

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
May 13, 2021**

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

Roll call was recorded as follows:

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

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

Absent: None

Open Public Meetings Act:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. Agenda for this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers and posted in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website, somerspointgov.org. The meeting was held via ZOOM platform and limited in person due to the pandemic of COVID-19. Council President Johnston announced the instructions for joining the meeting electronically.

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser reported he requested a welcome sign coming into Somers Point on Route 52 westbound. He also reported he recently had the honor of swearing in the Somers Point Historical Society Officers. Mayor Glasser mentioned the Historical Society is having a flea market in Gregory's parking lot on Saturday from 10-3 and they will be hosting an open house on June 19th from 10-2. He invited everyone to attend.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Frost reported City Hall has opened to the public and is following CDC guidelines.

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Solicitors Report:

Solicitor Smith reported he has obtained a copy of the draft lease from State for the Somers Mansion. It is a 10-year lease that the State and cancel at any time. Solicitor Smith recommended City Council allow the Patriots for Somers Mansion to continue to apply for the lease and the City can adopt a resolution in support. He mentioned this would allow the Patriots of Somers Mansion to apply for grants. Solicitor Smith also stated that while a public portion is required at public meetings, the governing body is not required to reply to questions or comments.

Committee Reports:

- **Steering-** Council President Johnston reported there are resolutions on tonight's agenda to apply for some available grants. She mentioned the Steering Committee and Jim Rutala are working hard to apply for any grants available.
- **Recreation Commission-** Council Member Owen reported various permits for birthday parties and picnics were heard at the meeting. Council Member Owen and Mayor Glasser discussed the reunion of USS Somers that is scheduled to be held in town. They discussed this lining up with the celebration of Richard Somers Day in September. Administrator Frost reported a plan to open the beach in late May or early June with the consent of the Recreation Commission. He also reported the Recreation Commission approved the concept of boat ramp keys. He is expecting the ramp to be completed in 60 days. Solicitor Smith recommended the approved minutes from the Commission be submitted to the City Clerk to go along with the paperwork for the boat ramp.
- **Parking/Traffic Committee-** Council Member Dill reported the Committee met after hearing the input from the public regarding the parking ordinance. He mentioned the key area they looked at was the issue with the Gateway and brainstorming ways to support the theatre and their programs. The committee is hoping to obtain a schedule of events to coordinate with the Police Department regarding violations during those times. He mentioned the committee continues to support the parking ordinance. Council President Johnston and Council Member Dill discussed reviewing permit parking, and restricted parking areas within the City and possibly changing or rescinding those ordinances.
- **Planning Board-** There was not a Planning Board meeting this week.
- **Court Consolidation Sub-Committee-** Council President Johnston reported a meeting with Judge Sampson, County Counsel Mr. Ferguson, Solicitor Smith, Administrator Frost and Police Chief Somers. City Council, Solicitor Smith and Administrator Frost discussed the financial aspects brought up in the meeting. The Committee has recommended not to join the court consolidation at this time as clear and concise answers were not provided and it is not financially advantageous at this time. Council Member Dill thanked Administration and the Committee for the recommendation and supports the committee.

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Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member Ferreri, seconded of Council Member Owen and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 4/22/21.

Resolutions:

Clerk Samuelson read by title only the list of resolutions.

Public Portion Resolutions

Council President Johnston opened to the public.

Pat Pierson asked if the court consolidation discussion was regarding a resolution.

Hearing nothing further, the public hearing was duly closed.

Resolution No. 89 of 2021

M/S- Dill/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston thanked Bayview Court for the amazing job done on the property and stated she really appreciates the improvements.

No. 89 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Between Bayview Court Urban Renewal LLC and the City of Somers Point and Confirming the Consent of the City of Somers Point to permit Bayview Court Urban Renewal LLC to obtain a supplemental loan and mortgage through Berkadia Commercial Mortgage LLC and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FREDDIE MAC) in the approximate amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) for the purpose of retiring and refinancing an existing Construction Loan together with accrued interest thereon.

