ADJOURNED MEETING

OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 630 AVENUE C, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

The Council met at 6:07 P.M.

The Council President LaPelusa announced: "I would like to advise all those present that notice of this adjourned meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne of June 10, 2026 has been provided to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. An additional Notice of time and place was posted and filed with the City Clerk and was forwarded to the Bergen Record and Star Ledger by on June 8, 2026."

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne is now in session.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present were: Council Members Booker, Carroll Perez, and President LaPelusa.
Absent: Council Member Weimmer

The Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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01. The Clerk announced:

The CY 2026 Local Municipal Budget, which was approved at the meeting held May 13, 2026, was published in the BERGEN RECORD and posted on the bulletin board as required by law, with notice that it would be further considered for final passage following a public hearing at the meeting of June 10, 2026 is now before the Council for its consideration and a public hearing.

Council President LaPelusa moved the following resolution, seconded by Council Member Booker, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, the CY 2026 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET be given a second reading.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, and President LaPelusa
Absent – Council Member Weimmer

The Clerk read the resolution by title, "CY 2026 Local Municipal Budget.,"

The Council is now ready to give all persons interested in this resolution an opportunity to be heard concerning it. The Council President will recognize anyone who wishes to speak.

The following person spoke: Omar Elgarhi – 100 Avenue G

The Clerk made the following statement: "No protest against, objections to or statements in favor of this resolution or passage have been filed with me."

Council Member Perez motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Booker, which motion was adopted.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, and President LaPelusa
Absent – Council Member Weimmer

Council Member Booker moved the following resolution for amending, seconded by Council Member Perez, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

WHEREAS the local municipal budget for the calendar year 2026 was approved on the 10th day of June 2026, and

WHEREAS the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS it is desired to amend said approved budget, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne, County of Hudson, that the following amendments to the approved budget of calendar year 2026 be made:

		FROM	TO
	General Revenues		
1.	Surplus Anticipated	12,100,000.00	12,375,000.00
3.	**Miscellaneous Revenues**		
	Section D: Special Items of Revenue - Shared Service Agreements:		
	Garbage Removal Contract - Board of Education	355,453.00	362,384.64
	Section G: Other Special Items of Revenue		
	Debt Service Empire Golf	425,000.00	450,000.00
	Summary of Revenues		
	1. Surplus Anticipated	12,100,000.00	12,375,000.00
	Section D: Special Items of Revenue - Shared Service Agreements:	627,453.00	634,384.64
	Section G: Special Items of Revenue	17,223,405.18	17,248,405.18
	Total Miscellaneous Revenues	54,649,072.51	54,681,004.15
5.	Subtotal General Revenues	67,099,072.51	67,406,004.15
6.	Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:		
	a) Local Tax For Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	100,365,530.37	100,364,865.25
	Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	105,889,178.38	105,888,513.26
7.	**Total General Revenues**	172,988,250.89	173,294,517.41
8.	**General Appropriations**		
	(A) Operations - within "CAPS"		
	Solid Waste/Recycling Collection	3,284,375.00	2,849,991.00
	Total Operations {Item8(A)} within "CAPS"	117,665,760.00	117,231,376.00
	Total Operations Including Contingent-within "CAPS"	117,666,760.00	117,232,376.00
	Detail: Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	48,863,475.00	48,429,091.00
	(E) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures within "CAPS"		
	(1) Deferred Charges		
	Overexpenditure Off Duty Police Trust & Building Fines	0.00	438,269.00
	Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	22,190,520.07	22,628,789.07
	(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes- within "CAPS"	139,857,280.07	139,861,165.07
	(A) Operations - excluded from "CAPS"		
	Garbage Removal Contract- Board of Education	60,000.00	362,384.64
	Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	332,000.00	634,384.64
	Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	9,245,077.76	9,547,462.40
	Detail: Other Expenses	8,934,599.10	9,236,983.74
	(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded from "CAPS	30,308,326.56	30,610,711.20
	(O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded from "CAPS"	32,039,937.01	32,342,321.65
	(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,091,033.81	1,091,030.69
	9. Total General Appropriations	172,988,250.89	173,294,517.41
	(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	139,857,280.07	139,861,165.07
	(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
	Shared Service Agreements	332,000.00	634,384.64
	Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	9,245,077.76	9,547,462.40
	(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,091,033.81	1,091,030.69
	Total General Appropriations	172,988,250.89	173,294,517.41
	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that:		
	1. the foregoing amendments to the CY 2026 Municipal Budget were introduced and read at a meeting held June 10, 2026; and		
	2. that said amendment will be published on the City of Bayonne's website www.CityofBayonne.org on June 11, 2026; and		
	3. a public hearing will be held on said amendments on June 17, 2026.		

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, and President LaPelusa
Absent – Council Member Weimmer

Council President LaPelusa moved the following resolution to adjourn to Wednesday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. for hearing of introduced budget amendments, seconded by Council Member Perez, which was read by the clerk and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wednesday, June 17, 2026 commencing at 6:00 P.M. and the Dorothy E. Harrington Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 630

Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ, be designated as the time and place at which a public hearing will be held on the foregoing amendment, and at which time the Local Municipal Budget will be further considered for final adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the Local Municipal Budget as amended; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, be published in the Jersey Journal no later than three days prior to the date set for the public hearing on this amendment, and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and that said publication contain notice of the public hearing on this amendment to be held at the Dorothy E. Harrington Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 630 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ, on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 commencing at 6:00 P.M., in accordance with the provision of NJSA 40A:4-9.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, and President LaPelusa
Absent – Council Member Weimmer

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O2. The Clerk announced:

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK," which was introduces and approved at first reading at the meeting held May 13, 2025, was published in the Bergen Record and posted on the bulletin board as required by law, with notice that it would be further considered for final passage following a public hearing at this meeting of June 10, 2026 is now before the Council for its consideration and a public hearing.

Council Member Booker moved the following resolution for second reading, seconded by Council President LaPelusa, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing ordinance be given a second reading.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, and President LaPelusa
Absent – Council Member Weimmer

The Council is now ready to give all person interested in this ordinance an opportunity to be heard concerning it. The council president will recognize anyone who wished to speak.

There was no response.

The Clerk made the following statement: "No protest against, objections to, or statements in favor of this ordinances or its passage have been filed with me."

Council Member Perez motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Council President LaPelusa, which motion was adopted.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, and President LaPelusa
Absent – Council Member Weimmer

Council Member Perez moved the following resolution, seconded by Council Member Booker, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled, "CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.24)," was introduced and passed a first reading at a meeting held May 13, 2026, and was published and posted as required by law, with notice that it would be considered for final passage following a public hearing at this meeting of June 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance was forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services as required by law; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance was given a second reading at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held and such ordinance was considered as required by law; and

WHEREAS, no legal objections to said ordinance or to its passage were made at the said hearing; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the said ordinance be passed and designated as Ordinance No. O-26-64.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa.

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Edward Grimes addressed the Council on various city matters.

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At 7:00 P.M., Council President LaPelusa motioned to adjourn the Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at64:00 P.M., seconded by Council Member Carroll, which motion was adopted.

Yeas – Council Members Booker, Carroll, Perez, Weimmer and President LaPelusa.

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President – Melissa Godesky Rodriguez

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City Clerk – Madelene C. Medina