOUTH RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE, FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION.

WHEREAS, South River Little League, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is the owner of certain real property located in the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, commonly known as 63 Burton Avenue, South River, New Jersey, and designated on the official Tax Map of the Borough of South River as Block 58, Lot 1 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property was conveyed by the Borough of South River to South River Little League by deed dated June 24, 1965, for consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, and said deed further provided that the Property was to be used by the grantee for recreational and athletic purposes only, with reverter language in favor of the Borough in the event of diversion to another use without the Borough's permission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough and its residents for the Borough to acquire title to the Property from South River Little League for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) so that the Property may continue to be owned, preserved, maintained, and used for public recreational, park, athletic, and related municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is authorized to acquire real property for public purposes, including by gift or other lawful conveyance, upon authorization by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to authorize the acquisition of the Property and further authorize the appropriate Borough officials to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition and acceptance of title;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization to Acquire Property.

The Borough of South River is hereby authorized to acquire from South River Little League all of its right, title, and interest in and to the real property known as Block 58, Lot 1 on the official Tax Map of the Borough of South River, also commonly known as 63 Burton Avenue, South River, New Jersey, for nominal consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00).

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Section 2. Purpose of Acquisition.

The Property shall be acquired and accepted by the Borough for public park, recreational, athletic, baseball field, open space, and other related municipal purposes, consistent with applicable law and the historic use and deed history of the Property.

Section 3. Authorization to Execute Documents.

The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, and such other Borough officials and professionals as may be necessary are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the acquisition of the Property, including, without limitation, the authority to:

- a. accept and execute the deed and any deed acceptance documents;
- b. review, negotiate, approve, and execute affidavits, certifications, closing statements, transfer declarations, and any and all other closing documents;
- c. obtain and review title, tax, utility, survey, and other due diligence materials;
- d. take such actions as may be necessary to record the deed and related instruments; and
- e. execute such other documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient to legally effectuate the transfer of title to the Borough.

Section 4. Borough Attorney Approval.

All conveyance documents, including the form of deed and any ancillary affidavits, certifications, and closing documents, shall be subject to review and approval by the Borough Attorney, whose approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the Borough Attorney's preparation of, review of, and/or consent to such documents.

Section 5. Conditions of Closing.

The authorization granted herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon:

- a. receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Borough Attorney that South River Little League has duly authorized the conveyance;
- b. confirmation of marketable title or such title as the Borough may accept in its discretion;
- c. satisfaction, adjustment, or other disposition of any outstanding utility or municipal charges as may be identified prior to closing; and
- d. compliance with all recording and closing requirements required by law or by the Middlesex County Clerk for transfer of title.

The tax search provided for the property lists no liens, but does show an open electric balance, which should be addressed before or at closing.

Section 6. Acceptance of Conveyance.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and execution of the necessary transfer documents, the Borough is hereby authorized to accept conveyance of the Property and to cause the deed and related instruments to be recorded.

Section 7. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE

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Introduced 5-11-26

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

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Justin Cornell

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT FY 2024 Local Aid Program**
 - The borough received a \$681,405.00 grant Leonardine Ave. from the OBT to Grand Ave., Prentice Ave., from Willet Ave. to Sheldon Ave., & Beryl St. from Cleveland Ave. to Wilcox.
 - The NJDOT has awarded the Borough a grant in the amount of \$606,980.00 for the Improvements to Darrow Street from Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street and John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.

