

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
May 12, 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: Bruno, Dill, DePamphilis McCarrie, McGuigan, Owen, Johnston

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

Absent:

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.

City Council unanimously approved a 48-hour waiver to add Resolution Numbers 121 and 122 to the agenda.

Council President Johnston moved Resolutions 109-122 to the top of the agenda.

Resolutions:

Clerk Samuelsen read by title only Resolution Numbers 109-122.

Public Portion Resolutions:

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

Resolution No. 110 of 2022

M/S- McCarrie/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill thanked all the ladies and gentlemen that are being honored this evening for 10 years to 60 years of service. He proudly stated the significance of their dedication and appreciates their service to the City.

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No. 110 of 2022

Saluting Mr. William Merola Jr. – 50 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, William Merola Jr. is a lifelong resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill, who has served in various positions during his tenure, including Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant, dedicated numerous hours of time, energy, and commitment to the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, he still is active and responds to fire calls; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is an integral part of this community and is a great source of pride for the City; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. William Merola Jr. for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Billy for his life-long dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 111 of 2022

M/S- Dill/Bruno

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 111 of 2022

Saluting Mr. Ronald Bird Jr. – 35 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, Ronald Bird Jr. is a lifelong resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Ron has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Ron, who has previously served as Lieutenant, dedicated numerous hours of time, energy, and commitment to the Fire Company; and

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WHEREAS, he continues to be an active member of the department and responds to fire calls; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is part of the fabric of the community and is a great source of pride for the city; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. Ronald Bird Jr. for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Ron for his life-long dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 112 of 2022

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan thanked Chief Sweeney and his family for his service. Mayor Glasser reminisced with many great memories with Chief Sweeney. Mayor Glasser congratulated and thanked him for leading the Volunteer Fire Department and Company No. 1.

No. 112 of 2022

Saluting Mr. Michael Sweeney – 30 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, Michael Sweeney is a long time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Michael has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Michael, who has previously served as Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, and Chief of the Department, currently holds the position of Chief of Somers Point Fire Co.#1 and is Deputy Chief of the City.

WHEREAS, Michael is dedicated to all aspects of the Fire Department’s operation and has spent an enormous number of hours, energy, and commitment to the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Michael has proven to be a valuable resource to the Governing Body for all things related to firefighting operations; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is part of the fabric of the community and is a great source of pride for the city; and

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Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. Michael Sweeney for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Michael for his lasting dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 113 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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Saluting Mr. Michael Iannace – 25 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, Michael Iannace is a resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Michael has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Michael, who has previously served as Lieutenant, Captain, and Safety Officer, is the current President of Somers Point Fire Co. #1

WHEREAS, Michael is dedicated to all aspects of the Fire Department’s operation and has spent numerous hours, energy, and commitment to the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, he continues to be an active and dedicated member of the department; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is part of the fabric of the community and is a great source of pride for the city; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. Michael Iannace for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Michael for his lasting dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

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Resolution No. 114 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 114 of 2022

Saluting Mr. John Batty Jr. – 25 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, John Batty Jr. is a resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, John has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, John, who has previously served as Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief, has spent immeasurable number of hours, energy, and commitment to the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, he continues to be an active and dedicated member of the department; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is part of the fabric of the community and is a great source of pride for the city; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. John Batty Jr. for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to John for his lasting dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 115 of 2022

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 115 of 2022

Saluting Mr. Robert Blaine – 10 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, Robert Blaine is a long time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Robert has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Robert can always be counted on around the firehouse when help is needed; and

WHEREAS, Robert currently holds the position of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, he continues to be an active and dedicated member of the department; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is part of the fabric of the community and is a great source of pride for the city; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. Robert Blaine for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Robert for his lasting dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 116 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan stated that ten years is a big deal and thanked him for his dedication. Council Member McGuigan proudly stated that he has proven to be a tremendous asset to the community.

