

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 16**

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 September 23, 2024, 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 Donna Balazs</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Anthony Ciulla</i>	X		
<i>Councilman Hank Dziemian</i>	X		
<i>Councilman James Gurchensky</i>	X		
<i>Councilman John Krenzel</i>	X		

Also attending this meeting were Business Administrator Arthur Londensky, Chief of Police Mark Tinitigan, DPW Director Adriano Soares, Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt, and Borough Engineer Bruce Koch.

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 5, 2024, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2024-292 **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:

- Property Acquisition
- Personnel

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 7:04 pm

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>	X		X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>		X	X			

Reconvene to Public Session at 7:16 pm

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>		X	X			

PROCLAMATIONS, HONOR, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

- None

AGENDA SESSION

- Second Reading Ordinances – Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt explains the second reading ordinances on the agenda.

ORDINANCE– SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2024-40

**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
Willett Ave	East	111 Feet South of Charles Street, extending 22 feet 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.

Councilman Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilwoman Balazs. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2024-40 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2024-40 only.

Being no public came forth, Councilman Dziemian motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Ciulla. All in Favor.

Adopted 9-23-24

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>			X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenz</i>			X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE 2024-41

**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 § 193-43 entitled, "Schedule XIV: Prohibited Turns at Intersection," so as to add the following locations:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Prohibited Turn	At intersection of
Morningside Avenue	East	Left	Montgomery St, 08:30 am to 9:30 a.m., and 3:00 pm -4:pm school days
Montgomery Street	South	Left	Morningside Ave 08:30 am To 9:30 a.m., and 3:00 pm –

4:00 pm, school days

Early Learning Center
Driveway Entrance and Exit

West Left

Montgomery Street.

Montgomery Street

South Left

Early Learning Center
Driveway Entrance and Exit

SECTION 2. 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 § 193-43 entitled, "Schedule XIV: Prohibited Turns at Intersection," so as to add the following locations:

Name of Street	Speed Limit	Location
Willet Avenue	20 MPH	From Mercer Street to Johnson Place 07:00 am 9:00 a.m., and
Willet Avenue	20 MPH	From Division Street to Johnson Place 07:00 am 9:00 a.m., and 2:00 pm –4:00 pm, school days

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Councilman Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2024-41 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2024-41 only.

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

Adopted 9-23-24

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE 2024-42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO SUB-AREA 151 OF THE LOWER MAIN STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2016-144, adopted on March 28, 2016, the Borough of South River designated a portion of the Borough consisting of the properties then identified as Block 147 Lots 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32; Block 150 Lots 1, 1.01, 2.01, 4, 4.01, 4.03, 5, 6, 6.01, 6.02, 7; Block 151, all lots including Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 6.01, 7; Block 152 all lots including Lots 1, 1.01, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7.01, 8.01, 8.02, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12.01, 13, 14, 15, 16; Block 153, Lots 1, 2, 1.01, 3, 4, 5.01, 5.02, 6, 7; Block 154, all lots including Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Block 155 all lots including, Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 6.01, 7, 8, 9;; Block 156 all lots including Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.01, 7.02, 8, 8.PT, 9, 10, 11, 11.01; Block 157 all lots including Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 10.01, 10.02, 11, 12, 13, 14.1, 15, 15.1, 16, 17, 18, 18, 19, 20, 21; Block 158, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 30; Block 161, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7.01, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 29, 30, 21.01, 21.02; Block 321 Lots 11, 12, 13, 14; Block 325 Lot 1 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of South River as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2016, the Lower Main Street Redevelopment Area Redevelopment Plan was adopted by the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, Hamilton Street Development, LLC was designated as Conditional Redeveloper for Block 151, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, and 7; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, 55 Main Street SR Urban Renewal, LLC was designated as Redeveloper for Block 151, Lots 1, 2, 2.01 and 7, subject to the execution of the Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Redeveloper has requested certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan, which have been reviewed and approved by the Borough's Planner Henry Bignell, PP, and incorporated into the Amendments to Sub Area 151, dated August 7, 2024 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to adopt the Amendments to Sub Area 151 to the Lower Main Street Redevelopment Plan.

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. That Amendments to Sub Area 151 to the Lower Main Street Redevelopment Plan prepared by the Borough Planner and dated August 7, 2024 attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

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

SECTION 3. 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 hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Councilman Ciulla motioned to waive the full reading; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in Favor. The Clerk read Ordinance 2024-42 by title only. Mayor Guindi opened the floor for public hearing of Ordinance 2024-42 only.