- Our office is working with the contractor to complete the punchlist and close the project.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - The Borough received a \$575,000 grant for the improvements to Albourne Street from Ferris Street to Seppi Avenue, Franklin Street from Wilson Avenue to Pulawski Avenue and Olchaskey Avenue from Kamm Avenue to Prentice Avenue.
 - A preconstruction meeting was held on Thursday, April 30th with Crossroads Paving. Construction is expected to begin in June.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
 - The Borough received a \$506,913 grant for the following roads:
 - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue;
 - Tice Avenue from the Old Bridge Turnpike to David Street;
 - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus.
 - The bid opening took place on April 30, at 10:00 am. Fernandes Construction, Inc. was the apparent low bidder.
- **2025 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The project was approved for award in the amount of \$131,540.00 to RESA Service, LLC of Farmingdale, New Jersey. Sign contracts were submitted to the Borough.
 - Work has begun on the Electrical Substation Improvements.
- **NJDOT FY 2026 Local Aid Program**
 - The Borough received a \$582,753.00 grant for the following roads:
 - Mercer Street from Willett Avenue to Johnson Place.
 - Lyons Street from Sunset Street to Frandsen Avenue.
 - Mitchell Avenue from Old Bridge Turnpike to Garden Street.
 - The project has been authorized, and design work has begun.

CFO Joseph Zanga

- Speaks on resolutions on the consent agenda.
- Speaks on the 2026 Budget adoption.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- Speaks on completing hydrant flushing
- DPW will be closed on Memorial Day. There is no brush or grass pickup.

First Assistant Fire Chief Steve Drugos

- Speaks on vehicle maintenance and vehicle testing
- There will be a live burn on 5/17

Borough Attorney John Deluca

- No report

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- The Primary Election is 6/2. Early voting will start on Tuesday, 5/26 through Sunday, 5/31. The closest early voting location to South River is the East Brunswick Community Center located at 721 Cranbury Road. The hours for early voting will be Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am – 8 pm and Sunday 10 am – 6 pm.

Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan

- The Police Department will be hiring 4 new SLEO Class 1 and a new crossing guard

- Speaks on resolution 2026-155

PUBLIC COMMENT- Consent Resolutions Only (5 min per speaker)

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Ed Trygar, 44 Ferry Street, speaks on resolution 2026-141.

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, would like to know if the individuals being appointed on resolution 2026-150 are of student age. DPW Director Adriano Soares answers

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- Shade Tree:
 - Bonnie Trygar
 - Mia Donato, Junior Member
- Environmental Commission/Green Team:
 - Mia Donato, Junior Member

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2026-136 TO 2026-155 *(Resolutions 2026-141 and 2026-152 will be read separately)*

WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2025-01 AUTHORIZES THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO UTILIZE A CONSENT AGENDA TO ADOPT VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF A ROUTINE AND NONCONTROVERSIAL NATURE AT ONE TIME. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BELOW LISTED RESOLUTIONS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN WHOLE AS IF THE SAME WERE INDIVIDUALLY ACTED UPON.

The Borough Clerk read the resolution titles on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2026-136

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REQUISITION OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE SCHOOL MONIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable Statutes of the State of New Jersey, the Local School District is required to requisition funds for Operating Expense and Debt Service Expense from the Borough; and

WHEREAS, a requisition dated May 1, 2026 has been received from the Local School District for the following amount:

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSE:	\$1,612,331.00
RESTORED FUNDS:	0.00
DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,612,331.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw the above stated amount from the proper accounts and pay to the Custodian of the School Monies the amount so drawn pursuant to the applicable Statutes of the State of New Jersey by June 5, 2026.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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<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 May 11, 2026

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

**RESOLUTION 2026-137
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough to obtain professional services from a mental health services firm for the provision of employee assistance services; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is a reputable firm possessing expertise and specialty in such fields of mental health services as required by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey has submitted an advantageous proposal in accordance with the Borough's request, attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to award a contract for professional services from a mental health services firm for the provision of employee assistance services to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby award a contract to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for professional services from a mental health services firm for the provision of employee assistance services in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, the term of said contract is for a period of one year and shall run from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, a contract with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.
3. That the contract and resolution will be made available in the Clerk's office during normal business hours for public inspection.

4. That notice of this action shall be printed once on the borough website of the Borough of South River.
5. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief Finance Officer, Borough Administrator and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, **JOSEPH ZANGA**, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of South River, do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for a contract with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for mental health services in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. The funds which are available for this contract are found in the following line item appropriations or ordinances: 6-01-23-220-211, 6-02-55-502-204, and 6-03-55-502-204 and will be appropriated in the 2027 budget.