No. 116 of 2022

Saluting Mr. Donald Dunleavy – 10 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, Donald Dunleavy is a long time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Donald has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Donald is an energetic presence in the fire house and currently serves as the treasurer for Fire Company #1; and

WHEREAS, he continues to be an active and dedicated member of the department; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is part of the fabric of the community and is a great source of pride for the city; and

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Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. Donald Dunleavy for reaching this major milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Donald for his lasting dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 118 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Bruno

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 118 of 2022

Saluting Mrs. Elizabeth Bird – 45 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company Auxiliary

WHEREAS, Elizabeth “Beth” Bird is a long-time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Beth has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary has many functions that aid the volunteer firefighters, including responding to fire calls to provide the firefighters with the liquids and nourishment needed to help maintain their strength and stamina while they perform the difficult and dangerous duties of firefighting, they also assist the firefighters, the department, and the community raising funds for any equipment that they need, or helping with other community events; and

WHEREAS, Beth continues to be an integral part of the fire house, helping with many different events over the years while committing countless hours of time and energy to the Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Beth fosters a great deal of pride in the auxiliary and the fire company with many members of her family involved; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary provides aid to the all-volunteer fire department in every way possible, to foster its every cause, to stand behind and uphold it in everything it undertakes and to render any assistance possible at all times.

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Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mrs. Elizabeth “Beth” Bird for reaching this momentous milestone of service with the Auxiliary of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Beth for her long-time commitment to the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 119 of 2022

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan proudly stated that she is legend. He mentioned that Mary Jane is a pleasure to work with and can’t thank her enough for all the services she provides to the citizens of this community. Council President Johnston stated that her energy is amazing and thanked her for her service to the Fire Company and for all that she does for the City.

No. 119 of 2022

Saluting Mrs. Mary Jane Bolden – 40 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company Auxiliary

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Bolden is a long-time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary has many functions that aid the volunteer firefighters, including responding to fire calls to provide the firefighters with the liquids and nourishment needed to help maintain their strength and stamina while they perform the difficult and dangerous duties of firefighting, they also assist the firefighters, the department, and the community raising funds for any equipment that they need, or helping with other community events; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane is an integral part of the fire house, organizing many different events over the years while committing countless hours of time and energy to the Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane is involved in many civic organizations in the city and is always available when the Auxiliary’s coffee truck rolls out to an emergency site; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary is an important component of the all-volunteer fire department; and

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Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mrs. Mary Jane Bolden for reaching this momentous milestone of service with the Auxiliary of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Mary Jane for her long-time commitment to the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 121 of 2022

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan congratulated and thanked her for her dedication and service.

No. 121 of 2022

Saluting Mrs. Jennifer Elias – 15 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company Auxiliary

WHEREAS, Jennifer Elias has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary has many functions that aid the volunteer firefighters, including responding to fire calls to provide the firefighters with the liquids and nourishment needed to help maintain their strength and stamina while they perform the difficult and dangerous duties of firefighting, they also assist the firefighters, the department, and the community raising funds for any equipment that they need, or helping with other community events; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer continues to be a big part of the Auxiliary helping with many different events and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary provides aid to the all-volunteer fire department in every way possible, to foster its every cause, to stand behind and uphold it in everything it undertakes and to render any assistance possible at all times.

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mrs. Jennifer Elias for reaching this momentous milestone of service with the Auxiliary of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Jennifer for her long-time commitment to the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 122 of 2022

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

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This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan mentioned that he is an absolute pleasure to be around and thanked him for his dedicated service.

No. 122 of 2022

Saluting Mr. John Batty Sr. – 15 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company Auxiliary

WHEREAS, John Batty Sr. is a long-time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, John has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, The Auxiliary has many functions that aid the volunteer firefighters, including responding to fire calls to provide the firefighters with the liquids and nourishment needed to help maintain their strength and stamina while they perform the difficult and dangerous duties of firefighting, they also assist the firefighters, the department, and the community raising funds for any equipment that they need, or helping with other community events; and

WHEREAS, John continues to be a big part of the Auxiliary helping with many different events and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary provides aid to the all-volunteer fire department in every way possible, to foster its every cause, to stand behind and uphold it in everything it undertakes and to render any assistance possible at all times.

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. John Batty Sr. for reaching this momentous milestone of service with the Auxiliary of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to John for his long-time commitment to the citizens of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 109 of 2022

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill personally thanked Mr. Cottrell for his dedication to the Fire Department and mentioned that 60 years is a long time to be committed to anything.

Council Member McGuigan concurred with Council Member Dill on this tremendous accomplishment and extended his thanks.