Ed Trygar, 1 Johnson Place, would like clarification on this ordinance. Discussions ensue between Mr. Trygar and Mayor Guindi regarding parking issues and permit issuances for this redevelopment. Discussions ensue regarding the Main Street storefronts and tax breaks.

Being no public came forth, Councilman Ciulla motioned to close public hearing of said Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in Favor.

Adopted 9-23-24

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			X			

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

DEPARTMENTAL/PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Engineer Bruce Koch

- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Aid Program and NJDOT 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 and Virginia Street to Bright Street, Dailey Street from Ferris Street to John Street from Colfax Street to George Street.
 - Construction began on Leonardine Avenue on Monday, September 9th.
- **NJDOT FY 2023 Local Transportation Projects Grant**
 - The borough received a \$575,000 grant for 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. We are working on the project design.
- **NJDOT FY 2025 Local Aid Program**
 - The NJDOT has announced that applications are being accepted for State Aid Programs. The deadline for grant applications is July 1, 2024. We submitted an application for the following roads on June 25, 2024:
 - Prentice Avenue from Willett Avenue to Sheldon Avenue
 - Tice Avenue from David Street to James Street
 - Cleveland Avenue from Virginia Street to Terminus

- **2023 Electrical Substation Maintenance**
 - The contractor is working on the testing and maintenance. There is a repair required for the Load Tap Changer on Transformer T-6.
- **NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant Application**
 - Our survey department has performed the services on this year's portion of the project up to the initial allocation.

Chief of Police Mark Tinitigan

- Thank you to everyone who came to the Cram Cruiser event.
- If anyone needs assistance with installing a car seat, please contact the Police Department.
- There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting this Thursday, September 26th.
- Speaks on Resolution 2024-304.

Borough Clerk Alyssa Hager

- No report

Borough Attorney Andrea Wyatt

- No report

Borough Administrator Londensky

- Speaks on resolutions 2024-302 and 2024-307.
- Gives update on water/electric bills.

Fire Department Scott Wolf

- There are 341 alarms so far this year.
- All apparatuses are in service.

DPW Director Adriano Soares

- 10/7 will be leaf bag pickup. Allowed 20 bags per house, and you will be able to pick them up Monday through Friday from 8 am to 12 pm.
- The DPW office will be closed on 10/14.
- 10/15 will start fall hydrant flushing. A Nixel will be sent out.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Ciulla

- The EDC met and are planning a meet and greet for all the businesses to come together.
- The EDC is working with a grant writer to approve the store fronts on Main Street.

Councilwoman Balazs

- The Blood Drive is on 9/27. You can make an appointment online or call.
- There will be a Paint Party at the Ria Mar on 10/9.
- The Loving Hands Cat Rescue came to a Board of Health meeting. They are not a part of the TNR program, they place cats in homes. Please do not call them to pick up stray cats.

Councilman Gurchensky

- There is no OOA schedule for next month currently.

Councilman DeSantis

- No report

Council President Krenzel

- Soeaks on water/utility bills.
- There is a Utility meeting this Friday

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on the new turf field. The first game will be on 10/7.
- There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on 9/26 at 6 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guindi opened the floor for Public Comment.

Couldn't hear name, 20 Brooklyn Road, speaks on Lid Foundation and an event that will be taking place at St. Marks Christian Academy. Students will be giving presentations to help cultivate leadership skills and to help students overcome any public speaking difficulties. The Council is welcome to attend.

Julie Meira, 189 Main Street, speaks on Sterley Stanley and the vehicle commission helping residents obtain a Real ID. Ms. Meira questions the Whitehead Traffic study and Chief Tinitigan answers. Ms. Meira would like the study to be posted on the website. Ms. Meira speaks on the Human Relations Commission and a Mexican Flag Raising. Ms. Meira speaks on the fire on Main Street and how some of the families are still displaced. Ms. Meira shouts out the fall sports and the hard work from Parks and Recreation.