JOSEPH ZANGA, Chief Financial Officer
Borough of South River

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 2026-138
PROPERTY TAX REFUND**

WHEREAS, The following properties listed below applied for tax exempt status under the provisions for a totally disabled veteran status in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30et seq, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor reviewed and approved the applications for the 2026 tax year for below resident, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is recommending the cancellation of the 2nd quarter of 2026 for Block 307 Lot 3.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector recommends cancellation of the 2nd quarter of 2026 in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Property Location:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
307	3.01	Berney Jarosz 7 Milton Avenue South River NJ 08882	\$1425.24 (cancel)

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 2026-139
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River is in need of certain officials and employees to administer, manage, and perform the day to day operations at the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, these officials and employees shall be compensated for the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the compensation proposed for the incumbency in the following office and positions shall fall within the salary range approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River has attempted to break down the title by operating unit for the sole purpose of indicating which office and position typically work together and not for the purpose of determining which title belongs to which unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the official and employee listed is to be paid the following annual salary:

DEPARTMENT/TITLE

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Executive Assistant to the Administrator - MU
(effective 6/1/26)

2026

\$58,000.00

DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES

Administrative Assistant – RR
(effective 7/22/26, third year rate)

2026

\$48,676.04

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 2026-140

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A
PARKING PERMIT REFUND**

WHEREAS, the official parking records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain adjustments, recessions, amendments, cancellations, corrections, refunds, and uncollectible should be made on certain accounts due to various reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer recommends these changes as listed below; and

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Name& Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
No longer has The vehicle	Robin Depuy 65 Ferry Street South River, NJ 08882	\$60.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough of South River Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough Construction Department to make the necessary adjustments as indicated.

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

Councilman Giannakopoulos						X
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President DeSantis	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS, ASSOCIATED HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND RELATED SERVICES PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey desires to procure body-worn cameras, associated software, and cloud-based digital evidence management services for the use of the Milltown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc. is available on New Jersey State Contract # 17-FLEET-00738, which is available for use by local contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS the total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$306,441.50 over the five (5) year term; and

WHEREAS funds for the first contract year are available in the current budget, and funds for subsequent years shall be subject to annual appropriation by the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds for the initial contract year prior to execution of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- The Borough Council hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255, for body-worn cameras, associated hardware, software, cloud-based digital evidence management services, and related goods and services, in an amount not to exceed \$306,441.50 for a term of five (5) years.
- The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Borough of South River and provide copies of the resolution to:
 - Administrator
 - Chief Financial Officer
 - Axon Enterprises

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman DaSilva			X			
Councilman Donato			X			
Councilman Dziemian		X	X			
Councilman Giannakopoulos						X
Councilman Gurchensky			X			

Council President DeSantis	X		X			
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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-143

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159.P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provided that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount.

SECTION 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South River hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget under the caption of:

Miscellaneous Revenues
Public and Private Programs offset with appropriations:
Clean Communities Grant \$34,666.37
Recycling Enhancement Grant \$10,000.00

SECTION 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum be hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Operation: Excluded from Cap
Public and Private Programs offset by revenues
Clean Communities Grant \$34,666.37
Recycling Enhancement Grant \$10,000.00

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-144
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CLASS I SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor of the Borough of South River, with the advice and consent of the Council of South River, do hereby appoint the following as Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I (SLEO I) for the term of May 12, 2026 to December 31, 2026:

Marlon R. Agard
Bennett C. Gudaitis
Leann N. Murphy
Amber L. Walters

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 2026-145
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE
APPOINTMENT OF A CROSSING GUARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

