

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
January 12, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Johnston with a salute to the U. S. flag.

Roll call was recorded as follows:

Present: Bruno, Owen, DePamphilis, McCarrie, McGuigan, Dill, Johnston

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, City Administrator Frost, City Clerk Samuelsen, City Solicitor Smith, City Engineer Schneider

Open Public Meetings Act:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers. The agenda has been posted at City Hall and on the City's website, somerspointgov.org.

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser reported that the Planning Board will be meeting on January 18th at 6:30pm for their Reorganization Meeting. Next, on January 19th at 7:00pm, Mayor Glasser will be swearing in the Executive Board of the Historical Society at the Crab Trap.

Administrator's Report:

None

Solicitors Report:

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None

City Engineer's Report:

City Engineer Schneider reported that the 2021 Road Program Paving has been completed. In addition, most of the Resolutions are to close out existing jobs from last year so final payment from the State can be received for the grants.

Committee Reports:

None

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded of Council Member Owen and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 12/15/2022.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 1 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

The ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

(Introduction/First Reading)

No. 1 of 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2022,
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING
THE RATES, FEES, RENTS AND OTHER CHARGES OF
THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT SEWER UTILITY.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, that, in accordance with the Municipal and County Sewerage Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:26-A-1 et seq., Section 1 of

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Ordinance No. 1 of 2019 is hereby amended, and the following schedule of rates, fees, rents and other charges is hereby implemented:

**Rates and Charges
of the
City of Somers Point Sewer Utility**

SECTION 1.

1. The minimum charge per equivalent domestic unit shall be \$385.00 annually.
2. The annual unit sewer charge based on the type of property served shall be as follows:
 - (a) Private dwellings, condominium units and cooperative units basic charge \$385.00
 - (b) Structures with apartments - each apartment \$385.00
 - (c) Hotels, rooming houses and private dwellings with rented rooms –
basic charge \$385.00
plus each rented room \$283.00
 - (d) Motels - each standard rental unit \$283.00
- each efficiency rental unit. \$385.00
 - (e) Small Businesses/Professional Office/Professional Condo Office –
Minimum one charge for each office \$385.00
Additional charges based on water consumption \$385.00
 - (f) Trailer parks - each trailer \$385.00
 - (g) Service stations and garages \$385.00
 - (h) Service stations and garages with washing
facilities \$770.00
 - (i) Pumpout facilities for marinas \$385.00
 - (j) Churches \$385.00
 - (k) Public buildings \$760.00

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- (l) The service charge for the use of services of the sewerage system for the persons who are hereinafter designated, shall be and the same is hereby fixed and determined as follows: The calculation of the said service charge shall be based and computed on the consumption of water on or in connection with the real property of such persons, which water consumption shall be determined by the reading of the water use meter used in connection with the real property of such person during the highest three (3) month period of such water used during any given billing year; such water use thus determined shall then be divided by a factor of twenty-seven thousand (27,000) and the quotient shall then be rounded upwards to the next highest whole number; the said quotient shall then be multiplied by a factor of \$385.00, and the resulting product, which shall be expressed in terms of dollars, shall be the annual sewerage charge for such persons.

The persons referred to in this section are the following: self service laundries, schools, restaurants, diners, bars, taverns, nursing homes, hospitals, bowling alleys, theatres, shopping centers, barber shops and beauty parlors. Large business establishments or industrial plants and other commercial establishments not herein specifically mentioned.

- (m) Any building, institution, commercial or industrial establishment discharging wastes other than domestic sewage will pay a premium charge for the waste. If the waste discharged into the sewer system by industrial users is stronger than allowed by the rules and regulations, the user shall pay a premium charge for the extra strength waste applied as a factor against the annual charge in category. The premium charge shall be based on the following formula for determination of the multiplication factor.

Factor= $53.0\% + 19\%(\text{BOD in ppm}^*) + 22\%(\text{ss in ppm}^*) + 6\%(\text{chlorine demand in ppm}^*)$

300

350

5

*Where these figures are less than 300 ppm in BOD or 350 ppm in suspended solids or 5ppm in chlorine demand, the value in the parentheses () shall be equal to "1".

The industrial user will be required to submit a report at least once monthly indicating the strength of sewage entering the Utility's system. The report shall be from an independent laboratory approved by the Utility. For billing purposes during any one year, the Utility will take the

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average of the samples submitted for use in determining the strength factor. If no reports are submitted to the Utility then the Utility reserves the right to obtain representative samples and use the results obtained from the samples to determine the factor for billing purposes. The cost of any tests required to be performed by the Utility will be added to the user's charges.

All other provisions relating to industrial wastes will be found in the Rules and Regulations of the Utility.

