

City Council
September 2, 2026
5:30 pm

The Atlantic City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Clausen presiding. Council members were present: Emily Kennedy, Mike McDermott, Jim Behrens, Shawn Sarsfield, Dana Halder, Elaine Otte, and Jeremy Butler.

Motion by Sarsfield; second by Halder to approve agenda as posted. Unanimously approval.

Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Butler; second by McDermott to approve consent agenda as follows: Minutes of August 19, 2026, City Council meeting; renewal of Class "F" retail alcohol license for B.P.O. Elks Lodge #445, effective September 27, 2026, for 12 months; Renewal of Class "C" retail alcohol license for Luggar's Tavern, LLC, for a 5-day period starting September 10, 2026. and bills totaling \$434,708.87, motion carried.

Police Chief Devin Hogue highlighted the upcoming event Bash at the Ballfields IV, to be held September 5, 2026, 5:00 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. at the Little League Complex.

Behrens moved to open the public hearing and seconded by Kennedy; unanimously approved. This hearing is for amendments to the Southwest Urban Renewal Area related to Mudslayer Manufacturing. The project involves constructing a 13,920 sq ft facility, creating 5-10 jobs, with street, sewer, stormwater, and water extensions funded via TIF. Up to \$300,000 from the General Fund will be borrowed at 4.5% interest, to be repaid over 15 years. Development agreement and assistance resolutions support the project, including minimum assessed value and TIF policies. McDermott moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Sarsfield; unanimously approved.

Butler moved to approve resolution #47-26 "Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Southwest Urban Renewal Area." Seconded by Halder; roll call vote unanimously approved.

Behrens moved to approve resolution #48-26 "Resolution Authorizing Development Agreement with Mudslayer Manufacturing, LLC and Providing for Economic Development Assistance." Seconded by Halder, roll call vote unanimously approved.

McDermott moved to approve resolution #49-26 "Authorizing Internal Advance for Funding of Urban Renewal Project." Seconded by Sarsfield, roll call vote unanimously approved.

Sarsfield motioned to approve street closing permit for Minor Detailing, closing the alley west of 605 West 7th Street from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on September 11, 2026. Seconded by Behrens, unanimously approved.

Mayor Clausen called for motion to open public hearing at 5:39 p.m. Butler moved to open hearing, seconded by McDermott, with no comments written or verbal Behrens moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Sarsfield, unanimously approved. McDermott moved and Butler seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1069 adding "Stand-Alone Garages" to the zoning code. The ordinance aims to address storage needs, increase property valuation, and utilize vacant lots. Concerns include potential low-intensity use and nuisances, but strict standards are proposed to mitigate risks. The ordinance is based on models from other cities and responds to market demand and infrastructure issues. Next reading of ordinance will be September 16, 2026.

Reports by the City Administrator, Mayor, and City Council reports on ongoing city operations and activities.

Mayor Robert Clausen

ATTEST: _____
Jackie Carl, City Clerk