WHEREAS, Chief Mark Tinitigan recommends the appointment of Michael Fram as a School Crossing Guard pending the successful completion of a comprehensive medical examination and drug screen; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River Council has the desire to appoint Michael Fram as a School Crossing Guard pending successful said results.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of South River Mayor and Council do hereby appoint Michael Fram as a School Crossing Guard effective May 12, 2026, to December 31, 2026, pending the successful completion of a comprehensive medical examination and drug screen.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified Resolution to the following:

- Police Chief/Interim Business Administrator Mark Tinitigan
- CFO Joseph Zanga

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 2026-146
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN UTILITY REFUNDS

WHEREAS, the official utility records of the Borough of South River, New Jersey show certain refunds which include electric, water and consumer deposits (CD); and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Utility Revenue recommends that the following refunds should be made to the consumer noted herein below listed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Collector of Utility Revenue is hereby authorized to make the following refunds and adjustments indicated below and any attached list.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF CHECK</u>
66-999-001-245 WATER CURRENT	SANDRA DASILVA 29 CAROLINE DR SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$181.42
66-999-962-489 WATER CURRENT	DEBBIE DECKER 55 ROOSEVELT ST SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$926.32
65-999-007-770 CD	LUIS FANA 37 GEORGE ST APT 1 SOUTH RIVER, NJ 08882	\$155.86
65-999-928-422 ELEC CURRENT	JAMES HOLMES 666A AZALEA PLZ MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$70.33
65-999-000-790 CD	J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT INC 220 STONERIDGE DR STE 201	\$2,530.55

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COLUMBIA, SC 29210

65-999-007-319 CD	DENISE OLIVO 804 PLYMOUTH RD NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902	\$193.26
65-999-006-917 CD	CAROLE & GEORGE PELYAK	\$200.00
65-999-006-917 ELEC CURRENT	54600 SOUTH 627 RD KANSAS, OK 74347	\$134.54
65-999-954-834 ELEC CURRENT	KRYSZYNA SIWIEC 21 MILLER ST	\$257.18

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 2026-147

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR NJDOT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND 2027-LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATION BY CME ASSOCIATES

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 CME Associates is authorized to prepare the NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund 2027 Local Transportation Project Application for Various Improvements to Bikeway, Pedestrian Safety, and Roadway Safety, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated May 4, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$4,950.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds in the amount of \$4,950.00 are available in the 2026 municipal budget under budget code 6-01-20-165-205.

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			

Council President DeSantis	X		X			
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Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-148
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO FERNANDES CONSTRUCTION, INC COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$616,561.79

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, had previously authorized and directed the Borough Clerk to advertise for receipt of sealed bids for Various Roadway Improvements to Cleveland Avenue, Prentice Avenue, and Tice Avenue in accordance with specifications approved and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, said bids were received on May 5, 2026, and opened and read aloud in public and an examination thereof shows that Fernandes Construction, Inc of Monroe, NJ was the apparent low bidder thereon with a bid of \$616,561.79; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has noted that the bid of the apparent low bidder contained no material departures from the bidding documents; and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract be and is hereby subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account C-06-25-019-105.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey, that the above recited bid be and the same is hereby accepted and the appropriate officials are authorized to sign a contract with Fernandes Construction, Inc of Monroe, NJ, when all required bid documents are received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the Borough be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all instruments necessary to complete the above stated transaction.

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

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ALL AMERICAN FORD FOR A 2026 FORD F-350 CHASSIS FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY BC-BID-24-23 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey desires to procure a 2026 Ford F350 4x4 Chassis from All American Ford and a Utility Body from Cliffside Body Corporation, and Western Plow from Trius Inc, and;

WHEREAS, All American Ford is available on Bergen County Cooperative # BC-BID-24-23, Cliffside Body Corporation on ESCNJ Cooperative Contract #23/24-04, and Trius Inc on ESCNJ Cooperative Contract #22/23-12, all are available for use by local contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS the total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$90,551.26; and