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Saluting Mr. Fred Cottrell Sr. – 60 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company

WHEREAS, Fredrick Cottrell Sr. is a lifelong resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Fred has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Fred, who has served in various positions during his tenure, including Chief as well as President, dedicated countless hours of time, energy, and commitment to the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, he still is active and responds to fire calls; and

WHEREAS, Fred currently holds the Office of Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the all-volunteer fire department is an integral part of this community and is a great source of pride for the City; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mr. Fredrick Cottrell Sr. for reaching this tremendous milestone of service with the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Fred for his life-long dedication to the Volunteer Fire Company and the citizens of Somers Point.

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M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan stated that 60 years is a tremendous accomplishment, and he can't thank her enough for her dedication and service.

Council Member Dill mentioned 60 years is a lifetime, and he appreciates everything she does for the community and personally thanked her.

Mayor Glasser thanked Mrs. Cottrell on behalf of the City and stated that they make the City a better place. The passion and dedication of all the firefighters is immeasurable and cannot be thanked enough. On behalf of the City, Mayor Glasser exceedingly thanked them.

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*Saluting Mrs. Barbara Cottrell. – 60 Years of Service with Somers Point Fire Company
Auxiliary*

WHEREAS, Barbara Cottrell is a long-time resident of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has been an active member of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary has many functions that aid the volunteer firefighters, including responding to fire calls to provide the firefighters with the liquids and nourishment needed to help maintain their strength and stamina while they perform the difficult and dangerous duties of firefighting, they also assist the firefighters, the department, and the community raising funds for any equipment that they need, or helping with other community events; and

WHEREAS, Barbara who has served in many positions during her tenure, including President of the Auxiliary, has committed countless hours of time and energy to the Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, still to this day, when the Auxiliary’s coffee truck rolls out to an emergency site, Barbara is there, handing out cool drinks or hot cups of coffee; and

WHEREAS, the Auxiliary is an integral part of the all-volunteer fire department; and

Now therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the City Council recognize and thank Mrs. Barbara Cottrell for reaching this momentous milestone of service with the Auxiliary of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department; and

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their appreciation to Barbara for her long-time commitment to the citizens of Somers Point.

Mayor Glasser and Council President Johnston presented the members of the Fire Department and Auxiliary with framed copies of these resolutions. They also presented Mr. & Mrs. Cottrell with a special plaque honoring their 60-year achievement, which was met with a standing ovation.

Recess:

The Governing Body recessed briefly at 7:48 p.m.

Reconvene:

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Council President Johnston reconvened the Governing Body to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser congratulated the Bayfest Committee for a fabulous event. He mentioned the weather was great, and there was a nice turnout. He thanked Clerk Samuelsen and Administrator Frost for their help with the administrative details of the event. Mayor Glasser reported the AMVETS held their convention at the Pier 4 Hotel. He also reported that a local resident, Fred Vineyard, was elected as the State Commander of the AMVETS. He also reminded everyone the Legion Riders will hold their annual barbeque at the American Legion on 5/15/22. Mayor Glasser reported that at the AMVETS meeting on 5/20, the 2nd District Legislators will have a mobile district office at the AMVETS Center on Shore Road. He mentioned the Division of Motor Vehicles will be there to offer services as well as Atlantic City Electric for Veterans needing utility assistance.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Frost reported a meeting scheduled with the County on 5/18/22 to discuss the Shore Road corridor study.

Solicitors Report:

None

Engineers Report:

Engineer Schneider reported the contract for West Atlantic Phase I concrete work is almost complete. He mentioned the paving will be done for both phases after school lets out. Phase II is anticipated to start after Memorial Day. He reported there is a preconstruction meeting scheduled the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. Engineer Schneider also mentioned the Mays Landing Road bike lanes have been installed with signs. The pedestrian beacons and radar feedback signs are still pending.

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Committee Reports:

- **Recreation Commission-** Council Member McCarrie reported the bids for construction of a dog park were advertised. Council Member Owen mentioned the Recreation Board will need to vote to approve the dog park.
- **Solar Committee-** Council Member McGuigan reported the application for the current project at Defeo Lane has been submitted for approval from the Board of Public Utilities and that construction can begin once that is received. He also mentioned the Committee has been looking at other locations throughout the City.
- **Arts Commission-** Council Member Bruno reported the Arts Commission has art classes in the after-school program two days a week. She mentioned the Junior Poet Laureate will be reading a poem at the next City Council meeting. She reported a summer camp and an adult poetry class at Jordan Road School. The adult class will also be online, making it international. She reported an event on 8/7/2022, Poetry in the Park, an online photography exhibit scheduled in the fall and a talent showcase at the Gateway Theatre in 2023.
- **Historic Preservation Commission-** Council Member Bruno reported the Commission sold 101 t-shirts at Bayfest. She reported the flea market will be held 5/21/22 in Gregory's parking lot. She also reported the 35th anniversary of the Historical Society and that the original members will be honored at an event Gregory' Porch Mixer.

