

# **REGULAR MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL April 10, 2025**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Haberkorn with a salute to the flag. Roll call was recorded as follows:**

**Present:** Gerety, Haberkorn, Owen, DePamphilis, McGuigan, Dill, Johnston

**Also Present:** Mayor Tapp, Administrator Frost, City Clerk Heath, City Solicitor Smith, and City Engineer Schneider

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## **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.

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Council President Haberkorn announced that Ordinance No. 11 and Resolutions No. 108 and 110 are to be pulled for this meeting.

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## **Communications:**

None

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## **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Tapp announced that there will be an Easter egg hunt at Kennedy Park hosted by PAL. He also mentioned Somers Point Fire Department #2 will host a breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Mayor Tapp also thanked John Helbig, the Green Team, Jim Daughtery, Public Works, and everyone else involved for helping with the city-wide cleanup.

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## **Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Frost reported the shared service agreement with Ocean City has been signed and returned.

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## **Solicitor's Report:**

City Solicitor Smith explained the Ordinances and Resolution on the agenda pertaining to the boat ramps.

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## **Engineer's Report:**

Engineer Schneider reported that the Bala Drive construction has been delayed due to weather. He also mentioned that the State requested changes to the New Jersey Avenue project prior to bidding and that the bids would be awarded in early May.

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## **Committee Reports:**

Council Member Dill announced that the 90 Broadway plans will be pulled from the next Planning Board meeting. He also reported that the demolition of Walgreens has begun in conjunction with the Aldi project.

Council Member McGuigan gave a report of all the trash picked up during the city-wide cleanup and thanked those involved.

Council Member Owen announced that the Arts Commission registration for the Poetry Workshop and Intro to Calligraphy are open, and that the Commission will be doing a live painting demonstration at Bayfest. He also reported that there is new playground equipment at the beach and Kennedy Park.

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## **Approval of Minutes:**

On the motion of Council Member Gerety, seconded of Council Member Owen, and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/27/2025.

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## **Ordinances:**

### **Ordinance No. 7 of 2025**

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

**M/S-** Dill/Gerety

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

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Collins of Somers Point asked for clarification on what the funds are being used for.

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

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**ORDINANCE NO. 7 of 2025**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF  
SOMERS POINT, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW  
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,479,455 THEREFOR AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,305,455 BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST  
THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT,  
IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members  
thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the City of Somers Point, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$3,479,455, and further including the aggregate sum of \$174,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$3,305,455 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

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Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
<b>a) <u>Fire Department:</u></b>			
(i) Acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, a pick-up truck and turn out gear, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$140,000	\$133,000	5 years
(ii) Acquisition of various equipment, including, but not limited to, a rescue saw, a vent saw, a battery chain saw vent kit upgrade, a battery vent fan, large area search kits, ball intake valves, rescue harnesses with training, supply hoses and emergency plugs, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$47,500	\$45,125	15 years
(iii) Acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, a pro thermal camera and scene lights, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$7,500	\$7,125	10 years
<b>(b) <u>Police Department:</u></b>			
(i) Acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, fleet vehicles, sonic wall switches, DVD-R CD-R Blue Ray duplicators, a network switch, work stations, a SWAT vest, ballistic vests, a dispatcher chair, body worn camera server upgrades and dispatch console repairs, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$262,812	\$249,672	5 years

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(ii) Phone system upgrades and replacement of body cameras, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$130,000	\$123,500	5 years
(iii) Acquisition and installation of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and an air conditioner and condenser, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$56,500	\$53,675	20 years
<b>c) <u>Municipal Facilities:</u></b>			
(i) Improvements to various municipal facilities, including, but not limited to, upgrades to the marina, refurbishment of beach decking, remodeling of the JFK bathroom, roof construction, improvements and upgrades to the Library (including, but not limited to, the elevators and the roof), well installation and the acquisition and installation of a new sprinkler system for the ball fields and City Hall and upgrades to the phone systems, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$205,000	\$194,750	10 years