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

- None

WHEREAS RESOLUTION 2024-01 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.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 2024-293 TO 2024-307**RESOLUTION 2024-293****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO THE HEAD OVER HEELS PARENT ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT A VOLUNTARY CANNING FUNDRAISER**

WHEREAS, the Head Over Heels Parent Association has requested permission to conduct a voluntary Canning fundraiser to support gymnasts at the intersections of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike on Saturday, October 19, 2024 and Sunday, October 20, 2024 with a rain date of Saturday, October 26, 2024 and Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the Head Over Heels Parent Association has permission to conduct a voluntary Canning fundraiser at the intersections of Prospect Street and Old Bridge Turnpike and Prospect Street on Saturday, October 19, 2024

and Sunday, October 20, 2024 with a rain date of Saturday, October 26, 2024 and Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm subject to the following:

1. That the individuals conducting the Canning fundraiser shall wear a reflective safety vest while coin tossing.
2. That there will be no interference with the flow of traffic on the roadway.
3. All fundraising shall be conducted by individuals having attained at least the age of eighteen (18) years.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			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 September 23, 2024

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-294

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPOINTMENT IN THE OFFICE ON AGING DEPARTMENT

I, Peter S. Guindi, Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council of the Borough of South River, do hereby appoint the following persons listed below to the position in the Office on Aging Department:

Yoga Instructor to be paid at the rate of \$45.00 per class effective September 17, 2024:

Steffanie Gallante

Part-Time Clerical to be paid at a rate of \$25.00 per hour effective September 24, 2024:

Annabelle Swineford

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-295
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORTUGUESE CLUB A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR A FOLKLORE FESTIVAL
OF TRADITIONAL DANCES TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

WHEREAS, Portuguese Club, located at 100 John Street, South River New Jersey, has applied for a Special Events Permit for a Folklore Festival of Traditional Dances to be held at 100 John Street, South River on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the application of the Portuguese Club for a Folklore Festival of Traditional Dances to be held at 100 John Street, South River on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is hereby approved contingent upon the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages can only be served from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. during the festival.
2. There must be at least five (5) identifiable non-drinking members either by tag, badge, shirt, etc. assigned by the organization to provide security.
3. A one-day permit for an Annual Picnic, if necessary, will be obtained by ABC.
4. Proof of Liability Insurance provided to the Borough of South River when available.
5. Said event must follow all the rules, regulations of State, County, and Local Government.
6. Subject to approval by the South River Police Department and compliance with any condition included in their approval.
7. No parking in the area of the entrance and driveway of the picnic area from front to back.
8. Entrance gate to the picnic area is to remain unlocked from the start time to the finish time.
9. All agency approvals such as Code Compliance, Police, County Board of Health and Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal to be contacted by the applicant.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenz</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2024-296
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VFW A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR A BACK THE BLUE JEEP AND TRUCK
SHOW TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WHEREAS, the VFW, located at 31 Reid Street, South River New Jersey, has applied for a Special Events Permit for a Back the Blue Jeep and Truck Show to be held at 31 Reid Street, South River on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the application of the VFW for a Back the Blue Jeep and Truck Show to be held at 31 Reid Street, South River on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is hereby approved contingent upon the following:

1. Alcoholic beverages can only be served from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. during the festival.
2. There must be at least five (5) identifiable non-drinking members either by tag, badge, shirt, etc. assigned by the organization to provide security.
3. A one-day permit for an Annual Picnic, if necessary, will be obtained by ABC.
4. Proof of Liability Insurance provided to the Borough of South River when available.
5. Said event must follow all the rules, regulations of State, County, and Local Government.
6. Subject to approval by the South River Police Department and compliance with any condition included in their approval.
7. No parking in the area of the entrance and driveway of the picnic area from front to back.
8. Entrance gate to the picnic area is to remain unlocked from the start time to the finish time.
9. All agency approvals such as Code Compliance, Police, County Board of Health and Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal to be contacted by the applicant.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-297
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the VFW has recommended that the requirements of Borough Code Chapter 288A entitled “Special Events” be waived during the Back the Blue Jeep and Truck Show event that will be held on Sunday September 29, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River that the said waiver of requirements of Chapter 288A is hereby approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-298

RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE APPROVAL OF PLENARY CONSUMPTION LICENSE 1223-33-008-007

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River granted approval of Plenary Consumption License No. 1223-33-008-007 for the license term of 2024-2025 by Resolution No. 2024-213 on June 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the approval needs to be rescinded for the licensee to receive 12.18 relief; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River that the renewal of Plenary License No. 1223-33-008-007 hereby rescinded for the 2024-2025 license year until the licensee receives 12.18 relief.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-299

RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL TO A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, an application for the renewal of a Plenary License have been filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission through its Online Licensing System and Borough renewal fees have been paid for the period of July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, all requirements have been complied with and the Borough Council has determined that no protests have been filed against the granting of the said renewal application for such plenary license.