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member McCarrie, seconded of Council Member Dill and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 4/28/2022.

Resolutions:

Clerk Samuelson read by title only the list of resolutions.

Public Portion Resolutions:

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

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John Helbig of East Dawes thanked City Council for recognizing the month of May as National Bike month.

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

Resolution No. 99 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 99 of 2022

**Subject: A RESOLUTION REFERRING THE DRAFT WEST
 GROVELAND/ALDI REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE
 SOMERS POINT PLANNING BOARD AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A
 40A12A-7.e**

Introduced By: Council President Johnston

Whereas, on November 20, 2014, the City Council of the City of Somers Point adopted Resolution No. 186 of 2014 declaring the entire area of the City of Somers Point to be an Area in Need of Rehabilitation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, accepting a recommendation from the Somers Point Planning Board based upon a City-Wide Rehabilitation Study and Report concluding the that the entire area of the City of Somers Point be determined to be an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 of the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law ("LRHL"), a municipality has the authority to adopt, by ordinance, a Redevelopment Plan for a property located in an area in need of rehabilitation; and

Whereas by Resolution 156 of 2021 the City Council of the City of Somers Point approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Somers Point and Provco Partners, L.P. and designated Provco Partners, L.P. as the Interim Conditional Redeveloper for developing Block 719, Lots 15, 16 & 17 situated along New Road (Rt. 9) at the intersection with Groveland Avenue comprising approximately 2.74 acres (the "Subject Property"); and

Whereas a draft Redevelopment Plan has been prepared, a copy of which is attached hereto, and a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and

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Whereas the draft Redevelopment Plan has been reviewed by the City Council members, the City Planner, and the City Engineer; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e, prior to the adoption of a redevelopment plan, or revision or amendment thereto, the planning board shall transmit to the governing body, within 45 days after referral, a report containing its recommendation concerning the redevelopment plan, which report shall include an identification of any provisions in the proposed redevelopment plan which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning these inconsistencies and any other matters as the board deems appropriate; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by this governing body as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if full set forth at length.
2. In order to comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e, the City Council hereby refers the draft West Groveland Redevelopment Plan to the Somers Point Planning Board with the request that the Planning Board hold a public hearing to consider and review the draft Redevelopment Plan and transmit to the governing body a report containing its recommendation concerning the Redevelopment Plan, including an identification of any provisions that are inconsistent with the overall intent of the City's Master Plan, as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-7.e.

It is further Resolved that the City Clerk is directed to submit to the Somers Point Planning Board Secretary a certified copy of this Resolution including the attached draft Redevelopment Plan.

Resolution No. 103 of 2022

M/S- DePamphilis/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 103 of 2022

Subject: Recognizing the Month of May as National Bike Month in the City of Somers Point, New Jersey

Introduced by: Council Members McGuigan, Owen and McCarrie

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WHEREAS, National Bike Month was established in 1956 and sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists (“League”), it provides a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encouraging everyone to give biking a try; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Week 2022 will be held on May 16-22, 2022, and National Bike to Work Day is May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, millions of New Jersey residents will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of bicycles and an opportunity to come together to raise awareness and inspire new riders; and

WHEREAS, Somers Point is a bike-friendly town and has applied for and was awarded a \$130,000 bikeway grant through the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (Fiscal Year 2019) for the installation of bike lanes along the north and south side of Somers Point Mays Landing Road (CR 559). The proposed bike lanes will run from the intersection of Route 9 and Somers Point Mays Landing Road (CR 559) through the Route 52 intersection terminating at the existing municipal multiuse pedestrian path making this project consistent with Somers Point City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, with growing cultural awareness around health, wellness, sustainability, and economic savings, bicycling is seen as a simple solution to many complex problems, including the reduction of obesity rates to increasing mobility options.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, hereby recognizes the month of May as National Bike Month in the City of Somers Point and May 20, 2022, as Bike To Work Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey, urges all who support bicycling to participate in events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

Resolution No. 104 of 2022

M/S- McCarrie/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 104 of 2022

Subject: Taxes Refunded Block 1631 Lot 22

Introduced by: Council President Johnston and Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, the property owner at 158 Bala Drive is a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran; and

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WHEREAS, the owner has filed all of the forms and provided all the necessary documentation for tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, a 2018 Homestead Rebate request has been received; and

WHEREAS, the owner is now entitled to a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$672.72 representing a 2018 Homestead Rebate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, that the above taxes be refunded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and the Finance Officer by the City Clerk.