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Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
(ii) Acquisition and installation of a boiler for City Hall and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems for the Library, the Senior Center and the Youth Center, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$54,400	\$51,680	20 years
(iii) Acquisition of an electric vehicle charging station and information technology server upgrades, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$25,000	\$23,750	5 years
d) <b><u>Computers:</u></b> Acquisition of computers for the Clerk's Office, Council chambers, the Office of Emergency Management, the Finance Department, the Tax Assessor and the construction counter, including hotstaging and all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$13,260	\$12,597	5 years
e) <b><u>City Clerk:</u></b> Acquisition of equipment, including, but not limited to, a desk and archival binders and sleeves, including all related costs and expenditures thereto.	\$11,300	\$10,735	5 years

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<b>f) <u>Department of Public Works:</u></b>			
Acquisition of trash trucks, including all related costs and expenditures thereto.	\$710,000	\$674,473	10 years
<b>g) <u>Construction:</u></b>			
Acquisition of a 4-wheel drive pickup truck, a plotter, safety partitions and office upgrades, including all related costs and expenditures thereto.	\$70,000	\$66,500	5 years
<b>h) <u>Recreation:</u></b>			
(i) Acquisition of automated external defibrillators for recreational facilities, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$16,000	\$15,200	5 years
(ii) Bay Avenue decoration upgrades and improvements to the Kern Field press box, as well as additional recreational facilities, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$36,000	\$34,200	10 years

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Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
<b>i) <u>Roadways and drainage:</u></b>			
(i) Road paving of Massachusetts Avenue: Route 9 to 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Connecticut Avenue: Route 9 to 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Amber Road: Bala Drive to Massachusetts Avenue, Third Street: Rhode Island Avenue to Marks Road, Marks Road: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street to 4 <sup>th</sup> Street and Maryland Avenue: Adams Avenue to Gould Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$556,215	\$528,404	10 years
(ii) Video and cleaning of the stormwater system and emergency stormwater maintenance and repairs, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$390,000	\$370,500	20 years
(iii) Remodeling of the beach bathroom and ancillary structures, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$280,000	\$266,000	10 years
(iv) Gulph Mill Road Pump Station scoping, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$137,000	\$130,150	20 years
(v) Improvements to the JFK Recreational buildings and grounds, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$120,662	\$114,629	15 years



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(vi) Safe Routes to School sidewalk design and outside inspections, including all related costs and expenditures thereto.	\$110,000	\$104,500	30 years
(vii) Shore Road pedestrian improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	<u>\$100,306</u>	<u>\$95,290</u>	20 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,479,455</u>	<u>\$3,305,455</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The City hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 12.03 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$3,305,455, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$632,149 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The City hereby declares the intent of the City to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the City is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the City and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the City. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the City pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the City and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the City fails to comply with its undertaking, the City shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated

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to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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**Ordinance No. 8 of 2025**

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

**M/S-** Dill/Johnston

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

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

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

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**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER  
UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE  
CITY OF SOMERS POINT, IN THE COUNTY OF  
ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,605,600  
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
\$1,605,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE  
PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT,  
IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members  
thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Somers Point, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey (the "City"). For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,605,600. No down payment is required as the purposes authorized herein are deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the City, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,605,600 pursuant to the Local

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Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Various improvements, including, but not limited to, Station alarm monitoring and the acquisition of a muffin monster exchange rotation and closed-circuit television mainline unit, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$567,600	\$567,600	15 years
b) Various improvements, including, but not limited to Improvements to Station No. 10 – Woodlawn Avenue, main lining program, manhole rehabilitation and Pierson Avenue manhole replacement, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto and further including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,038,000	\$1,038,000	40 years
Total:	<u>\$1,605,600</u>	<u>\$1,605,600</u>	

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer.

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The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The City hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the City may lawfully undertake as self-liquidating purposes of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 31.16 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,605,600, but that the net debt of the City determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$267,600 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the City solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from the gross debt of the City pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

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Section 7. The City hereby declares the intent of the City to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the City is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the City and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the City. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the City pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the City and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the City fails to comply with its undertaking, the City shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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## **Ordinance No. 9 of 2025**

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

**M/S-** Owen/Gerety

This ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of those present, with Council Member Johnston recusing herself from voting.

Council Member Johnston expressed her disapproval of how the boat ramp fees are being collected.

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of Somers Point requested a full explanation of the Ordinance and what it entails.

Bill Collins of Somers Point asked for clarification on the specific requirements regarding the permits.