- (n) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the minimum service charge to be paid with respect to any type of property shall be\$385.00

SECTION 2:

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

SECTION 3:

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

Ordinance No. 2 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

The ordinance was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

(Introduction/First Reading)

Ordinance No. 2 of 2023 (As Amended)

**An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 29 of
2015 and Ordinance No. 4 of 2006 and
Amending and Supplementing Section 5 of
Ordinance 5 of 2001 to Adjust the Sewer
Connection Fee Charges and
Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the
Provisions of Which Are Inconsistent Herewith**

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Whereas, the Somers Point City Code Chapter 212 regulates the setting of sewer rates and charges including, under Section 212-9 A, the periodic review of connection charges for the direct or indirect connection with the sewer system; and

Whereas, the sewer system connection fees have been fixed by Ordinance No. 5 of 2001 as amended by Ordinance No. 29 of 2015; and

Whereas, a review of the calculation of the connection fee charges as provided for under the applicable New Jersey Statutes has been undertaken

Now, therefore, it is hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

SECTION 1.

Ordinance 29 of 2015 is rescinded in its entirety and Ordinance 5 of 2001 is Amended pursuant to the following.

SECTION 2.

Section 5 of Ordinance 5 of 2001 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

In addition to the yearly or annual service charge or rates established in Section I of Ordinance 5 of 2001 the Utility hereby adopts, prescribes and establishes the following sewer system connection fees:

(a) Private dwellings, apartments, condominium units, cooperative units, motel units, hotel rooms and other domestic units.....**\$1,757.00**

(b) Commercial.....there will be charged a connection fee of Five Dollars

(\$5.00) (TBD) per gallon of estimated average daily flow. The estimated average daily flow shall be determined by the Utility on the basis of the factors specified in the Act and such other data and

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information made available to the Utility from its consulting engineers and the results of its other investigations and studies.

Any such determination shall be filed with the Utility and shall be available for public inspection. The charge may, if the Utility shall

so determine, be in the nature of an estimated charge which shall be subject to revision after the installation or construction is completed. In no event shall the connection fee be reduced from the original charge.

SECTION 3.

All other provisions in every other section of Ordinance No 5 of 2001, as same shall have been from time to time previously amended and supplemented, shall remain in full force and effect and are not modified or amended by the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5: Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision or any item in any schedule of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

Resolutions:

Public Portion Resolutions:

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

Hearing nothing further from the public, the public portion was duly closed.

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Resolution No. 36 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McCarrie proposed the question of whether it would make sense to obtain an electric vehicle for future savings.

Administrator Frost explained that the City has looked into acquiring an electric vehicle; however, the City does not have the required charging station at this time.

No. 36 of 2023

Subject: Authorizing Purchase on State Contract for 2023 Ford F250 Pickup Truck and Equipment

Introduced By: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point may by resolution and without advertising for bids purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need to purchase a Ford F-250 for use by the City of Somers Point, Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Contract Number #A88726-T210, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey was awarded the State Contract for 2023 Ford F250 Pickup Trucks; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works in conjunction with the Business Administrator has researched the equipment available and recommends the utilization of one (1) 2023 Ford F250 Pickup Truck provided by Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point authorizes the following purchase from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey to be ordered before January 13th, 2023:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023 Ford F250 Pickup Truck & Equipment State Contract Number #A88726-T210	\$60,823.00
Total	\$60,823.00

Resolution No. 37 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

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This resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Council Member Dill stated that participation in Cooperatives is beneficial to the Municipality.

Administrator Frost acknowledged that by participating in the Cranford Police Cooperative, the City can obtain needed vehicles.

No. 37 of 2023

**Subject: Authorizing Member Participation in the Cranford Police
Cooperative Pricing System**

Introduced By: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System will provide the City with greater purchasing flexibility, opportunities to achieve cost savings, and a reduction in administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, on 1/12/2023 the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services and shall take effect immediately upon passage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point desires to become a member of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, and shall continue in effect until any party to this Agreement shall give written notice of its intention to terminate its participation from the system; and

WHEREAS, Township of Cranford shall act as the Lead Agency and shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the, Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System as the Lead Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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Resolution No. 38 of 2023

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 38 of 2023

Subject: Appointment of COAH Municipal Planner

Introduced by: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Fair Housing Act Municipal Planner (COAH Municipal Planer) for the period commencing upon appointment and for a term not to exceed one year to assist the City in developing and presenting a Compliance Plan to the New Jersey Superior Court for approval and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.**, be and hereby is appointed as COAH Municipal Planner for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2022, through a term to end not later than December 31, 2022, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
5. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5 (6) is not required.