Block	Lot	Qual.	Owner	Amount	Year
1631	22		Dorothy Mannino	\$672.72	2018

Resolution No. 105 of 2022

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 105 of 2022

Subject: Extending the Time Period for Temporary and Limited Expansion of the Operations of Bars/Restaurants to their Outside Areas and Municipal Right of Ways

Introduced by: Council President Janice Johnston

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order No. 150 (2020), which set an effective date of Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:00 a.m., for all restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, collectively referred to as “food or beverage establishments,” to offer in-person service at outdoor areas, subject to provisos; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, this governing body passed Resolution No. 121-2020 which provided a temporary and limited expansion of the operations of bars/restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways; and

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WHEREAS, said Resolution held that pending further resolution, the force and effect of the resolution, and all temporary rights set forth therein, were to terminate upon the earlier of either the effective date and time of the State of New Jersey relaxing the provisions of Executive

Order 107 relative to its prohibition of on-premises consumption of food or beverages at bars and restaurants and requirement of social distancing as set forth therein, or at 11:59 p.m. on July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on eight (8) occasions, this governing body has passed resolutions which extended the aforesaid temporary and limited expansion of the operations of bars/restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy has signed P.L. 2021, c.15, which among other things, expanded opportunities for restaurants, bars, distilleries, and breweries to provide outdoor dining, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the enactment of said legislation, the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control on March 19, 2021, issued Administrative Order 2021-01, which extended the expiration date of all COVID-19 Expansion Permits issued pursuant to Special Ruling 2020-10 to November 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by this governing body that the effects COVID-19 outbreak has caused substantial economic suffering and financial hardship for many of the restaurants in the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, this governing body passed Ordinance No. 8-2002, repealing and replacing §114-120(C) Of Chapter 114, Article XX of the City Code Entitled “Permitted Uses” so as to Modify the Standards for Outdoor Dining, which ordinance takes effect on November 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this governing body now wishes to extend the time period for the temporary and limited expansion of restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways to coincide with the implementation of Ordinance No. 8-2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of Somers Point that the provisions of Resolution No. 219-2021 pursuant to restaurants are hereby extended until at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on November 24, 2022, at which time the allowances provided for outdoor dining for both non-licensed and licensed premises shall be rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within resolution shall be effective immediately.

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Resolution No. 106 of 2022

M/S- Owen/Bruno

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 106 of 2022

Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for FY 2018 FEMA PDM Yale Boulevard Stormwater Pump Station

Introduced by: Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, the governing Body of the City of Somers Point has determined that it is the best interest of the City to install a new Stormwater Pump Station and Yale Boulevard and Exton Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the City Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the FY 2018 FEMA PDM Yale Boulevard Stormwater Pump Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids in conformance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., said bids to be received in the City Clerk's office at a time established thereafter in accordance with the specifications and in conformance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

Resolution No. 107 of 2022

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill mention the areas referenced in Resolution Numbers 106 and 107 are in need of the work and thanked Engineer Schneider for his hard work putting together the project and their specifications.

No. 107 of 2022

Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for Stormwater Pump Station Replacement

Introduced by: Council Member Dill

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WHEREAS, the governing Body of the City of Somers Point has determined that it is the best interest of the City to replace the existing stormwater pump station located off Exton Road and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the City Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the Stormwater Pump Station Replacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids in conformance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., said bids to be received in the City Clerk's office at a time established thereafter in accordance with the specifications and in conformance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

Resolution No. 108 of 2022

M/S- Bruno/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 108 of 2022

Subject: Authorizing Participation in Atlantic County Radio Network to Support a Regional Public Safety/First Response System

Introduced By: Mayor Glasser, Council President Johnston and Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, Law enforcement, Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services/First Response and other agencies that serve similar public safety, security and civil preparedness needs require a regional communications network to carry out their missions effectively and safely; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic County and Atlantic County Radio Network (ACRN) participants desire to develop and maintain a regional system that will maximize the ability of each individual authorized user of these organizations to be able to communicate with each other freely, with minimal disruption including various agencies communicating with each other; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that Somers Point does hereby agree to participate in the Atlantic County regional communication system known as ACRN.