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

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II. KENNEDY PARK BOAT RAMP,  
OF CHAPTER 199. PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, AND ITS  
SECTIONS 199-7. WATERCRAFT LAUNCHING FEES, & 199-8. PERMITS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has a history of operating a boat ramp at John F. Kennedy Park for the public's use in accessing the Great Egg Harbor Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, as a part of the construction of the Route 52 Bridge Project, the City it was provided with a second boat ramp for the public use to access the Great Egg Harbor Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has in the past, and continues to experience significant costs associated with the maintenance of the boat ramp and its docks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has in the past, operated the public boat ramps as a fee-imposed use so as to minimize the burden on the residents of the City in connection with the cost to operate same; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has, in the past, tried various methods of implementing cost recoupment for the operation of the boat ramps which it is believed by Council may not have maximized profit, including the most recent attempt, a gate system which added to the significant cost of the operation and maintenance of the boat ramps; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now wishes to both recognize by ordinance the additional boat ramp at the Route 52 Bridge which it now maintains and operates, as well the fact that charges for use should no longer be on a seasonal basis, but should include the continued use throughout the calendar year.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Somers Point, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Article II. Kennedy Park Boat Ramp, of Chapter 199 of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to be entitled as "Kennedy Park and Route 52 Bridge Boat Ramps. Parking of boats and trailers;"

**SECTION 2.** Section 199-7. Watercraft launching fees, of Article II of Chapter 199 of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to read as follows:

The city may, by resolution, enact, and from time to time may amend, an annual use fee schedule for each calendar year for the launching of boats or other watercraft from Kennedy Park and the Route 52 Boat Ramp in the City of Somers Point.

**SECTION 3.** Section 199-8. Permits, of Article II of Chapter 199 of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Permits for boats and other watercraft launching from the aforesaid city boat ramps shall be required and shall be purchased from the city at such times and under such conditions as may hereinafter be established by resolution of the City Council.

**SECTION 4:** 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 3:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

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## **Ordinance No. 10 of 2025**

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

**M/S-** Dill/Owen

This ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of those present, with Council Member Johnston recusing herself from voting.

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of Somers Point requested a full explanation of the Ordinance and what it entails.

Melody of Somers Point expressed her concerns about not being able to park her boat in front of her house long enough for maintenance.

Wendy of Somers Point asked for clarification on the ordinance.

Bill Collins of Somers Point asked who will be enforcing the Ordinance and questioned where the permit sticker should be placed. He also requested clarification on the specifics of parking requirements.

Curtis Dilks of Somers Point expressed his concern about whether these new rules are business friendly.

Gene of Somers Point brought up his concern with the enforcement of the ordinances.

Chris Sabatini of Somers Point expressed his displeasure with the ordinance.

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

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Council Member Gerety requested that Resolution 106 of 2025 be discussed first.



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## **Resolutions:**

### **Public Portion Resolutions:**

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Maureen Helbig of Somers Point, regarding Resolution 105 of 2025, expressed her displeasure for the project, and mentioned the building design would not fit well in the Historic District. She also brought up her disapproval of the idea to give the people purchasing these condos tax relief.

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

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### **Resolution No. 106 of 2025**

**M/S-** Gerety/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a majority vote of those present, with Council Member Johnston recusing herself from voting.

Council Member Dill asked for clarification on how long the permit is covered for and how commercial and standard stickers are going to be deviated.

Council Member DePamphilis requested confirmation that two fees were allowed.

### **No. 106 of 2025**

**Subject:                   Setting Fees for the Somers Point Boat Ramps for the Year 2025**

**Introduced by:       Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has a history of operating a boat ramp at John F. Kennedy Park for the public's use in accessing the Great Egg Harbor Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, as a part of the construction of the Route 52 Bridge Project, the City was provided with a second boat ramp for the public use to access the Great Egg Harbor Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has in the past, and continues to experience significant costs associated with the maintenance of the boat ramp and its docks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has in the past, operated the public boat ramps as a fee-imposed use so as to minimize the burden on the residents of the City in connection with the cost to operate same; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has, in the past, tried various methods of implementing cost recoupment for the operation of the boat ramps which may not have maximized profit, including

