

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
May 14, 2020**

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

Present: Johnston, D'Adamo, Toto, Owen, Dill, Gerety, McGuigan

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, Assistant Administrator Frost, City Clerk Samuelsen, Deputy City Clerk Heath, Assistant City Clerk Hornig, City Solicitor Thomas Smith, City Engineer 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 due to the pandemic of COVID-19. Council President McGuigan announced the instructions for joining the meeting electronically.

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser reported that he attended a briefing Tuesday evening electronically with the N.J. Department of Community Affairs (DCA) with Ocean and Cape May County Mayors regarding reopening shore towns. Mayor Glasser stressed that the Governor needs to notice the uniqueness of southern New Jersey where our economy depends on summer tourism. Mayor Glasser announced that he will head a working group committee to gather ideas and then create a proposal to forward to Atlantic County and the DCA, which will be shared with Governor Murphy. Council President McGuigan thanked Mayor Glasser.

Administrator's Report:

None

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Solicitors Report:

Thomas Smith, Esq., City Solicitor, noted that there will be an influx of people visiting this summer, and the walking bridge is now open. He mentioned that now is the time to make decisions. Council President McGuigan concurred and thanked him for his report.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Dill reported that Bethel Road is scheduled for paving and will begin in mid-June. The project will be completed in approximately one week, and the public will be notified by a message board. If possible, the area around the shopping center will be done at night-time. Councilman Dill reported that the bike path is scheduled to be widened and paved beginning in June and be completed in approximately one week. Additional items will be installed after the paving.

Approval of Minutes: On the motion of Councilman D'Adamo, seconded of Councilman Dill and carried, the regular meeting minutes 4/23/2020 and the special meeting minutes of 5/4/2020 were approved.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2 of 2020

(Second Reading/Public Hearing)

The ordinance was adopted by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

The Public Portion was duly opened.

Councilman Owen and Ms. Pierson had concerns regarding the Budget. Council President McGuigan explained that the Public Hearing for the Budget will be on 5/28/2020, and there will be a public portion at the end of this meeting. City Administrator Swain explained that Ordinance No. 2 has nothing to do with the budget. By adopting the ordinance, it will allow the City to exceed the CAP limit of 2 ½% to 3 ½ %. Administrator Swain indicated that the City is not near that limit in this Budget. Adoption of the ordinance will create a CAP bank, which is prudent to have available.

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

**ORDINANCE No. 2 of 2020
CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$123,545.24 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2020 budget year, the final appropriations of the City of Somers Point shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$432,408.33, and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the City of Somers Point be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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Public Portion on Resolutions:

The Public Portion was duly opened.

Mr. Greg Sykora of 2 Horter Avenue, requested clarification of Resolution No. 99. Council President McGuigan explained that the resolution is requesting Alcoholic Beverage Control to create a provision allowing licensees to extend their premises for more than one day and to expedite the applications.

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

Resolution No. 96

M/S- Dill/Toto

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 96 of 2020

Subject: Requesting a Six-Month Extension to Award a Construction Contract for FY 2018 Safe Streets to Transit – Rt.9 Pedestrian Improvements
Introduced by: Councilmen Dill and D’Adamo

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point received a grant for the FY 2018 Safe Streets to Transit – Rt.9 Pedestrian improvements; and

WHEREAS, according to the grant agreement, FY 2018 Safe Streets to Transit Grants must award a construction contract within 2 years of the grant agreement being executed; and

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary circumstances, including obtaining the necessary Right-of-Way to complete the project, the City of Somers Point requests a six month extension to award a construction contract.

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

- 1.) The City of Somers Point formally requests a six month extension to award a construction contract for the FY 2018 Safe Streets to Transit – Rt.9 Pedestrian Improvements.

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- 2.) The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign all necessary forms required by NJDOT.

Resolution No. 97

M/S-Gerety/D'Adamo

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 97 of 2020

Subject: Supporting Shore Medical Center Efforts to Receive Federal Funding
Introduced by: Councilmen Kirk Gerety

WHEREAS, Shore Medical Center is an independent, non-profit hospital that has cared for patients in the Somers Point Community for more than 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Shore Medical Center has taken every possible measure to ensure the safety of the staff and public, and to allocate every resource possible to protect the frontline clinicians and to treat patients infected with the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, by discontinuing many revenue generating services, Shore Medical Center has lost millions of dollars of income like many hospitals in the Country; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), on May 1, awarded \$12 billion to 395 hospitals that provided inpatient care for 100 or more COVID-19 patients through April 10, 2020. There was also \$10 billion awarded to rural hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Shore Medical Center was left out of the distribution of funds despite abiding by all Federal and State guidelines to protect their staff and care for COVID-19 patients by shutting down services; and

WHEREAS, Shore Medical Center embraced the same risk as every other hospital. Every patient's life and every clinician who cared for them should be counted and valued the same as those in other hospitals in the State and across the Country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point fully supports Shore Medical Center in its appeal to be included in this wave of Federal Funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby fully supports Shore Medical Center's efforts in its appeal to receive an equitable portion of

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funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that is intended to support hospitals that have suffered undue financial hardships during this unprecedented crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, Congressman Jeff Van Drew, United States Senator Cory Booker, and United States Senator Robert Menendez.