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Resolution No. 120 of 2022

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston thanked the Redevelopment Committee and the Professionals for their hard work.

No. 120 of 2022

Subject: Resolution of The City of Somers Point Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Somers Point Paddle Club, LLC Concerning the Redevelopment of a Portion of Block 1211, Lot 2

Introduced By: Council President Johnston

Whereas, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Redevelopment Law”), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas designated by the municipality as being in need of redevelopment; and

Whereas, on November 20, 2014, the City Council of the City of Somers Point adopted Resolution No. 186 of 2014 declaring the entire area of the City of Somers Point to be an Area in Need of Rehabilitation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, accepting a recommendation from the Somers Point Planning Board based upon a City-Wide Rehabilitation Study and Report concluding the that the entire area of the City of Somers Point be determined to be an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7 of the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (“LRHL”), a municipality has the authority to adopt, by ordinance, a Redevelopment Plan for a property located in an area in need of rehabilitation; and

Whereas by Resolution 149 of 2021 the City Council of the City of Somers Point (“City Council”) approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Somers Point and the Somers Point Paddle Club, LLC and designated Somers Point Paddle Club, LLC as the Interim Conditional Redeveloper for developing a portion of Block 1211, Lot 2 located at Bay Avenue and Pleasant Avenue in the City of Somers Point comprised of approximately 6.20 acres (the "Subject Property"); and

Whereas the draft Redevelopment Plan was reviewed by the City Council members, the City Planner, and the City Engineer; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e, prior to the adoption of a redevelopment plan, or revision or amendment thereto, the planning board shall transmit to the governing body, within

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45 days after referral, a report containing its recommendation concerning the redevelopment plan, which report shall include an identification of any provisions in the proposed redevelopment plan which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning these inconsistencies and any other matters as the board deems appropriate; and

Whereas, on October 14, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution No. 178-2021 directing the Somers Point Planning Board (“Planning Board”) to review a redevelopment plan for a portion of the rehabilitation area Block 1211, Lot 2 located at Bay Avenue and Pleasant Avenue in the City of Somers Point comprised of approximately 6.20 acres (the "Subject Property"); as shown

on the Draft Redevelopment Plan transmitted to the Planning Board with Resolution 178-2021 (the “Rehabilitation Area”), a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours; and

Whereas the Redevelopment Plan was reviewed and considered by the Planning Board at an open public meeting held on November 10, 2017; and

Whereas the Planning Board recommended adoption of the Redevelopment Plan by the City Council, and further determined that the Redevelopment Plan was consistent with the overall intent of the City’s Master Plan which recommendation and determination was memorialized in Resolution No. 7-2021 adopted by the Planning Board on November 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 13 of 2021 was introduced at a regularly scheduled meeting of City Council on November 18, 2021, adopting a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled the “Somers Point Paddle Club Redevelopment Plan,” prepared by Colliers Engineering & Design and dated October 25, 2022 (the “Redevelopment Plan”), a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the City and with a second reading and public comment at a regularly scheduled meeting of City Council on December 16, 2021 and became effective upon publication as required by law; and

WHEREAS the Redevelopment Plan established separate subzones within the Redevelopment Area Overlay zone of Lot 2 within the Redevelopment Area to create by subdivision three separate lots. Lot 2 will contain the existing Harbour Cove Marina. Lot 2.01 will contain the Somers Point Paddle Club. Lot 2.02 will contain three units of affordable housing (collectively, the “Somers Point Paddle Club Redevelopment Plan Area” or the “Project Area”)

WHEREAS SOMERS POINT PADDLE CLUB LLC and/or their affiliates, are the owners of the properties comprising the Project Area; and

WHEREAS Redevelopers propose to assemble the Project Area to remediate, develop, finance, construct, implement, and cohesively redevelop the Project Area (the “Project”) in two (2) phases as more particularly described as follows:

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Phase 1: Phase 1 shall consist of the demolition of existing structures, the construction of all infrastructure improvements, the completion of three (3) affordable dwelling units with other on-site and off-site improvements, including landscaping and other obligations as more specifically set forth in the Redevelopment Agreement and the Redevelopment Plan which shall be completed and for which certificates of occupancy shall have been issued prior to operation of the Paddle Club described in Phase 2; and

Phase 2: Phase 2 shall consist of the completion of the Somers Point Paddle Club with other on-site and off-site improvements, including landscaping and other obligations as more specifically set forth in the Redevelopment Agreement and the Redevelopment Plan.