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the most recent attempt, a gate system which added to the significant cost of the operation and maintenance of the boat ramps; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to previously enacted Section 199-7 of Article II of Chapter 199, as well as that which is currently being amended, City Council has been, and is authorized to set fees for the use of its boat ramps by way of resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to previously enacted Section 199-8 of Article II of Chapter 199, as well as that which is currently being amended, the use of its boat ramps was to be effectuated by a permit system; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council now wishes to pass a resolution setting the fees for the use its boat ramps on an annual basis.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Somers Point that, until further modification by the City Council, the fees of the City of Somers Point's two boat ramps shall be set based upon an annual use only, and as follows:

1. Veterans and Somers Point Residents - \$75.00 for an annual permit;
2. Non-Residents - \$150.00 for an annual permit;
3. Commercial Operations/Entities - \$500.000 for four (4) annual permits.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** any individual or entity that has already purchased a permit or a fob for the City's gate system for 2025 shall be given a credit for such monies expended.

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**Resolution No. 104 of 2025**

**M/S-** Dill/Owen

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

**No. 104 of 2025**

**Subject:                    Authorizing Purchase on State Contract: Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies**

**Introduced by:          Council President Haberkorn**

**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 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has identified a need to purchase Twenty-Four (24) Body Worn Cameras and Miscellaneous Equipment for use by the City of Somers Point, Police Department; and

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State Contract Number #: 23-FLEET-33791, Motorola Solutions, New Jersey was awarded the State Contract for Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chief in conjunction with the Business Administrator has researched the equipment available and recommends the acquisition of Twenty-Four (24) Body Worn Cameras provided by Motorola Solutions of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Somers Point authorizes the following purchase from Motorola Solutions of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey to be ordered before April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025:

Description

Amount

Twenty-Four (24) Body Worn Cameras and Miscellaneous Equipment

\$65,802.60

State Contract Number #: 23-FLEET-33791

T0106 - Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies

Expiring May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Total

\$65,802.60

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**Resolution No. 105 of 2025**

**M/S-** Dill/Johnston

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

**No. 105 of 2025**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Subject:** Advice of Counsel Regarding the Status of Potential Contractual Negotiations

**Introduced By:** Council President Haberkorn

**WHEREAS**, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Somers Point City Council to be held in public, and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in “Executive Session,” i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somers Point City Council has determined that there is one (1) topic which requires the advice and counsel of the City Solicitor and is a matter permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) as an exception to open public meeting requirements; and is necessary to be discussed

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without the public in attendance during an Executive Session to be held on 10th day of April, 2025, during a public meeting to be held commencing at 7:00 P.M; and

**WHEREAS** there are nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b). Listed below, is the exception relied upon; and after the exception is a space within which the number of issues to be privately discussed that fall within that exception shall be written and within which additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written.

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**“(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.”**

The nature of the matters to be discussed, described as fully as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality:

**Advice of Counsel and attorney-client privileged communication regarding the status of potential development negotiations involving the property located at 939 Bay Avenue.**

**WHEREAS** the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be approximately 20 minutes after which the public meeting of the City Council shall reconvene;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point will go into Executive Session for **only** the above stated reason;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council directs the City Clerk to make ten (10) photocopies of this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the blank spaces within this form of resolution are to be filled out in conformity with a Consent Judgment and Memorandum of Understanding dated June 8, 2009, that arose that the City Council hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public’s interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure. For each of the above items, the estimated date by which such disclosure can be made and/or the occurrence that needs to take place before disclosure can be made are listed below (attach separate sheet if necessary)

Subject of Discussion	Estimated Date	Necessary Occurrence
See Exception 7	Unknown at this time	Discussion by City Council relative to handling of potential development

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		<b>negotiations involving 939 Bay Avenue.</b>
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**Resolution No. 107 of 2025**

**M/S-** Dill/Owen

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

Mayor Tapp expressed his support for Kate MacKenzie in this new position.

**No. 107 of 2025**

**Subject: Resolution Hiring Kate MacKenzie for the Role of Part-Time  
Recreation Board Secretary**

**Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, due to the elimination of the Recreation Director Position of the City of Somers Point it is necessary for the City of Somers Point to consider the hiring of a Part-Time Recreation Board Secretary; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City of Somers Point to hire employees according to their individual merits and in accordance with the New Jersey Civil Service Policies and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the position was advertised and applications received; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of the applications was completed and an interview of job applicants was conducted by the City Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator and the City's Personnel Committee recommend the hiring of Kate MacKenzie to the part time position of Recreation Board Secretary; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate funds are available within the Municipal Recreation operations in the 2025 budget for this part time hiring.

