

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

A G E N D A

MAY 14, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, public notice of this meeting has been duly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

ROLL CALL

MAYOR LINDA HALL	JEFFREY BRENNAN, BOROUGH SOLICITOR
COUNCILMAN PATRICK GILLIGAN	STEVEN BACH, BOROUGH ENGINEER
COUNCILMAN BOB BOVE	RON MORELLO, POLICE CHIEF/OEM COORDINATOR
COUNCILWOMAN JESSICA FARRELL	BOB BOVE, JR, ACTING FIRE CHIEF
COUNCILMAN STEPHEN GANDY	MICHELLE HACK, RMC BOROUGH CLERK/ADMIN
COUNCILWOMAN DAWN MARTIN	
COUNCILMAN MIKE TOLOMEO	

RECOGNITION

Camryn Smith, outgoing Little Miss Stratford 2025-2026
Brianna Jimenez, outgoing Miss Stratford 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

PUBLIC PORTION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (5 min per person)

Motion to go to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

Motion to close public portion on agenda items:

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION #77-2026, to Executive Session for *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege*: The topic of discussion is related to Litigation Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege; Pending Litigation- Fair Share Housing Center v. Stratford; Contract Negotiations

Motion to Adopt Res. 77 and enter the Executive Session:

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

Motion to Exit the Executive Session:

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

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REPORTS

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT
FIRE REPORT
ENGINEER REPORT
ORDINANCE & PROPERTY
FINANCE & REVENUE
POLICE
EMERGENCY SERVICES
PUBLIC WORKS & LIGHTING
PUBLIC EVENTS

Police Chief Ron Morello
Acting Fire Chief Bob Bove, Jr.
Steven Bach
Councilman Bob Bove
Councilman Michael Tolomeo
Councilman Patrick Gilligan
Councilwoman Jessica Farrell
Councilman Stephen Gandy
Councilwoman Dawn Martin

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #04-2026 *Second Reading*

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Motion to Open the Floor for Public Comment

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

Motion to Close the Floor for Public Comment

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

Motion to Adopt Ordinance #:04-2026

Motion _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

Ordinance # 05-2026 *First Reading*

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ENTITLED HEALTH &
SAFETY OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD**

Motion to Introduce Ordinance #:

Motion _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

Ordinance # 06-2026 *First Reading*

**ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR
THE DESIGNATED REDEVELOPMENT AREA REFERRED TO AS
THE "EAST LAUREL ROAD REDEVELOPMENT AREA" AND
IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 36 LOTS 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14, 15, & 16; BLOCK 40 LOTS 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10; and BLOCK
41 LOTS 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE
BOROUGH OF STRATFORD**

Motion to Introduce Ordinance #06-2026:

Motion _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

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Ordinance # 07-2026 *First Reading*

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AMENDING TITLE 17 ZONING TO INCLUDE A NEW CHAPTER 17.22 "R-5 INCLUSIONARY SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED OVERLAY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

Motion to Introduce Ordinance #07-2026:

Motion _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

Ordinance # 08-2026 *First Reading*

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THEBOROUGH OF STRATFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$440,409.00 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$418,388.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Motion to Introduce Ordinance #08-2026:

Motion _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS #66-2026 through #81-2026 WILL BE ACTED UPON AS A CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions shall be read by title only. At this time, the Council may request to remove any of the resolutions from the consent agenda to be voted upon separately.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

- 66-2025 AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PERMITTING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY, AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION DATE
- 67-2026 URGING STATE LEADERS TO IMPLEMENT FAIR AND EQUITABLE REFORMS TO MITIGATE THE UNSUSTAINABLE INCREASES IN HEALTH BENEFIT PREMIUMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES
- 68-2026 AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PRIOR SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS AND THE EXECUTION OF A NEW SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR AND CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL SERVICES
- 69-2026 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY 2026 OPEN SPACE RECREATION TRUST FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STRATFORD MUNICIPLE COMPLEX PASSIVE RECREATION AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00
- 70-2026 REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR STRATFORD TOWN CLOCK DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED BY NJSA 40A:5-29
- 71-2026 TO APPROVE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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- 72-2026 TO APPOINT DUTY CREW MEMBERS STRATFORD FD (INMAN, WORTHINGTON)
- 73-2026 ENDORSING THE AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE STRATFORD BOROUGH JOINT LAND USE BOARD ON APRIL 23, 2026
- 74-2026 AUTHORIZING THE STRATFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE A DECOMMISSIONED BOROUGH VEHICLE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
- 75-2026 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOND COUNSEL – UNDER THE BID THRESHOLD
- 76-2026 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AMBULANCE PURCHASE & SERVICE AGREEMENT
- 77-2026 PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NJSA 10:4-12
- 78-2026 IN OPPOSITION TO S-1836 WHICH PERMITS THE BYPASSING OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS
- 79-2026 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF PITMAN FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES
- 80-2026 AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT LAND USE BOARD SOLICITOR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION UNDER THE BID THRESHOLD
- 081-2026 AUTHORIZING A PAY INCREASE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES

Motion to Adopt Resolutions #66-2026 through #81-2026

Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS THAT ARE IN ORDER

Motion to Approve Bill List: Motion: _____ Second: _____ RCV: _____

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPROVALS:

- Great American Self Storage 72 Berlin Road

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

BLUE LIGHT APPLICATION:

- Brian Worthington

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GOOD AND WELFARE (5 min per person)

Motion to open the meeting to the public:

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

Motion to close the public portion:

Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____

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Motion _____ Second: _____ All in Favor: _____ Opposed: _____