It is further understood and agreed that, subject to the restriction on operation of the Paddle Club as set forth above, Redeveloper may undertake work on both Phase 1 and Phase 2 simultaneously; and

WHEREAS Redeveloper proposes to complete the Project within the timeframe specified in the Redevelopment Agreement in accordance with the plans prepared by Sciuolo Engineering Services, LLC, dated January 25, 2022, subject to minor deviations resulting from full engineering of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that the Redeveloper possesses the proper qualifications and experience to implement and complete the Project in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan, the Redevelopment Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Redevelopment Agreement”), and all other Applicable Laws (as such term is defined in the Redevelopment Agreement), ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the Redevelopment Plan, the Project, and the redevelopment of the Project Area, the City has determined to enter into the Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper and specifies the respective rights and responsibilities of the City and the Redeveloper with respect to the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is on this 12th day of May 2022, hereby resolved by the City Council of the CITY OF SOMERS POINT as follows:

1. The recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
2. The City hereby designates SOMERS POINT PADDLE CLUB, LLC as the redeveloper (as that term is defined in the Redevelopment Law) for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project.
3. The City hereby approves and consents to the execution of the Redevelopment Agreement, substantially in the form annexed to this Resolution as Exhibit A, subject to minor revisions as deemed necessary or desirable by the City’s Solicitor and / or Special Redevelopment Counsel.
4. The City Clerk and other City staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to implement this Resolution and the terms of the Redevelopment Agreement, and the Mayor shall be authorized and directed to execute the Redevelopment Agreement.
5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters and terms in connection with the Redevelopment Agreement, all in consultation with the counsel to the City, and the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all

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such determinations. The Mayor, the City Clerk and any other City official, officer or professional, including but not limited to, City Solicitor, and Special Redevelopment Counsel, are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents as are necessary to facilitate the transactions contemplated hereby, and to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary to facilitate the transactions contemplated hereby, in consultation with, as applicable, City Solicitor, Special redevelopment counsel, City Engineer, City Administrator, and City Planner, and any and all actions taken heretofore with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby are hereby ratified and confirmed.

6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

**EXHIBIT A
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Old Business:

Attorney Smith mentioned a member of the public had requested a resolution be passed regarding expressing opposition to any legislation that unconstitutionally infringes upon an individual's Second Amendment rights. City Council and Solicitor Smith discussed and concurred to review a resolution.

New Business:

Administrator Frost reported a request from Liberty and Prosperity to use Richard Somers Park on September 4 from 3-5 p.m. City Council unanimously approved the request pending the proper insurance documents are submitted.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Record of Payments dated 5/4/2022 in the amount of \$7,946.02 and a Bill List dated 5/10/2022 in the amount of \$1,964,282.20.

Public Portion:

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Maureen Helbig of East Dawes questioned where the request for resolution expressing opposition to any legislation that unconstitutionally infringes upon an individual's second amendment rights originated from and stated it should not be considered.

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Ms. Hickerson of Absecon who represents Garden State Second Amendment Grass Roots organization mentioned this organization is statewide and that each county has a chapter.

James of Egg Harbor Township who is also a member of the Garden State Second Amendment Grass Roots Organization voiced his support of the proposed resolution.

John Helbig of East Dawes Avenue voiced his opposition to the proposed resolution.

Patricia Pierson of Marks Road stated her support of the centralized court of Atlantic County and her opposition to cannabis in the City.

Theresa Dougherty of Dogwood Drive opposed the proposed resolution.

Lisa Bender of Atkinson Avenue stated her opposition to the proposed resolution.

Levi Fox of Broadway recommended a resolution endorsing all rights.

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

Payment of Bills:

M/S: Dill/Bruno

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.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member McCarrie moved, Council Member Bruno seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelson, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 5/26/2022