WHEREAS funds for the contract are available in the current budget, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds for the contract year prior to execution of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- The Borough Council hereby authorizes the award of a contract to All American Ford, Cliffside Body Corporation, and Trius Inc for a 2026 F350 4x4 Chassis with utility body and Western plow, and
- The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that funds under budget code 6-02-55-512-211.
- The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Borough of South River and provide copies of the resolution to:
 - Interim Business Administrator
 - Chief Financial Officer
 - Director of Public Works

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 2026-150

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES AS SUMMER HELP TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to the part-time positions of summer help in the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$18.00/per hour;

Felix Amedee – Start Date 5/12/26 – End Date 10/30/26
Ryan Williams– Start Date 5/12/26 – End Date 10/30/26
Walter J. Burgess – Start Date 5/12/26 – End Date 10/30/26
Matthew Marchesi – Start Date 5/12/26 – End Date 10/30/26
Cesar Rei – Start Date 5/12/26 – End Date 10/30/26

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 2026-151

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF 2026 SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following to positions in the Recreation Department effective as of July 1, 2026.

Summer Recreation Coordinators:

Melissa	Kahse	\$30.00/hour
Jennifer	Yong Yow	\$25.00/hour

Summer Recreation Counselors and Future 2026 Events:

Kaylen	Texeira	\$15.92/hour
Vanessa	Ciuffardi	\$15.92/hour
Ashley	Borusovic	\$15.92/hour
Lukas	Estrela	\$15.92/hour
Kayla	Portelas	\$15.92/hour
Sara	Caldas	\$15.92/hour
Juliana	Costa	\$15.92/hour
Mickeyla	Brito	\$15.92/hour
Andreyna	Dossantos	\$15.92/hour
Alexis	Edward	\$15.92/hour
Brayden	Link	\$15.92/hour
Alyssa	Costa	\$15.92/hour
Emily	Olival	\$15.92/hour
Connor	Chandler	\$15.92/hour
Justin	De Jesus	\$15.92/hour
Denim	Long	\$15.92/hour
Michael	Rivas	\$15.92/hour
Cole	Teresky	\$15.92/hour
Aaliyah	Lopez	\$15.92/hour
Jenalyse	Hernandez	\$15.92/hour
Nicholas	Guido	\$15.92/hour
Mia	Morrison	\$15.92/hour
John	Markowski	\$15.92/hour

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 2026-153
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that April 13, 2026, Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes are 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			
<i>Council President DeSantis</i>	X		X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2026-154
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS LIST

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 all bills, claims and statements against the Borough, in the total amount of \$3,666,558.09 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$3,232,276.20 listing attached, have been duly itemized, audited, approved and signed by the proper officers of the Borough, be and the same are hereby ordered paid.

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 2026-155
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOUTH RIVER EMPLOYEE AND PERSONNEL MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River had previously developed and adopted an Employee and Personnel Manual setting forth the policies and procedures to be followed by all employees in the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, the Borough determined that the Employee and Personnel Policy Manual, inclusive of the Managers/Supervisors Edition of the Personnel Policy Manual, needed to be updated to remain consistent and compliant with ever evolving personnel laws;

WHEREAS, said updated Employee and Personnel Manual shall upon adoption be distributed to all employees, volunteers, elected or appointed officials, and independent contractors of the Borough of South River; and

WHEREAS, said updated Employee and Personnel Manual shall not supersede any contractual terms with any Collective Negotiations Agreements agreed to by and between the Borough of South River and employees of any union representing unit employees of the Borough of South River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the updated Employee and Personnel Policy, inclusive of the Manual Managers/Supervisors Section of the Employee and Personnel Policy Manual, is hereby adopted.

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

The Borough Clerk reads resolution 2026-141 separately

RESOLUTION 2026-141
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
RELATED TO GEORGE STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET ONE-WAY STUDY

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that CME Associates is authorized to perform professional engineering services related to George Street and Washington Street One-Way Study, as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter dated May 1, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$14,999.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of funds in account 6-01-20-165-205.

Councilman Donato questions why these certain roads were chosen for the study and Interim BA Tinitigan answers. Council Donato speaks on other roads in South River that need to be addressed due to traffic hazards.

