

**SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
March 31, 2022**

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

Roll call was recorded as follows:

Present: Dill, DePamphilis, McGuigan, Owen, Johnston

Also Present: City Administrator Frost, City Clerk Samuelsen and City Solicitor Smith

Absent: Mayor Glasser, Council Members Bruno and McCarrie

Open Public Meetings Act:

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

Resolutions:

Clerk Samuelsen read by title Resolution 82 of 2022.

Public Portion Resolutions:

Council President Johnston opened the meeting to the public. Hearing nothing from the public, the public hearing was duly closed.

Resolution No. 82 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present with Council Member McGuigan recusing himself. Council Member Dill noted that there would be no conflict due to the rank of his sons; therefore, he will vote.

No. 82 of 2022

Subject: A Resolution Confirming the Hiring by the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point of Police Officer, and Appointing the Same to the Position of Patrolman Officer in the Somers Point Police Department Effective April 1st, 2022

Sponsored by: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Council President Johnston and Council Members McCarrie and Bruno

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WHEREAS, Chief Robert Somers has determined that there is a public safety need to hire one replacement Police Officer within the Department to the position of Patrolman due to multiple retirements; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. has reviewed the request and has submitted that request to this Governing Body with his full support; and

WHEREAS, Mark P. Azagra has served in the capacity of Certified Police Officer at Stockton University since January 2019, after having served for three (3) years as a Certified Police Officer at Stockton University and after serving one (1) year and three (3) months at the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is desirous of acting upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Mayor to hire Mark P. Azagra as a full-time police officer who will be available to fill one of the vacancies and maintain the complement of patrol officers; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Mayor have further recommended that Certified Police Officer Mark P. Azagra be hired and acknowledge that Mark P. Azagra had already completed the Atlantic County Police Academy and has undergone the complete training program; and

WHEREAS, the fact that Certified Police Officer Mark P. Azagra has already completed the training program at the Atlantic County Police Academy is a realized financial benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits to be paid to the designated officer shall be in compliance with the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, as same may hereafter be supplemented, amended or renewed; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available within the Budget of the City of Somers Point to satisfy this financial obligation

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge, authorize and confirm the hiring of Patrolman Mark P. Azagra effective April 1st, 2022, and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Mark P. Azagra will be sworn in by the Mayor on April 1st, 2022; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby extend their congratulations to Officer Mark P. Azagra upon his appointment as a Patrol Officer in our excellent Police Force.

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Mayor Glasser encouraged everyone to attend the swearing in scheduled on April 1, 4:00 p.m.

Open to the Public:

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road expressed her concern regarding notice of this meeting, inflation, and the municipal tax increase.

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Dill moved, Council Member Owen seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 4/14/2022