Resolution No. 98

M/S-Dill/Toto

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 98 of 2020

**Subject: Change Order 2 – Contract No. 33 – Somers Point Bike Path
Widening- Federal Project # TAP-D00S (221) Construction - NJDOT
Job # 5521309**

Introduced by: Councilmen Dill and D’Adamo

WHEREAS, during the design process of the Somers Point Bike Path Widening project, certain amenities such as benches, water fountains, bike repair stations, pedestrian/bicyclist counters, and interpretive display signs were eliminated due to the anticipated high construction cost of the project; and

WHEREAS, the original Engineer’s Estimate for the project was \$1,751,510.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 218 of 2019, Kane Communications, LLC of Trenton, New Jersey was awarded the contract for the Somers Point Bike Path Widening (Federal Project # TAP-D00S (221) Construction - NJDOT Job # 5521309) for the sum of \$1,427,684.45; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for the project, submitted by Kane Communications, LLC, was approximately 18.5% below the Engineer’s Estimate.

WHEREAS, the City would like to include certain amenities such as benches, water fountains, bike repair stations, pedestrian/bicyclist counters, and interpretive display signs that were previously eliminated from the project; and

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 77 of 2020, a Change Order No. 1 for \$14,850 was previously approved; and

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

Contract Amount	\$1,427,684.45
Change order 1 (Previously Approved)	\$14,850.00
Change order 2	\$162,244.60
Revised Contract Amount	\$1,604,779.05

Total Deduction: \$0 Total Additional: \$177,094.60 Net Change: 12.40%

WHEREAS, the NJDOT Local Aid Office must also concur with this Change Order No. 2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for the Somers Point Bike Path Widening (Federal Project # TAP-D00S (221) Construction - NJDOT Job # 5521309) is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 99

M/S-Gerety/Dill

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 99 of 2020

**Subject: Request of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to Modify
Procedures Due to Special Conditions Created by COVID-19 Crisis**
Introduced by: Council President Sean T. McGuigan

WHEREAS, Somers Point is a thriving and vibrant community located along the Jersey Shore with a robust inventory of excellent and eclectic restaurant and entertainment venues; and

WHEREAS, these establishments are small businesses that employ many citizens from Somers Point and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, due to the unprecedented health hazard posed by the Coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) and the mandatory closure of bars and on premises dining by Governor Murphy in response to the crisis, these businesses are suffering financially; and

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WHEREAS, the plan for reopening of these businesses has not been finalized but it is anticipated that strict “social distancing” guidelines will be required and that capacities will be significantly reduced for these businesses; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to help these businesses recover from the effects of this crisis and to get as many people as possible back to work, the municipality is considering, through the suspension and/or modification of existing local ordinances, allowing the licensees to extend their operations for an extended period of time into parking lots, sidewalks, and other right-of-way spaces with the caveat that the safety of the public as well as that of the employees is given the highest consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City will require that all applicable insurances be in place and that all required inspections are performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby requests that New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control creates provisions for granting permits to extend licensed premises to licensees for extended periods of time, up to 4 months, and to put in place procedures to expedite the requests for the extension of premises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of New Jersey, Philip Murphy, the Acting Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, James Graziano, New Jersey State Senator Chris A. Brown, New Jersey State Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo, and New Jersey State Assemblyman John Armato.

Resolution No. 100

M/S-Toto/Owen

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 100 of 2020

Subject: Resolution of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

Introduced By: Council President McGuigan

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has determined that surplus items including but not limited to, Miscellaneous Office Equipment, Miscellaneous Recreation Equipment, Public

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Works Vehicles, Public Works Equipment and Miscellaneous Computer Equipment are property no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through the use on an online auction services, pursuant to the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 2001, c.30; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has the property listed in schedule A, attached to this Resolution, and desires to sell this property online.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Somers Point’s Governing Body that the City of Somers Point is hereby authorized to post an offer to sell the items listed on schedule A, on an auction website as follows:

Online Auction Site: www.govdeals.com

Length of Auction: 12 Days.