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

The Borough Clerk reads resolution 2026-152 separately

RESOLUTION 2026-152

A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE PROPOSED "LOWER MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN: AMENDMENTS TO SUB-AREA 150" TO THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND REPORT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "LRHL"), authorizes a municipal governing body to exercise redevelopment and rehabilitation functions, including the authority to adopt redevelopment plans pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4(a)(3), a municipal governing body has the power to adopt a redevelopment plan in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4(c), the municipality is responsible for implementing redevelopment plans and carrying out redevelopment projects, either directly or through an authorized redevelopment entity; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2023-29, codified at Chapter 261 of the Code of the Borough of South River, the Mayor and Council established the governing body of the Borough of South River as the Borough of South River Redevelopment Entity; and

WHEREAS, Section 261-2 of the Borough Code provides that redevelopment areas designated by the Mayor and Council are subject to the specific redevelopment regulations adopted by the Borough Council for the particular redevelopment area, and that such regulations are set forth in the applicable redevelopment plans; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council previously designated certain property known as 7 Main Street (the "Property"), which is also known as Block 150, Lot 1, 1.01, 2.01, 4.01, 4.03, 5, 6, 6.02 & Tidewater Claim Areas 1 & 2 as part of an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council thereafter adopted the Lower Main Street Redevelopment Plan by ordinance, which Redevelopment Plan governs redevelopment of Property (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the designated redeveloper for the property has submitted a formal request to the Borough of South River Redevelopment Entity seeking an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan to permit one additional story for the approved redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan currently permits a maximum height of 4 stories or 40 feet stories for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires and intends to consider an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan to increase the maximum permitted height from 4 stories or 40 feet to 5 stories or 48 feet, together with any related conforming amendments necessary to effectuate that change; and

WHEREAS, a proposed amendment to the Redevelopment Plan, titled Lower Main Street Redevelopment Plan: Amendments To Sub-Area 150, dated March 5, 2026, has been prepared for consideration by the Mayor and Council (the "Redevelopment Plan Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), prior to the adoption of a redevelopment plan, or any revision or amendment thereto, the Planning Board must transmit to the governing body, within forty-five (45) days after referral, a report containing its recommendation concerning the proposed redevelopment plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e), the Planning Board's report shall include an identification of any provisions in the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment that are inconsistent with the municipal Master Plan, recommendations concerning any such inconsistencies, and any other matters the Planning Board deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to refer the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment to the Borough of South River Planning Board for review and report in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals

The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

2. Incorporation of Redevelopment Plan Amendment

The proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment titled Lower Main Street Redevelopment Plan: Amendments To Sub-Area 150, dated March 5, 2026, prepared by Bignell Consultants, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

3. Referral to Planning Board

The Mayor and Council hereby refer the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment to the Borough of South River Planning Board for review and report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e).

4. Planning Board Review and Report

The Planning Board is respectfully requested to review the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment and transmit to the Mayor and Council, within forty-five (45) days after referral, a report containing its recommendation concerning the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment, including:

- a. whether the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment is substantially consistent with the Borough Master Plan or designed to effectuate the Borough Master Plan;
- b. identification of any provisions in the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment that are inconsistent with the Borough Master Plan;
- c. recommendations concerning any such inconsistencies; and
- d. any other matters the Planning Board deems appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e).

5. Purpose of Amendment

The purpose of the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment is to amend the Redevelopment Plan to permit one additional story by increasing the maximum permitted height from 4 stories or 40 feet to 5 stories or 48 feet, together with any related conforming amendments necessary to effectuate that change.

6. Direction to Borough Clerk

The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution, together with the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment and any supporting materials deemed appropriate by the Borough Administrator, Borough Planner, Borough Attorney, or Borough Engineer, to the Secretary of the Borough of South River Planning Board.

7. Reservation of Rights

This Resolution constitutes a referral of the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment to the Planning Board for review and report only. Nothing herein shall constitute final adoption of the Redevelopment Plan Amendment, approval of any amended site plan, approval of any construction permit, or approval of any other development application or entitlement.

8. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Donato would like an explanation as to what is being added to the site and Mayor Guindi explains the addition.

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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PUBLIC COMMENT- Good and Welfare of the Borough (5 min per speaker)

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Emily Grasso, 13 Darrow St, presents an Award of Excellence to Shari Garretson, who has been a member of the Environmental Commission/Green Team since 2018

Shari Garretson, 153 Kamm Ave, speaks on her time on the Environmental Commission and her time in South River

Ed Trygar, 44 Ferry St, speaks on the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Mayor Guindi makes a comment regarding the developer. Mr. Trygar speaks on the Economic Development Commission's recommendation with regards to parking in downtown South River

Ron Zammit, David Street, would like a more thorough explanation of resolution 2026-152 and Mayor Guindi answers

Barry Brill, Monticello Way, speaks on the closing of Colin Drive

Chuck Bingert, 33 Terry Ave, speaks on the Colin Drive closure

Joshua Grill, 44 Colin Drive, speaks on the motorcycle issues on Colin Drive

Nadia, 42 Colin Drive, supports the closure of Colin Drive. Nadia also speaks on the Lower Main Street development and would like to know what is being put in its place and Mayor Guindi answers

Jim Hutchison, 38 Virginia Street, speaks on the meter replacement project and would like an update and CFO Zanga states we have about 400 left, which is less than 10%. Mr. Hutchison speaks on ordinance 2026-12 and mentions Thomas Street needs to be looked at as well. Mr. Hutchison reminds everyone that Memorial Day parade is on 5/25 at 1 pm. Mr. Hutchison speaks on the Older Americans proclamation and commends the staff that works at the Office on Aging

Anita Chadha, 46 Rotunda Lane, speaks on the Colin Drive closure and would like to know what the next step and Mayor Guindi answer is possibly putting a little park there. Ms. Chadha would like to have a meeting with the Mayor and Heritage Landing for anyone that has any questions regarding the town

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

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

Councilwoman DaSilva

- The Food Bank will be open twice a month until June
- There will be a Portuguese Flag Raising at Dailey's on 6/6 at 11:30 am
- Please check the library website for all programs and events

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers
- Please check the OOA website for events. You need to sign up on the 1st or 2nd day to get a spot
- Happy belated Mother's Day
- Happy Memorial Day
- Please be careful with children playing outside
- Please adhere to the noise ordinance

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on the BOE chat box that is on the front page of the BOE website, where you can type in your question. This will assist community members and parents. There is a "contact us" section where the public can type in comments or questions
- The multi-use turf field is now completed and functional. It offers a safe learning environment during school days for elementary and middle school students. Please keep this field safe and clean
- There will be a curriculum fair on 5/22 from 5-7 pm at the High School
- The Frost on the Pumpkin will be on 10/25. The link to register will be posted on the borough website soon. The race will be a 5k

Councilman Donato

- The Environmental Commission/Green Team will be having a reorganization meeting on 5/14. Please come to the meeting and get yourself involved

Council President DeSantis

- Chess has started for Recreation
- 6/6 will be the Fishing Derby from 1-3 pm
- Summer Rec starts on 5/28. Please visit their website
- The next Recreation meeting will be 5/19
- Speaks on the traffic lights in South River

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on the Main Street repairs and Main Street projects
- Speaks on social media. Please come to the council meetings to voice your concerns
- Speaks on the July 4th Mayors Contest
- Happy Memorial Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2026-156 **WHEREAS**, Section 8 of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the general public from a meeting of the Governing Body under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River are of the opinion such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded upon the hereinafter specific subject matter and that such subject matter to be so discussed is as follows:

- Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such record of the above discussion will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required. The Borough Council of the Borough of South River may or may not take formal action at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:43 pm

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			

Reconvene to Public Session at 9:10 pm

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			

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Councilman Gurchensky motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Borough Clerk