Resolution No. 39 of 2023

M/S- Owen/McGuigan

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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Amending Resolution No. 24 of 2023
**Subject: Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development
Advisory Commission**

Introduced by: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 2006 authorized the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinances No. 31 of 2007 and Ordinance 5 of 2014 amended said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Somers Point City Council ratified in Chapter 20-3 of the City Code that the Economic Development Advisory Commission shall consist of not less than nine nor more than 12 regular members, all appointed by City Council, and all members shall have a term of office of three calendar years, or such lesser period of time as may be caused by the date of appointment, with terms expiring at 11:59 p.m., December 31 of each calendar year. Appointments shall be staggered such that not less than three appointments expire each year, and each year at least three members are to be appointed to full three-year terms.

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to appoint Rob Hopkins, David Hughes, Levi Fox, and Charles Haberkorn with a term expiring 12/31/2025 and:

WHEREAS, with the resignation of Ken Adams City Council wishes to appoint Mariela McCarrie to the unexpired term expiring 12/31/2024 and;

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Glenn Monroe there is a vacancy to expire 12/31/2023 and;

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Anthony Guldin, City Council appoints John Helbig with a term expiring 12/31/2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Advisory Commission consists of the following members:

<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Mary Jane Bolden	December 31, 2024
Chuck Wescott	December 31, 2023
Vacant	December 31, 2023
Mariela McCarrie	December 31, 2024
Charles Haberkorn	December 31, 2025
Rob Hopkins	December 31, 2025
David Hughes	December 31, 2025
Levi Fox	December 31, 2025
Max Slusher	December 31, 2023
John Helbig	December 31, 2024
<u>Advisory Ex-Officio Member(s)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Dermont Lloyd	December 31, 2024
Robert Fertsch	December 31, 2024

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Resolution No. 40 of 2023

M/S- Owen/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 40 of 2023

Supporting The Center for Family Services' Grant Application

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Family and Community Partnerships, announces its intent to award up to 15 contracts for NJ4S Hubs to improve reach, productivity, and delivery of prevention, screening, brief clinical intervention, and referral to treatment services to New Jersey's public-school students and their parents/caregivers, as needed; and

WHEREAS, there is \$13,250,000 of funding available through the grant program for 15 Hubs across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, Center for Family Services has a distinguished history of creating positive and sustainable change as a result of its connection and understanding of the complex challenges experienced by children and families. They offer a broad array of services focused on building stronger families and healthier communities.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point is grateful for the work the Center for Family Services does in Atlantic and Cape May Counties to make our shared community a better, safer place.; and

WHEREAS, with this funding the Center for Family Services will be afforded the opportunity to establish and offer this critical work implementing prevention and early intervention services to our students and families; and

WHEREAS, this proposed funding will enable Center for Family Services, along with a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders, to continue the critical services that the Hub will provide to our shared community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Somers Point supports the Center for Family Services' grant application to Request for Proposals for New Jersey Statewide Student Services to provide prevention and early intervention services to students and families in the school districts assigned to the Hub in Atlantic and Cape May Counties. The Hub will utilize trauma-informed and evidence-based practices to support students and families in need of supportive services and to connect them to community programs in a youth-friendly atmosphere.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey Department of Children and Families as well as Senator Vincent Polistina, Assemblyman Don Guardian, and Assemblywomen Claire Swift.

Resolution No. 41 of 2023

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston stated that with all the change orders there is a decrease in the money spent.

No. 41 of 2023

Subject: Change Order 2 – Contract No. 110 – FY 2021 Municipal Aid – West Atlantic Avenue Phase II

Introduced By: Councilman Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 87 of 2022, Landberg Construction, LLC of Dorothy, New Jersey was awarded the contract for the FY 2021 Municipal Aid – West Atlantic Avenue Phase II for the sum of \$796,053.39; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made due to changes in pipe size and material and to reflect as-built quantities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 174 of 2022, a Change Order No. 1 for \$22,250.00 was previously approved; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$796,053.39
Change order 1 (Previously approved)	\$22,250.00
Change order 2	-\$88,587.35
Revised Contract Amount	\$729,716.04

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Total Deduction: \$88,587.35 Total Additional: \$22,250.00 Net Change: -8.3%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the FY 2021 Municipal Aid – West

Atlantic Avenue Phase II is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 42 of 2023

M/S- McCarrie/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 42 of 2023

Subject: Change Order 1 – Contract No. 103 - FY 19 Bikeways – Mays Landing Road Improvements

Introduced By: Councilman Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 169 of 2021, Charles Marandino, LLC of Milmay, NJ, was awarded the contract for the FY 2019 Bikeways – Mays Landing Road Improvements for the sum of \$180,268.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made to reflect as-built quantities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$180,268.00
Change order 1	\$5,739.30
Revised Contract Amount	\$186,007.30