Start Date: Monday May 25th, 2020 (see schedule A)

End Date: Friday June 5th, 2020 (see schedule A)

Auction Fees: 7.5% of the winning bid amount, paid through proceeds of the sale.

Shipping All shipping arrangements and shipping costs are the responsibility of the buyer. Item pickup on location: 1 West New Jersey Avenue, Somers Point, New Jersey, 08244.

Possession: Within 10 business days (excluding holidays) of winning bid and at pickup location.

Other Terms: All items are being sold “as is, where is”.

Payment by the bidder must be submitted to the City of Somers Point within 5 business days (excluding holidays) of winning the bid. Pickup of items auctioned must be made within 10 business days (excluding holidays) of winning bid unless other arrangements have been made prior.

Minimum Bid: There is no minimum bid and no reserve requirements for the vehicles to be auctioned

Schedule A

- 1. Auction 1:** 2003 PETERBUILT TRASH TRUCK MG52177 / 2NPPLD9X93M803376
(Public Works)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM

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- 2. Auction 2:** 1990 STREET SWEEPER MG31357 /

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1FDXR72C1VVA04634 (Public Works)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 9:30AM

3. **Auction 3:** 1992 G RAIN TRUCK MG11345 /
1FDXK74P1NVA36598 (Public Works)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 10:00AM

4. **Auction 3:** 1991 F800 SALT TRUCK MG52178 /

1FDYK84A3MUA09813 (Public Works)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 10:30AM

5. **Auction 3:** 1988 F700 DUMP TRUCK MG85VM /
1FDNK74P5KVA03087 (Public Works)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 11:00AM

6. **Auction 6:** Aries Seeker Portable Video Inspection System

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 11:30AM

7. **Auction 7:** Various pump control panels & transducers

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 12:00PM

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8. **Auction 8:** Various Variable frequency drives

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 12:30PM

9. **Auction 9:** Various electrical pump components (Breakers, Starters, PLC's)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 1:00PM

10. **Auction 10:** Gasoline powered Confined space entry blower

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 1:30PM

11. **Auction 11:** 2- Auto wind mechanisms for Vactor

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 2:00PM

12. **Auction 12:** Natural gas heater (Old garage heater)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 2:30PM

13. **Auction 13:** Electric Heater (Small garage heater)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 3:00PM

14. **Auction 14:** Electric pipe snake (General)

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Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 3:30PM

15. Auction 15: Gasoline powered pipe snake with various accessories (Rigid)

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 4:00PM

16. Auction 16: 2- Smith and Loveless Centrifugal Pumps 3HP

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 4:30PM

17. Auction 17: Various small compressor motors and tanks

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 5:00PM

18. Auction 18: Various SCBA face mask & air tanks

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 5:30PM

19. Auction 19: 2- laptops without hard drives

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 6:00PM

20. Auction 20: Aries camera tractor

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 6:30PM

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21. Auction 21: Various Manhole insert liners

Bid Start: Monday May 25th 2020 : 9:00AM
Bid Stop: Friday June 5th, 2020 : 7:00PM

Old Business:

Councilwoman Johnston reported that N.J. Transit will install bus shelters at no charge to the City. Councilwoman Johnston and Councilman Owen recommended the following sites have bus shelters installed:

1. Holly Hill Drive and Mays Landing Road
2. Mays Landing Road near Route 9
3. Shore Road on the Northbound Side at New Jersey Avenue
4. New Road and Ocean Heights Avenue Northbound Side Near Carriage House Apartments

Councilwoman Johnston explained that a resolution needs to be prepared for Holly Hills Drive bus stop. Council President McGuigan suggested to work with City Engineer Schneider. Additionally, Council President McGuigan mentioned the site at the Mays Landing Road near Route 9 area is a project of the Somers Point Rotary Club.

Councilman Owen mentioned another site:

5. New Road in from the ACME

City Engineer Schneider indicated that he talked to N.J. Transit who needs to approve the stop. Then, the County needs to approve the request. Once that is complete, the City will need to adopt an ordinance designating the bus stop. Council President McGuigan thanked everyone for the efforts.

New Business:

Due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, Councilman Dill expressed his concern regarding scheduling discussions of beach concerts and beach opening. He reported that he spoke to Police Chief Somers who has concerns with scheduling police officers for the beach concerts. Additionally, Councilman Dill shared his concerns with lifeguard safety, proper spacing on the beach and sanitizing the bathrooms. Council President McGuigan mentioned that he has had several discussions with Mayor Glasser, City Administrator Swain, Police Chief Somers and

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Carman Marotta regarding those same concerns and concurs that the City must make some decisions quickly. Council President McGuigan mentioned that the Mayor's Committee will address those concerns.