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

- 1.) The hiring of Kate MacKenzie to the part time position of Recreation Board Secretary, is hereby approved on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, and will be retroactive to a start date of about April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.
- 2.) She will be compensated at a rate of \$6,000.00 per year plus a quarterly mileage allowance, and that the employee will not work more than 29 Hours Per week.
- 3.) This is an "at will" employment and is subject to the personnel policies and procedures of the City of Somers Point.

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**Resolution No. 109 of 2025**

**M/S-** Gerety/Owen

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

Bob Roberts from Shore Medical Center spoke briefly on the accommodations and services the hospital has implemented for individuals with Autism.

Council Member McGuigan showed his appreciation for Shore Medical Center and thanked them for raising awareness and working hard to help those with Autism.

Council Member Owen showed his appreciation for those working at the hospital.

**No. 109 of 2025**

**Recognizing April as National Autism Acceptance Month**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a lifelong neurological condition that affects how individuals perceive the world, communicate, and interact with others; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 36 children in the United States is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), with varying degrees of challenges and strengths; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism contribute greatly to our communities through their unique perspectives, talents, and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, National Autism Acceptance Month, observed each April, aims to go beyond awareness to promote acceptance, inclusion, and appreciation of individuals with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering acceptance of individuals with autism encourages more inclusive practices in schools, workplaces, and communities, ensuring that people of all abilities are valued and supported; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point proudly supports the rights, dignity, and inclusion of individuals with autism and their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Somers Point recognizes the month of April as **National Autism Acceptance Month** and encourages residents to learn more about autism and to promote acceptance and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

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**Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

On the motion of Council Member Gerety, seconded of Council Member Dill and carried to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

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**No. 111 of 2025**

**Subject:           Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Balance FY 2025  
Neighborhood Preservation Program**

**Introduced by: Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has completed a review of the Grant Fund; and  
**WHEREAS**, as a result of the review, the Chief Financial Officer recommends that the following balance be canceled from the Grant Fund general ledger, subject to whatever modifications may be necessary as a result of activity in those accounts occurring on or before December 31, 2025:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cancel</u>	<u>Cancel</u>
<u>Grants Receivable</u>		
FY2025 NPP Neighborhood Preservation Program	\$37,500	
<u>Appropriated Reserves</u>		
FY2025 NPP Neighborhood Preservation Program		\$37,500
	\$37,500	\$37,500

To Current Fund Balance: \$0

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**No. 112 of 2025**

**Subject:           Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Cancel Grant Balance National Opioids  
Settlement**

**Introduced by: Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has completed a review of the Grant Fund; and

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**WHEREAS**, as a result of the review, the Chief Financial Officer recommends that the following balance be canceled from the Grant Fund general ledger, subject to whatever modifications may be necessary as a result of activity in those accounts occurring on or before December 31, 2025:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cancel</u>	<u>Cancel</u>
<u>Grants Receivable</u>		
National Opioids Settlement (2023)	\$9,621.17	
National Opioids Settlement (2024)	\$42,272.57	
<u>Appropriated Reserves</u>		
National Opioids Settlement (2023)		\$9,621.17
National Opioids Settlement (2024)		\$42,272.57
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To Reserve for National Opioids Settlement:	\$51,893.74	\$51,893.74

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**No. 113 of 2025**

**Subject:       Amending Somers Point Arts Commission**

**Introduced by: Council Member Owen**

**WHEREAS**, the Somers Point Arts Commission was established by Ordinance No. 13 of 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy currently exists on the Somers Point Arts Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting of March 24, 2025, the Somers Point Arts Commission approved Kelli Karver to fill the vacancy on the Commission and now recommends to the City Council the appointment of Kelli Karver to the Somers Point Arts Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby appoints Kelli Karver to the Somers Point Arts Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that to the Somers Point Arts Commission is currently comprised of the following individuals, all with their terms expiring December 31, 2025:

Donna Mohr  
Lois Gregory  
Shana Kestrel  
Karen Sutherland  
Karen Cleighton  
Christine Toland-Ulrich  
Margie Gerety  
Ginny Swift