Total Deduction: \$0 Total Additional: \$5,739.30 Net Change: 3.2%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the FY 2019 Bikeways – Mays

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Landing Road is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 43 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 43 of 2023

Subject: Change Order 1 – Contract No. 111 – 2021 Stormwater Repairs

Introduced By: Councilman Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 222 of 2021, Mathis Construction Co., Inc. of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, was awarded the contract for the 2021 Stormwater Repairs for the sum of \$271,263.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made due to utility conflicts and to reflect as-built quantities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$271,263.00	
Change order 1	\$12,476.10	
Revised Contract Amount	\$283,739.10	
Total Deduction: \$0	Total Additional: \$12,476.10	Net Change: 4.6%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the 2021 Stormwater Repairs is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 44 of 2023

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M/S- Owen/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 44 of 2023

Subject: Change Order 1 – Contract No. 118 – 2022 Stormwater Improvements Phase I Rebid

Introduced By: Councilman Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 131 of 2022, West Bay Construction, Inc. of Absecon, New Jersey, was awarded the contract for the 2022 Stormwater Repairs Phase I Rebid for the sum of \$597,850.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made due to utility conflicts and to reflect as-built quantities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$597,850.00
Change order 1	-\$2,053.02
Revised Contract Amount	\$595,796.98

Total Deduction: \$2,053.02 Total Additional: \$0 Net Change: -0.3%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the 2022 Stormwater Improvements Phase I Rebid is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 45 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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Subject: Change Order 1 – Contract No. 108 – FY 2020 Municipal Aid – West Atlantic Avenue Phase I

Introduced By: Councilman Dill

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 48 of 2022, Landberg Construction, LLC of Dorothy, New Jersey was awarded the contract for the FY 2020 Municipal Aid – West Atlantic Avenue Phase I for the sum of \$549,227.88; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made due to additional work requested by the City at the municipal boat ramps, changes in pipe size and material, and to reflect as-built quantities; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended approval of these changes; and

WHEREAS, those changes have resulted in a change of the contract amount as follows:

Contract Amount	\$549,227.88	
Change order 1	-\$37,655.22	
Revised Contract Amount	\$511,573.66	
Total Deduction: \$37,655.22	Total Additional: \$0	Net Change: -6.8%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the FY 2020 Municipal Aid – West Atlantic Avenue Phase I is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Old Business:

- Council Member Dill stated that he would like to see the Council move forward with at least three projects in the first quarter of the new year. Upon listening to the public, priority should be given to short-term rentals, parking issues and reorganizing the Recreation Board.
- Council President Johnston concurred with Council Member Dill.
- Council Member McGuigan indicated that he would like to see an expedited schedule for the Short-Term Rental Committee.

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New Business:

- Council President Johnston distributed the Council Committee Assignments.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 01/10/2023 in the amount of \$3,055,860.39 and Record of Payments dated 12/30/2022 in the amount of \$4,481.63 and 12/23/2022 in the amount of \$27,748.96.

Public Portion:

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

James Fresella of 58 Defeo Lane stated that he plans on establishing a business in the City and wished to introduce himself to the Council. He also inquired about whether the improvements to the Bike Path on Mays Landing Road would require the expansion of the road.

Will Modika of 12 Braddock Drive expressed his concern for the long-term effects of allowing short-term rentals. He asked the Council to reevaluate the current short term rental ordinance.

Lisa Fontana of 50 Holly Hills Drive voiced her opinion on the shortcomings of permitting Airbnb and short-term rentals. She believes that the public should be able to vote on the issue.

Susan Vacca of 12 Braddock Drive conveyed her worry towards Airbnb and short-term rentals; specifically, the number of tenants allowed in one single-family home.

Bruce Lonergan of 11 Braddock Drive expressed his concern for short-term rentals and asked the Council for restrictions to manage how short-term rentals are run.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road requested information on the 2022 League of Municipalities from the Council. She then asked for a copy of the Council Committee Assignments. She also voiced her concern for the growing population of mental illness and homelessness in the City.

Hearing nothing further from the public, the public hearing was duly closed.

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Payment of Bills:

M/S – Owen/McCarrie

The Bill List was approved by a unanimous vote of those present. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Comments from Governing Body:

Council Member McGuigan reiterated the mental health and homelessness crisis in the City and stated that there are social services to aid individuals in need, but those services come from the County. He stated that the Council will do what they can to support the Family Services' Grant.

Council Member Dill addressed the public on short-term rentals and explained that there is an ongoing committee associated with addressing the public concerns and proposing solutions. He restated that this is a priority for himself and the Council.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Owen moved, Council Member Dill seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 2/9/23