Introduced by: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS the City of Somers Point ("City") entered into a Redevelopment Agreement ("Agreement") with Bayview Court Urban Renewal LLC ("Redeveloper") and an

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Agreement entitled Long Term Tax Exemption & Capital Contribution Agreement on May 3, 2016, regarding Block 1114, Lots 3, 4.01, 4.02, 4.03 and 4.04 more commonly identified as 555 Shore Road, Somers Point, New Jersey ("Property"); and

WHEREAS the Agreement provided for certain restrictions regarding financing and refinancing of acquisition and construction debt and further provided that any foreclosure or tendering of a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure would constitute a default under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS by Ordinance 22 of 2017 the Somers Point City Council (hereinafter "City Council" or "governing body") did approve and authorize a First Amendment to the Agreement dated December 20, 2017 to grant additional time to reach certain construction and improvement milestones contemplated by the Agreement (the "First Amendment"); and

WHEREAS on March 28, 2019, the governing body adopted Resolution No. 86 of 2019 authorizing the execution of a Second Amendment to the Agreement to permit Redeveloper to accomplish refinancing of its existing debt in the principal amount of \$18,500,000 dated as of March 21, 2019 and amending Section 5.2.2(i) and Section 9.3 of the Agreement which was executed and delivered on April 17, 2019 (the Second Amendment); and

WHEREAS Redeveloper had applied to Berkadia Commercial Mortgage LLC and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FREDDIE MAC) (collectively the "New Lender") for a supplemental loan in the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred - Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$3,912,000) ("the "Supplemental Loan") for the purpose of paying off a prior Loan Note dated February 6, 2018 and Note Amendment dated April 2019 between John F. Leonard and SGR Investments LLC in the aggregate amount of Three Million Six Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$3,630,000) including accrued interest, as of March 31, 2021 (the "Prior Loan"), the proceeds of which were represented to have been used to continue the construction of the improvements and renovations to the Property and premises as required by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to making the Application for the Supplemental Loan the Redeveloper and New Lender have Requested the City to enter into a Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Between the City and the Redeveloper; and

WHEREAS the City thereafter requested documentation from the Redeveloper and the New Lender in support of the Supplemental Loan and the request for a Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, because during the period between March 31, 2021 and May 13, 2021 interest on the Prior Loan has continued to accrue and the interest rate and closing date of the Subsequent Loan have not yet been fixed, Redeveloper and New Lender have requested that this governing body approve a supplemental loan in an aggregate principal amount of approximately Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to be dated on or about May 20, 2021; and

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WHEREAS this Supplemental Loan does not permit the Redeveloper to obtain any cash proceeds from the

refinancing but rather only allows the Redeveloper to recast existing debt by converting same into a new loan; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the requirements of the new lender the Redeveloper has requested that the City confirm by Resolution that the closing on this Supplemental Loan will not result in a breach of the Agreement or an event of default;

WHEREAS, City Council has considered the above request, the written letter of Keith A. Davis, Esquire dated April 7, 2021, supplemental email correspondence from Keith A. Davis, Esquire, and Jessica Witmer which includes the mortgage commitment from Berkadia Commercial Mortgage LLC, the Supplemental Loan Agreement, and related attachments, the SGR construction loan payoff figures, the preliminary HUD-1, and other supporting documentation, together with the sworn affidavit of John F. Leonard individually and in his capacity as Managing Member of the Redeveloper, and a letter from Petroni & Associates, accountants and Auditor for the Redeveloper, regarding the Prior Loan, the use of the Prior Loan Proceeds, and the Annual Certified Audited Statements of the Redeveloper, has heard the presentations by John F. Leonard, Scott Leonard, and Redeveloper's counsel in public meetings, and has received comments from the Redevelopment Subcommittee, the City Administrator, the City Solicitor, and the City Redevelopment Solicitor; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to promote and enhance the financial stability and viability of the Project by approving the Third Amendment to facilitate the Redeveloper's ability to continue to diligently pursue the construction milestones set forth in the First Amendment and therefore it is in the public interest to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the City Council does hereby consent and approve the Redeveloper's Supplemental Loan to pay off and replace an existing Prior Loan through Berkadia Commercial Mortgage LLC and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (commonly known as Freddie Mac), notwithstanding any language within the Redevelopment Agreement that might be interpreted to the contrary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute a Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement to amend Section 9.1 by adding the following language at the end of the Section to read as follows:

“Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to the consent of the City of the new party in possession, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, the City agrees that a Foreclosure by Berkadia Commercial Mortgage LLC, Federal Home Loan Mortgage

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Corporation, or their successors and/or assigns as their interest may appear (collectively, the "New Lender"), in connection with that certain supplemental loan in the original principal amount of approximately Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) dated on or about May 20, 2021 [the amount and date to be determined at closing], or the acceptance by the New Lender of a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, shall not constitute a default as set forth in Paragraph 8.1."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within five (5) business days following closing of the Subsequent Loan, Redeveloper shall provide to the City Administrator true copies of all loan closing documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further amendments to the Redevelopment Agreement shall be considered by the governing body of the City of Somers Point unless the Redeveloper shall provide adequate advance notice of the request to amend, the basis for the request, and shall allow for review of all draft documents or commitments which Redeveloper may be required to execute and deliver, permitting the City Administrator and Solicitor the opportunity to review and comment to ensure that any such modifications shall not substantially reduce the rights of the City as required by Section 9.4 of the Redevelopment Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained herein or in the First, Second or Third Amendments is to be construed as a waiver of any rights available to City or Redeveloper under the terms and conditions of the Long Term Tax Exemption & Capital Contribution Agreement, the First Amendment to the Long Term Tax Exemption & Capital Contribution Agreement, the Redevelopment Agreement, the First Amendment or Second

Amendment, nor a waiver by the City of enforcement of any term or provision or of any future failure of Redeveloper to adhere to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Long Term Tax Exemption & Capital Contribution Agreement, the First Amendment to the Long Term Tax Exemption & Capital Contribution Agreement, the Redevelopment Agreement, the First Amendment and the Second Amendment, or the Redevelopment Plan.

Resolution No. 94 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 94 of 2021

Title: Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Sponsored by: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point of the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property and;

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WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth the by Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk and;

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan by resolution 62 of 2016 and;

WHEREAS, the City understands the need to remain in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 in order to be eligible to apply for future federal funding from FEMA for hazard mitigation projects and;

WHEREAS the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update shall keep the City in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

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

1. The City of Somers Point shall move to participate in the Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

2. Any action proposed by the plan update shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Mayor and Council and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

4. The City’s adoption of the final plan update shall be subject to a future resolution at the discretion of the Mayor and Council.

Resolution No. 95 of 2021

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member Dill thanked Michael Corbo for the many years spent with Fire Company #2 and his mentioned dedication to the City of Somers Point was appreciated. He also thanked Michael Sweeney, a former Somers Point Police Captain for volunteering his time and taking over responsibilities for Fire Company #2.

Mayor Glasser concurred with Council Member Dill and added Michael Corbo grew up in Somers Point and has done a great job for the City. He stated Assistant Fire Chief is important and takes a lot of time. He mentioned Michael Sweeney was previously serving as Acting Fire Chief and has a lot of experience. Mayor Glasser thanked both for their service.

No. 95 of 2021

Subject: Fire Department Officers

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Councilmembers Johnston and Dill

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WHEREAS, the members of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department have recommended the following officer replacing Assistant Chief Michael Corbo; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point wishes to confirm said recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the officer of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department is as follows, with his term noted hereon:

Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21

Michael C. Sweeney

Resolution No. 96 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 96 of 2021

Subject: Tax Overpayment Refund

Introduced by: Council President Johnston and Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, the below listed overpayment for the years designated is held in reserve by the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, the property tax payments were overpaid inadvertently by the owner creating an overpayment on the 3rd quarter 2021 and;

WHEREAS, the property owners has requested the overpayment be refunded to Corelogic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following overpayment be refunded to Corelogic.