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Kelli Karver  
Kate MacKenzie, Ex-Officio Member  
Ashley Mathers, Ex-Officio Member

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**Subject:                    Submission of a Grant Application TA-2025-Somers Point-00040 and  
Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of  
Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside  
Program**

**Introduced by:        Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation offers federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Grants for projects that foster more livable communities and promote alternative modes of transportation such as biking and walking; and

**WHEREAS**, special consideration is given to communities that are Transit Villages, Urban Aid communities, and municipalities that have adopted Complete Streets policies;

**WHEREAS**, this program is available to all counties and municipalities in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant program does not require matching funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point carefully considers grant programs that assist the City in achieving projects and programs that are priorities for the community;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point wishes to apply for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program for streetscape improvements on Bay Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, maintenance of this project, once constructed, will be assumed by the City of Somers Point.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point formally supports this Transportation Alternatives Program application TA-2025-Somers Point -00040.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Somers Point and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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**Subject: A Resolution Approving and Accepting a Right of Way Deed Easement from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to the City of Somers Point Affecting a Portion of Block 1016, Lot 7, a Right of Way Deed Easement from Roleman Properties, Inc. to the City of Somers Point Affecting a Portion of Block 1017, Lot 5, a Right of Way Deed of Easement from Cedar Bay LLC to the City of Somers Point Affecting a Portion of Block 499, Lot 5, a Lot Consolidation Deed from Provco Somers Point, LLC to Provco Somers Point, LLC for New Lot Block 719, Lot 16.01(Formerly Lots 15, 16, And 17), and a Right of Way Deed Easement from Provco Somers Point, LLC to the City of Somers Point Affecting a Portion of Block 1016, Lot 7**

**Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn**

**Whereas** the City of Somers Point (the “City”) and Provco Somers Point, L.L.C. (the “Redeveloper”) entered into a Redevelopment Agreement in February of 2022 for the redevelopment of block 719, Lots 15, 16, and 17 ( the “Redevelopment Agreement”) which Redevelopment Agreement and the West Groveland Redevelopment Plan (the Redevelopment Plan””; and

**Whereas** the Redevelopment Agreement and Redevelopment plan provide for reconstruction of the intersection of Route 9 and West Groveland Avenue substantially in accordance with the Conceptual Intersection Design Plan attached thereto as Exhibit “F” and further conditioned upon NJDOT approval, which improvements shall include, without limitation ,(i) dedication of additional right-of-way in and along the east side of West Groveland Avenue and along the east side of West Groveland Avenue extending from the existing Galloway Tire site, as well as redevelopment of the stormwater basin at the existing Galloway Tire site and (ii) Implementation of a site plan on the Project Site which will accommodate additional contributory stormwater flows which may emanate from adjacent properties, in addition to the Project site, and storage of as much stormwater as is reasonably capable of being accommodated on the Project Site in accordance with a site plan approved by the Somers Point Planning Board; and

**Whereas** a Planning Board Decision and Resolution PB-5-2023 adopted May 17, 2023 was conditioned, among other items the widening of the Groveland Avenue right of way to permit construction of a left hand turn lane onto Route 9 South, and modifications to the Galloway Tire and Auto stormwater basin as shown on the filed site plans; and

**Whereas**, to satisfy those conditions the Redeveloper obtained the necessary deeds of easements and deed consolidation which have been submitted to the City and reviewed by the City Engineer.

**Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Resolved** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic that the City hereby approves and accepts the following items in satisfaction of certain of the conditions imposed by the Redevelopment Agreement, Redevelopment Plan, and Planning Board Resolution PB-5-2023, copies of which are attached hereto:

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1. April 02, 2024 Right of Way Deed Easement from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to the City of Somers Point affecting a portion of Block 1016, Lot 7 as shown on the official Somers Point Tax Map, recorded in the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk on April 24, 2024 as Instrument #2024018080;
2. April 03, 2024 Right of Way Deed Easement from Roleman Properties, Inc. to the City of Somers Point affecting a portion of Block 1017, Lot 5 as shown on the official Somers Point Tax Map, recorded in the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk on recorded April 24, 2024 as Instrument #2024018076;
3. September 19, 2024 Right of Way Deed of Easement from Cedar Bay LLC to the City of Somers Point affecting a portion of Block 499, Lot 1 as shown on the official Somers Point Tax Map, recorded in the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk on October 07, 2024 as Instrument #2024040336;
4. March 15, 2024 Lot Consolidation Deed from Provco Somers Point, LLC to Provco Somers Point, LLC for New Lot Block 719, Lot 16.01(formerly Lots 15, 16, and 17) as shown on the official Somers Point Tax Map, recorded in the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk on May 01, 2024 as Instrument #2024019038.
5. April 29, 2024 Right of Way Deed of Easement from Provco Somers Point, LLC to the City of Somers Point affecting a portion of Block 1016, Lot 7 as shown on the official Somers Point Tax Map, recorded in the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk on recorded May 16, 2024 as Instrument #2024021345.

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**No. 116 of 2025**

**Subject: Resolution Approving the Submittal of an Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for Infrastructure Projects**

**Introduced by: Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust are accepting applications for the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is intended to fund water, sewer and stormwater projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point carefully considers funding programs that assist the City in achieving projects that are priorities for the community; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Jason Frost, City Administrator, be authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent Somers Point in all matters relating to the projects undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representative may be contacted by mail at City Hall, 1 W New Jersey Avenue, Somers Point, New Jersey 08244 or by phone at 609.927.9088.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to make applications to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute funding agreements with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

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**No. 117 of 2025**

**Subject: Re-Authorizing RFP for Marina Operations**

**Introduced By: Council Members Johnston and Gerety**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point is in possession of a property known as Block 1612, Lots 2 & 2.01 on the tax maps of the City of Somers Point, located at Higbee and Bay Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, this property includes a marina facility and small office area; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:61-1. et seq. states that the governing body of any municipality may let out and rent any privilege in any of its parks, beaches, waterfronts and places for public resort and recreation, to the highest responsible bidder therefore, after advertisement of the time and place of such letting, at least ten days prior to receipt of bids and upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City previously advertised for the Marina Operations per Resolution 80 of 2025 and received no bids; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-4) if an RFP has been advertised on two occasions and no bids have been received on both occasions in response to the advertisement, the City may negotiate and award a contract upon adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the governing body authorizing such contract.

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

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1. The City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise the Requests for Proposals the City's Marina Operations located at Higbee Avenue and the Bay from the City of Somers Point for use as a marina facility.

2. Said advertisement shall be published on the City's Website as soon as possible.

3. All proposals must be received by the City Clerk no later than 2:00 p.m. on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at which time they will be publicly opened, announced and recorded in the City Council Chambers.

4. It is understood that the use as described in this Request for Proposal must be approved by the Somers Point Board of Recreation.

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**No. 118 of 2025**

**Subject: Resolution Appointing City Administrator Jason Frost as the Municipal Housing Liaison**

**Introduced By: Council President Haberkorn**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-17 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq, the City of Somers Point is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the oversight of administration of City of Somers Point affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Somers Point Municipal Code provides for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer City of Somers Point's affordable housing program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of City of Somers Point in the County of Atlantic, and the State of New Jersey that City Administrator/ QPA, Jason Frost is hereby appointed by the Governing Body of City of Somers Point as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program, pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 34:23 through 34:25 (Article VI Municipal Housing Liaison) of the City of Somers Point's Municipal Code.

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**Old Business:**

None

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**New Business:**

None

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**Discussion of Bills:**

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 4/08/2025 in the amount of \$865,597.01.

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## **Public Portion:**

Council President Haberkorn duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of Somers Point spoke on the 123<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration for the City at Mexiquila and thanked everyone involved. She thanked the Sykora Foundation for donating to the Arts Committee. Pierson also made additional comments on the boat ramp fees and permits and asked for clarification on the RFP for marina operations.

Bill Collins of Somers Point suggested that the fees for boat ramps and means of collection on a daily basis be reconsidered.

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

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## **Payment of Bills:**

**M/S:** Dill/Johnston

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.

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## **Comments from Governing Body:**

None

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## **Recess:**

The Governing Body recessed briefly at 8:22 p.m. before going into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

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## **Reconvene:**

Council President Haberkorn reconvened the Governing Body to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

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## **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member DePamphilis moved, Council Member Johnston seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Heath, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved 4/24/2025