Public Portion

The Public Portion was duly opened to the public.

Resident, Ms. Patricia Pierson, expressed her concern with the tax increase this year. She mentioned not hiring any new employees to save money. In addition, Ms. Pierson is not happy with the school. Budget.

Council President McGuigan stated that consideration of the Budget and a public hearing will be held at the May 28th City Council Meeting and added that the City does not have control over the school budget. He offered to listen to anyone that has suggestions to lower the tax rate.

Greg Sykora residing at 2 Horter Avenue suggested cutting the operating cost of each department by 10%.

Natalie Bailey of 825 Bay Avenue suggested reducing costs by 10% and suggested to re-negotiate personnel contracts to save money.

Council President McGuigan indicated that the Finance Committee are constantly working with Department Heads regarding the Budget. Additionally, during budget-time, the Finance Committee and Administration meet with each Department Head to review their budget. Council President McGuigan stated during his 12 years of sitting on City Council, the Department Heads have not increased their budgets more than 10%.

Councilman Dill indicated that re-negotiating existing contracts would not affect this budget, because it takes an extended period of time. Councilman Dill stated that the Police Department has not had a contract for 3 ½ years; therefore, we can't ask them for salary cuts when they have not received a raise for 3 years.

Bill Collings owner of 814 Bay Avenue clarified that the tax increase is 2.96 cents and expressed his concerns with the increase of taxes requesting a flat tax rate.

Joe McCarrie residing at 102 Broadway expressed his concern regarding the tax rate increase and suggested shared services to save money.

Council President McGuigan stated that City Council always considers shared services. He mentioned that all these suggestions will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

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Councilman Dill questioned if anyone had suggestions on what services they would be willing to give up for a tax cut. In addition, he stated that if the City received Shore Medical Center's \$250,000 contribution, the City would have had a flat rate. Councilman Dill thanked the Finance Committee, Administration and Department Heads for doing a good job this budget season and indicated that they are still working on the Budget.

Greg Sykora residing at 2 Horter Avenue mentioned not hiring new people and have a moratorium on new hires.

Councilman Dill mentioned that he would take his suggestion into account, but there are times where positions must be filled. Councilman Dill indicated the Police Department is minus three police officers from last year. He explained that the City does have shared service agreements with other cities and sometimes they are beneficial and sometimes they are not. Councilman Dill extended an offer to the residents to call him with any suggestions to cut the tax rate.

Natalie Bailey of 825 Bay Avenue suggested City Council reach out to the residents and ascertain their sentiments regarding reducing the tax rate.

George Frees thanked Councilman Dill regarding Shore Medical Center. He urged the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator to meet with the hospital and request the annual contribution. Mr. Frees expressed his concern with the school budget also.

Councilman Dill commented that if Shore Medical Center receives Federal funds, the City should be included to receive funds also.

City Council President McGuigan indicated that that the City is in constant communication with Shore Medical Center.

Resident Edward Batton expressed his concern regarding the tax increase. He mentioned that he will review the Budget and offer suggestions.

Greg Sykora of 2 Horter Avenue mentioned that the school eliminated the CER position and suggested the City needs to be creative in planning for the future.

Council President McGuigan proudly stated that the City is still operating and providing services during this crisis.

Councilman Dill shared that for the City local purpose tax and the services that are provided, it cost less than a monthly cable TV bill per household. City Administrator Swain explained that the average residential property is valued at \$210,015; the monthly tax bill is \$178.27.

Council President McGuigan and Councilman Dill mentioned that their phone numbers are on the City's website and would be happy to talk to anyone regarding suggestions to reduce the tax rate.

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Mayor Glasser thanked all the employees for coming to work during this pandemic. He thanked the Police Department, the EMS, the volunteer fire companies and the volunteer Office of Emergency Management for continuing to respond to the residents. Additionally, Mayor Glasser thanked the Department of Public Works and the City Hall staff.

Council President McGuigan stated that everyone on City Council takes their job very seriously and the Budget is number one. He added that they will continue to work on the Budget. They recognize that the residents and businesses are suffering. Council President McGuigan thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Swain reported a Record of Payment dated 5/1/2020 in the amount of \$ 2,400.00, and a Bill List dated 5/12/2020 in the amount of \$ 2,659,242.66.

Payment of Bills

M/S – Gerety/Toto

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 Council, Councilman Gerety moved, Councilman Toto seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelson, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 5/28/2020