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	Property Owner	Amount	Year
527	1	Della J Myers	\$1,607.63	2020
			Total:	\$1,607.63

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Resolution No. 97 of 2021

M/S- Bruno/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston mention the Planning Board has been asked to review the outdoor seating ordinance.

No. 97 of 2021

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

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 July 23, 2020, this governing body passed Resolution No. 140-2020 which extended until September 14, 2020, the aforesaid temporary and limited expansion of the operations of bars/restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020, this governing body passed Resolution No. 151-2020 which extended until October 23, 2020, the aforesaid temporary and limited expansion of the operations of bars/restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2020, this governing body passed Resolution No. 181-2020 which extended until January 29, 2021, the aforesaid 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, on January 2, 2021, this governing body passed Resolution No. 49-2021 which extended until May 17, 2021, the aforesaid temporary and limited expansion of the operations of bars/restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Executive Order 107 have still not been fully relaxed relative to indoor dining and bar service; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by this governing body that the COVID-19 outbreak, and the restrictions arising therefrom, continue to cause substantial economic suffering and financial hardship for many of the businesses of the City of Somers Point, including bars and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, this governing body wishes to again extend the time period for the temporary and limited expansion of the operations of Bars/Restaurants to their outside areas and municipal right of ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of Somers Point that the provisions of Resolution No. 49-2021 are hereby extended until the earlier of either the effective date and time of the State of New Jersey fulling relaxing the provisions of Executive Order 107 relative to its prohibitions regarding 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 September 27, 2021, at which time the allowances provided herein shall be rescinded.

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

Resolution No. 98 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston stated they have been working hard to get the marina up and running. This will create positive activity at the marina. She also reported there will be a ribbon cutting tomorrow at 10AM if anyone would like to attend.

No. 98 of 2021

Subject: Awarding Bid and Authorizing Lease for Marina Operations

Introduced By: Council President Johnston and Council Members Owen and Ferreri

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is in possession of a Marina facility located at Higbee Avenue and the Bay; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:61-1 et seq. states that the governing body of a municipality may rent any privilege in any of its waterfronts for public resort and recreation to the highest responsible bidder therefore upon such terms and conditions as it may prescribe; and

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WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Governing Body held on April 8th, 2021 the City Clerk was authorized to advertise a Request for Proposal for the Marina Operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point received proposals on April 29th, 2021, for the City's Marina Operations; and

WHEREAS, Beachy Tiki LLC. of Ocean City, New Jersey was the highest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Marina Committee has recommended that the City award the lease to Beachy Tiki LLC. of Ocean City, New Jersey for the 2021 Marina Operations.

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

1. The Contract for the Marina Operations is hereby awarded to Beachy Tiki LLC, of Ocean City, New Jersey.
2. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a lease agreement with TJ Heist T/A Beachy Tiki LLC for the amount of \$10,000 payable as specified in the lease. The period of the lease shall be from May 15th, 2021 until October 15th, 2021 subject to the terms and conditions of the Lease agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Resolution No. 99 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 99 of 2021

Subject: Approving Proposals – Goods and Services 2021

Introduced By: Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point received proposals for various goods and services in accordance with the Fair and Open procedure of the New Jersey Pay-to-Play law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following proposals, received on April 29th 2021 are approved, and that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to issue contracts and/or agreements to the following vendors for goods and services during the period of May 1st, 2021 through April 30th, 2022:

a) Influent Grinders for Sewer Pump Stations

KRS Services

Watermark Env Systems

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Municipal Maintenance
AC Schultes

- b) City Hall Custodial Services**
Offshore Carpet Cleaning LLC

- c) Emergency Sewer Pumps and Equipment**
KRS Services
Municipal Maintenance
Xylem

- d) Sewer Pump Station Maintenance**
KRS Services
Municipal Maintenance
AC Schultes

- e) Sewer Pump Stations, Electrical & Electronics**
KRS Services
Municipal Maintenance