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 approval is hereby granted to said application pursuant to the 12.18 relief, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and Code of the Borough of South River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the applicant for their record purposes, the Beverage Tax Bureau, and the Chief of Police of the Borough of South River.

1223-33-008-007

Kilimanjaro
700 Old Bridge Turnpike
South River, NJ 08882

La Tavola Cucina

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			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 September 23, 2024.

Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-300

RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL TO A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, an application for the renewal of a Plenary License have been filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission through its Online Licensing System and Borough renewal fees have been paid for the period of July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all requirements have been complied with and the Borough Council has determined that no protests have been filed against the granting of the said renewal application for such plenary license.

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 approval is hereby granted to said application, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and Code of the Borough of South River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the applicant for their record purposes, the Beverage Tax Bureau, and the Chief of Police of the Borough of South River.

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Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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RESOLUTION 2024-301

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

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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>
65-999-008-885 ELEC CURRENT	LEONARDINE GARDENS CH LLC	\$39.65
65-999-008-484 ELEC CURRENT	PO BOX 1000	\$83.49
65-999-009-084 ELEC CURRENT	LAKEWOOD, NJ 08701	\$105.76
65-999-008-441 ELEC CURRENT		\$81.08
65-999-008-712 ELEC CURRENT		\$77.46
65-999-005-579 ELEC CURRENT	ALINA & WIESLAW PITERA 19 FOX RUN MONROE TWP, NJ 08831	\$133.12

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Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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Alyssa Hager, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-302

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES INC FOR WATER QUALITY TESTING SERVICES, WATER TREATMENT PLANT ENGINEER, AND WATER OPERATOR BOROUGH OF SOUTH RIVER

WHEREAS on January 8, 2024, AGRA Environmental and Laboratory Services was appointed as Water Treatment Plant Engineer, Water Operator, and Water Quality Testing Services; and

WHEREAS on August 1, 2024, AGRA Environmental and Laboratory Services will become affiliated with Pace Analytical Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS the governing body desires to amend the appointment of Water Treatment Plant Engineer, Water Operator, and Water Quality Testing Services and to enter into an agreement to reflect the affiliation of Pace Analytical Services, Inc.

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

1. Effective immediately, Pace Analytical Services, Inc. is hereby retained for the provision of Water Quality Testing Services, Water Treatment Plant Engineer, and Water Operator for the balance of the one-year term ending December 31, 2024, pursuant to an agreement that shall include the same terms, fees and conditions of the agreement previously authorized on January 8th, 2024 for the calendar year 2024.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, the execution of said agreement with Pace Analytical Services, Inc.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and to Pace Analytical Services, Inc.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenz			X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-303

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES BARNES AS JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER FOR THE SOUTH RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the South River Junior Firefighter Advisor recommends appointment of Charles Barnes as a Junior Firefighter to the South River Fire Department retroactive to September 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the South River Junior Firefighter Advisor has received written parental apparatus riding consent and the completed New Jersey State Firemen's Association Membership application; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council desire to approve said Junior Firefighter appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of South River Mayor and Council hereby authorize the appointment of Junior Firefighter for Charles Barnes within the South River Fire Department of the Borough of South River retroactive to September 1, 2024.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-304

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RUTGERS UNIVERSITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 30:4-27.1, et seq. and NJAC 10:31-1.1, et seq., it is the policy of this State to provide for a public mental health system that delivers treatment consistent with a person's clinical condition, and that screening services be developed as the public mental health system's entry point in order to provide accessible crisis intervention, evaluation and referral services to persons with mental illness, to offer persons with mental illness clinically appropriate alternatives to inpatient care, and, when necessary, to provide a means for involuntary commitment to treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of every person involved in civilian-law enforcement interactions, and that many of the negative outcomes that have resulted from such interactions may stem from law enforcement officers responding to situations involving individuals experiencing behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, the Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (RUBHC) has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services ("DHS") to provide screening and other medical/health services in accordance with state law and regulations, within Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, DHS contracts annually with RUBHC for the provision of screening services and other services, pursuant to NJAC 10:31:10.1(c), or the Community Mental Health Services Act of 1957, as amended and DHS Contracting Policy; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the DHS have executed a separate agreement which will provide for funding for this Pilot Program upon presentation of invoices in conformance with this Agreement by the RUBHC to DHS; and

WHEREAS, the Screening Law provides officers and mental health specialists with the legal authority to transport or authorize transport of individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to an emergency department for a full assessment where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Borough law enforcement officers may request the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises and mental health personnel may request assistance from officers when responding to requests for emergency screening; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve the outcomes in the Borough's law enforcement's response to emergency behavioral health crisis calls, to divert individuals in crisis from unnecessary entry into the criminal justice system, and to more efficiently employ the resources of both the PPD and the RUBHC as they respond to calls for service, the Parties seek to establish a Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to memorialize the relationship and delineate the responsibilities of the Borough Police Department and RUBHC; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to authorize the Memorandum of Understanding with RUBHC to implement the Pilot Program.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the memorandum of understanding with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care for the Pilot Program in a form similar to the attached schedule A.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to, respectively, a memorandum of understanding with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care in a form acceptable to the Borough Attorney.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief of Police, Borough Administrator, Chief Finance Officer and Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilwoman Balazs	X		X			
Councilman Ciulla		X	X			
Councilman DeSantis			X			
Councilman Dziemian			X			
Councilman Gurchensky			X			
Council President Krenzel			X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-305
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 the September 9th, 2024, Regular and September 23rd, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes- APPROVED 10/7/24

Executive Session Meeting Minutes are approved.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			X			

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Municipal Clerk
Borough of South River

RESOLUTION 2024-306
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 \$906,042.43 and previously paid claims in the amount of \$709,319.47 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 Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman DeSantis</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenzel</i>			X			

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RESOLUTION 2024-307
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH
RARITAN VALLEY YMCA ("YMCA"),

WHEREAS, the Borough of South River adopted Resolution 2024-217 at their regular meeting held on June 10, 2024, executing an agreement with Raritan Valley YMCA to provide swimming lessons to its residents who are between the ages of 7-9 years old through a grant from the County of Middlesex; and

WHEREAS, the swimming lessons were held during the summer months at Brookside Swim Club in Milltown and funds remain in the grant award to continue the program; and

WHEREAS, Raritan Valley YMCA has requested to extend swimming lessons through December 2024 at Rutgers Cook College Recreation Center indoor pool located at 50 Beil Road in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to amend the agreement with Raritan Valley YMCA to allow for extension of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South River as follows:

1. That the Governing Body hereby authorizes extending the agreement with Raritan Valley YMCA for swim lessons for resident children ages 7-9 into the fall months at Rutgers Cook College Recreation Center indoor pool located at 50 Beil Road in New Brunswick.
2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief Finance Officer, Raritan Valley YMCA, and the County of Middlesex.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Councilwoman Balazs</i>	X		X			
<i>Councilman Ciulla</i>		X	X			
<i>Councilman Dziemian</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Frost</i>			X			
<i>Councilman Gurchensky</i>			X			
<i>Council President Krenz</i>			X			

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**Councilman Ciulla abstained from voting on purchase orders 24-01841, 24-00432, 24-02203, and 24-02322.

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

Councilman DeSantis

- This Sunday, Pop Warner will be playing a home game.

Council President Krenzel

- The September 11th ceremony was very nice.
- Speaks on the events that are going on in South River. There will be a 9/25 event with the Historical Society, there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting 9/26, there will be a Frost on the Pumpkin race, and a Homecoming parade.

Councilwoman Balazs

- Makes clarification on a possible Mexican Flag raising event.
- Speaks on Homecoming.

Councilman Ciulla

- There will be 20 leaf bags, and you can start picking up on 10/7.
- DPW will be closed on Columbus Day.

Councilman Gurchensky

- Thank you to all public safety officers.
- The weather is changing, please don't blow leaves into the street and sidewalks.

Councilman Dziemian

- Speaks on the power outage on 9/14.
- The Frost on the Pumpkin race will be on 9/27.

Mayor Guindi

- Speaks on parking in South River and the redevelopment projects.
- Speaks on the vandalism at Grekoski park.
- Please be careful with children now that it is fall.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business; Mayor Guindi requested motion to adjourn. Council President Krenzel motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Dziemian. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Hager

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Borough Clerk