- f) Sewer Pump Station Parts & Supplies**
Excelsior Blower Systems LLC
KRS Services
Municipal Maintenance
Evoqua Water Technologies

- g) Plumbing and HVAC Services**
Bilmark Plumbing & Heating
McCloskey Mechanical Contractors Inc

- h) Sewer System Coating, Lining & Restoration**
Standard Pipe Services
Swerp Inc

- i) Heavy Duty Truck Mechanic Services**
Cleggs Garage
RJ Twitchell
GranTurk Equipment Co Inc

- j) Misc. Employee Uniforms**
Action Uniform

- k) Ceilings, Flooring, Wall Covering and Partition Material, Materials & Installation**
Erco Ceilings of Somers Point Inc.
- l) Excavation and Pipe Installation and/or Replacement**

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Seashore Associated Mechanical Inc.

- m) Generator Parts and Service**
Municipal Maintenance Co

- n) Hardware Supplies**
Shore True Value Hardware

- o) Vactor Parts and Service**
Granturk Equipment Co Inc

- p) Storm Drain Cleaning and Television Inspection**
Video Pipe Services Inc
Vortex Infastructure Services

- q) Water Taxi Services**
Pau Hana Tiki Tours LLC
Beachy Tiki LLC

- r) Electrical Contractor Services**
Hughes Electric Co

- s) Information Technology & Networking Services**
Ocean Computer
All Covered
Maestro Technologies

Resolution No. 100 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

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

No. 100 of 2021

Subject: Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the FY 2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) Application funded by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Introduced by: Council President Johnston and Council Members Dill and McCarrie

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is offering the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG); and

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WHEREAS, The Local Recreation Improvement Grant is a competitive grant that supports improvement and repair of public recreation facilities including local parks, municipal recreation centers, and local stadiums.; and

WHEREAS, ensuring public access to community facilities is imperative given the current strain on communities confronting the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, access to outdoor recreation and community resources is critical for mental and physical health, particularly for those residents with limited or no other access to quality outdoor space or private recreational opportunities. Assisting local units in achieving unmet recreational obligations addresses these equity considerations, meeting the needs of communities that have been placed under substantial stress due to the lack of quality recreational facilities and spaces; and

WHEREAS, Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds will be allocated to each grant recipient to help cover costs associated with updating community centers, playgrounds, pools, fields, walking or bicycle trails, rail trails, multi-sport courts, and recreational facilities; one-time personnel costs directly related to improvements; project development professional services costs; equipment costs including playground and recreation facilities equipment; and environmental remediation costs required to prepare recreation sites for use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) exists to: Fund improvements to recreational facilities; Provide quality outdoor recreational space to underserved, communities, particularly in this time of heightened need; and assist local units in achieving unmet recreational obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air, and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point wishes to apply for funding through the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant prioritizes unfunded projects and those that include a local match component; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is qualified to apply for this funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point formally supports this NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application for the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

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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.

Resolution No. 101 of 2021

M/S- McCarrie/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 101 of 2021

Subject: Approval to Submit a Municipal Aid Grant Application MA-2022-Somers Point City-00027 and Execute Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation

Introduced by: Council President Johnston and Council Members Dill and McCarrie

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Municipal Aid Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, \$151 million is appropriated to municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS, this program can be used for road improvement projects such as resurfacing, rehabilitation or reconstruction and signalization; and

WHEREAS, this grant program does not require a local match; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that governing body of the City of Somers Point formally approves a grant application for a municipal aid project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2022-Somer Point City-00027** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Brigantine 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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Resolution No. 102

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 102 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing the City of Somers Point to Investigate the Placement of Beneficial Reuse Dredge Material at the Public Works Facility (Block 1716, Lot 3)

Introduced by: Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, to promote the recreational use and encourage economic growth of the bayfront, dredging is necessary; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP encourages the use of beneficial reuse of dredge material when feasible; and

WHEREAS, there may be capacity at the public works site (Block 1716, Lot 3) for the placement of beneficial reuse of dredge material; and

WHEREAS, City Council would like to further investigate the placement of beneficial reuse of dredge material at the public works site (Block 1716, Lot 3):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that City Administrator and City Engineer are authorized to investigate the placement of beneficial reuse of dredge material at the public works site (Block 1716, Lot 3) and to discuss dredging needs with the property owners along Bay Avenue.

Resolution No. 103

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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Subject: Authorizing Purchase on State Contract

Introduced By: Council President Johnston and Council Members McGuigan and Dill

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

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need to purchase a New Boiler System for use by the City of Somers Point, City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Core Mechanical Inc of Pennsauken New Jersey was awarded State Contract Number 88697 – HVAC, Refrigeration, and Boiler Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works in conjunction with the Business Administrator has researched the equipment available and recommends the purchase of as provided by Core Mechanical, Inc of Pennsauken New Jersey, in accordance with Quote No. 9274D dated 4/27/2021, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point authorizes the following cost-not-to-exceed purchase from Core Mechanical Inc:

Description

Amount

Removal of Existing Boiler and Installation of a
\$76,605.50
Weil McLain LGB-14-W Gas Boiler
State Contract Number 88697 –
HVAC, Refrigeration, and Boiler Services

Total
\$76,605.50

Old Business:

- Council President Johnston reported that thanks to the City Engineer, the bus shelters will be installed soon.
- Redevelopment Zones- Engineer Greg Schneider gave a presentation explaining what redevelopment is, the process of redevelopment and possible redevelopment zones within the City of Somers Point. Council President Johnston thanked Engineer Schneider for this thorough report. She mentioned the Redevelopment Committee has been approached by the Developer for the Shore Road and Pleasant Avenue property and they will be meeting with them.
- Council Member Dill confirmed with Engineer Schneider that the majority of work on the sidewalks on Rt 9 will be completed by Memorial Day. He mentioned they are waiting for the bridge to be delivered.
- Council Member Ferreri reported many electric bicycles and skateboards on the bike path. Council President Johnston deferred to the Recreation Commission as the bike path

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is under their control. City Council and Solicitor Smith discussed electric motorized vehicles. Solicitor Smith mentioned electric bikes are allowed on public streets by State statute.

New Business:

- Council Member Owen reported the Dog Parade has been rescheduled until the fall.
- Council Member McCarrie reported the Dog Park Committee will begin to look at areas that could be designated as a dog park and they will begin looking into grants.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 5/11/2021 in the amount of \$3,012,886.24.

Public Portion:

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road offered suggestions on ways to promote Somers Point. She commented on home made signs being removed. She also mentioned grants given by South Jersey Gas that she would like the City to look into. Patricia also informed the Republican Club is giving out scholarships in Lola Morris' name. She had questions regarding the Engineers presentation and if Planning and Zoning Board meetings are being held. She would like to see all meetings back in person.

Daniel Meyers of 429 Shore Road thanked City Council for the good things done here in Somers Point, especially the sidewalks on Route 9. It gives him great pleasure and hope that the City is moving in a great direction to supply safety for children. He also questioned the timing of the agenda being posted and where he can direct any questions he may have regarding the agenda. He asked what the City's legal newspapers are. Mr. Meyers also questioned how the public can show interest in joining one of the City's boards or commissions and requested this information be added to the City's website.

Theresa Dougherty of 26 Dogwood Drive mentioned that while many people would like everything to open up, she believes we have learned a lot about making things more accessible and believes it is in the best interest of the community to keep things accessible by making use of all that we have learned of the technology available. She also agreed there is not much information available to people who may be interested in joining boards or commissions and requested any information that can be on the website would

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be a big benefit to the community. Ms. Dougherty also brought up the condition of the playground and questioned the available funds as well as grants that have been applied for to fix the playground. She also asked if Resolution 100 was a resolution to allow the Recreation Commission to apply for the grant. She also asked how the public could give suggestions for things they would like to see the grant money spent on.

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

Payment of Bills:

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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 Ferreri seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
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Approved: