

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
June 23, 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:** City Administrator Frost, City Clerk Samuelson, City Solicitor Thomas Smith, and City Engineer Greg Schneider

**Absent:** Mayor Glasser

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**Open Public Meetings Act:**

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

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On the motion of Council Member McCarrie, seconded of Council Member Owen and carried to approve a 48-hour waiver to remove Resolutions 139 and 140 and to add Resolution No. 149 Appointment of COAH Municipal Planner and Resolution No. 150 Adoption of the 3033 Program for Participation Addendum Regarding National Flood Insurance and to add approval of a coin drop application for Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

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**Communications:**

Council Member McGuigan read an email from Sue Seckinger on Northview Drive stating she does not believe the proposed West Groveland Avenue Redevelopment Plan fits into the City's Master Plan.

Council President Johnston read a Memorandum from Jayne Meischker, Somers Point Planning Board Secretary, dated 6/16/2022 regarding Review of West Groveland Redevelopment Plan that stated the Planning Board reviewed the plan at their 6/15/22 meeting. The conclusion of their review was that the plan was consistent with the City's Master Plan, and the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend City Council adopt the Redevelopment Plan. Council President Johnston also mentioned there will be more opportunities for the public to speak on this project and voice any concerns.

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**Mayor's Report:**

None

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## Administrator's Report:

Administrator Frost reported the City received a NJDCA capital grant in the amount of \$150,000 which will be applied in conjunction with the Neighborhood Preservation Program grant previously received and will be used towards the lighting improvements on Bay Avenue. He also mentioned the Recreation Commission Director, Doug Shallcross, is present to give an update on activities and events taking place this season.

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## Recreation Report:

Recreation Director, Doug Shallcross, reported the beach concerts have begun, and the first one was well attended. He mentioned other events that are planned such as, Green Thumb Garden Club tour, National Night Out, Christmas in July event at Kennedy Park, Boat Races, children's concert series, and Poetry in the Park. He also reported plans for the fall season such as the City-Wide Yard Sale, Richard Somers Day, Good Old Days Festival and the Christmas Parade.

## Solicitors Report:

Solicitor Smith reported Ordinance 14 of 2022 is transferring from on section of the code to another. He also mentioned a brief change will be made to change "Superintendent of Public Works" to "General Supervisor."

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## Engineers Report:

Engineer Schneider reported work on the Atlantic Avenue Phase II project continues. The stormwater improvements are complete, and the concrete work on paving will be completed before school starts that includes new striping. He reported the 2021 Stormwater Improvements project started along Wilson Avenue where the stormwater system is being replaced. Once completed, they will move to South Laurel Drive. He also mentioned there is a preconstruction meeting scheduled for the 2022 Stormwater Improvement project and the 2022 Road Program Phase I.

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## Committee Reports:

Council Member Owen reported the Historical Society will have a speaker on 7/21/22 to discuss information on lighthouses and their upkeep.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

None

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**Ordinances:**

**Ordinance No. 12 of 2022**

**M/S-** Dill/Bruno

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

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

John Helbig of East Dawes questioned how rate increases affect the City's bond rating.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 12 of 2022**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS  
IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN AND  
BY THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT, IN THE  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY,  
APPROPRIATING \$3,055,000 THEREFORE AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE \$2,902,250 OF  
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE  
PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1. Appropriation for Projects-Down Payment**

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Somers Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey (the "City"), as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$3,055,000 including the sum of \$152,750 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. It is hereby determined and stated that the amount of

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the down payment is not less than five percent (5%) of the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance and that the amount appropriated as a down payment has been made available prior

to final adoption of this bond ordinance by provisions in prior or current budgets of the City for capital improvements and down payments, including also monies received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey or the County of Atlantic, or agencies thereof, as grants in aid of financing said improvements or purposes.

## **SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds and Notes**

In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,902,250 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

## **SECTION 3. Description of Projects**

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

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
a.) Acquisition by purchase of Fire Department public safety equipment including but not limited to Water Rescue Equipment and all attachments and appurtenances applicable thereto.	\$40,000	\$38,000	15 years
b.) Acquisition by purchase of a Beach Groomer, Pick-Up Truck, Salt Truck for the Public Works Department including all attachments and appurtenances applicable thereto.	\$240,000	\$228,000	5 years
c.) Acquisition by purchase of Police Department public safety equipment including 911			

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Communication System, cell block fit out, firearms, vehicles and Alcho-test replacement and all attachments and appurtenances applicable thereto.	\$344,000	\$326,800	15 years
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d.) Improvements to municipal facilities including but not limited to replacement of Heater/ Boiler and all associated repairs at City Hall; together with all materials and work necessary therefore, and incidental thereto, including without limitation all building construction costs, demolition costs, fixtures, project design, consulting services, contract management, surveying, planning, architectural, engineering, permits, and approvals, preparation of plans and specifications, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.	\$65,000	\$61,750	15 years
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e.) Acquisition by purchase of computers, and software upgrades for the Tax Collection Office and including all attachments and appurtenances applicable thereto.	\$6,000	\$5,700	7 years
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f.) Various Municipal Roadway Improvements in the City including milling and overlay, paving and curbs, such new roadway pavement to be at least equal in useful life or durability to a road of Class B construction, as referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of the Local Bond Law, together with the construction or reconstruction of drainage facilities, pavement preparation, pavement construction or reconstruction, asphalt concrete resurfacing, driveway, curb, sidewalk and shoulder restoration, handicapped accessible curb ramps, and all other necessary or desirable

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structures, appurtenances and work or materials, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the office of the City Clerk and hereby approved, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.

	<u>\$2,360,000</u>	<u>\$2,242,000</u>	10 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,055,000</u>	<u>\$2,902,250</u>	10.46 Years

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

**SECTION 4. Issuance of Notes**

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained, and the name of the purchaser. If so designated by the Chief Financial Officer, the City Administrator may act on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer in any or all capacities described in this section.

**SECTION 5. Capital Budget**

The applicable capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended applicable capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

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**SECTION 6. Additional Matters**

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

- (a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the City may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- (b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 10.46 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and an executed copy thereof has been electronically executed and filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$2,902,250 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$611,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

**SECTION 7. Application of Grants**

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

**SECTION 8. Full Faith and Credit**

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

**SECTION 9. Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures**

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The City reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the

issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein has been or is reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the City, or any member of the same "control group" as the City, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(f), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the City's official intent to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18, and no action (or inaction) will be an artifice or device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **SECTION 10. Tax Covenants**

The City hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

## **SECTION 11. Ratification of Prior Acts**

Any action taken by any officials of the City in connection with the improvements described in Section 3 hereof are hereby ratified and confirmed notwithstanding that such actions may have been taken prior to the effective date of this bond ordinance and shall be deemed to have been taken pursuant to this bond ordinance.



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**SECTION 12. Inconsistencies**

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**SECTION 13. Effective Date**

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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**Ordinance No. 13 of 2022**

**M/S- Dill/McCarrie**

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

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 2022**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS  
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN  
AND BY THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT, IN THE  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY,  
APPROPRIATING \$1,458,000 THEREFORE AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,458,000  
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR  
FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

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

**SECTION 1. Appropriation for Projects-Down Payment**

The acquisitions or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Somers Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey (the "City"). For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,458,000. No down payment is required as the purposes authorized

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herein are deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the City, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds and Notes**

In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,458,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3. Description of Project**

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

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
Replacements, improvements and renovations to various pump stations, mains, and other system components and all other necessary or desirable structures appurtenances and work or materials, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the office of the City Clerk and hereby approved, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.	<u>\$1,458,000</u>	<u>\$1,458,000</u>	40 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,458,000</u>	<u>\$1,458,000</u>	40 years

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## **SECTION 4. Issuance of Notes**

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained, and the name of the purchaser. If so designated by the Chief Financial Officer, the City Administrator may act on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer in any capacities described in this section.

## **SECTION 5. Capital Budget**

The applicable capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the capital budget and capital program is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

## **SECTION 6. Additional Matters**

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

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

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and an executed copy thereof has been electronically filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$1,458,000, and that the net debt of

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the City determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$300,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

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

## **SECTION 7. Ratification of Prior Actions**

Any action taken by any officials of the City in connection with the improvements described in Section 3 hereof are hereby ratified and confirmed notwithstanding that such actions may have been taken prior to the effective date of this ordinance and shall be deemed to have been taken pursuant to this ordinance.

## **SECTION 8. Application of Grants**

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

## **SECTION 9. Full Faith and Credit**

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

## **SECTION 10. Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures**

The City reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein has been or is reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the City, or any member of the same "control group" as the City, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(f), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 10 is intended to be and hereby is a

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declaration of the City's official intent to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section

1.103-18, and no action (or inaction) will be an artifice or device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**SECTION 11. Inconsistencies**

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**SECTION 12. Effective Date**

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

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**Ordinance No. 14 of 2022**

**M/S- Dill/McCarrie**

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

*(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)*

On the motion of Council Member Dill, seconded of Council Member McCarrie and carried to approve amending the title of Superintendent of Public Works to General Supervisor of Public Works.

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

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

**No. 14 of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 212-18 OF ARTICLE VII  
OF CHAPTER 212, SEWERS, TO IDENTIFY DUTIES OF THE  
GENERAL SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO  
INSPECTIONS OF GREASE, OIL AND SAND INTERCEPTORS FOR  
RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2022, City Council of Somers Point passed Ordinance No. 11 of 2022, which repealed and replaced Article 1, Construction Official and Code Enforcement Officer, of Chapter 34 of the City Code so as to identify the duties of the Construction and Zoning Officials, as well as set forth the authority of the Code Enforcement Officer; and

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**WHEREAS**, the prior ordinance contained certain duties of the Somers Point Sewer Utility through the Superintendent of Public Works relative to the inspection of all grease, oil and sand interceptors for restaurants in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council believes that it would be more appropriate to include these duties in Chapter 212, Sewers.

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

1. Section 212-18 of Article VII of Chapter 212 to include the following subsection “C”:
  - C. The Somers Point Sewer Utility through the General Supervisor of Public Works or his/ her designee shall have the authority to regularly inspect all grease, oil and sand interceptors. The results of the inspections shall be furnished to the Construction Official and Plumbing Subcode Official for code enforcement.
    - (1) All grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be maintained by the owner at his expense in continuous efficient operation at all times.
    - (2) It is the responsibility of the establishment owner, lessee or assignee to carry out all of the proceedings necessary to have any and all grease trap interceptors opened and ready for inspection and to see that the equipment is put back in proper operation after the inspection.
    - (3) Forms for the periodic inspections will be furnished by the owner, lessee or assignee and posted as close as possible to the interceptor to which it applies. The form shall also be protected from soiling.
2. Any article, section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or other provision of the City of Somers Point Code inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

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**Ordinance No. 15 of 2022**

M/S- Owen/McCarrie

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

*(First Reading/Introduction)*

**ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND FIXING THE  
SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE  
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT,  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey that the annual wages, salaries and compensation of the Officers and Employees of the City of Somers Point shall be as follows, as of January 1, 2022:

**SECTION 1. FULL TIME EMPLOYEES  
(for full year)**

<b>Position</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Registrar	35,000	58,413

Each full-time employee shall be paid for overtime, and any other additionally earned compensation, in accordance with his/her employment contract. This may include additional compensation based upon the length of his/her service, at the rate of \$100.00 per year, paid in addition to, and together with his/her salary.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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**Ordinance No. 16 of 2022**

M/S- Dill/Owen

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

*(First Reading/Introduction)*

Council President Johnston mentioned the principals from the developer will be here to answer questions and concerns from the public at the second reading of this ordinance.

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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A WEST GROVELAND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN  
WITHIN BLOCK 719, LOTS 15, 16 & 17 IN AN AREA IN NEED OF  
REHABILITATION WITHIN THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT, COUNTY OF  
ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Whereas, on November 20, 2014, the City Council of the City of Somers Point (“City Council”) 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, the Redevelopment Law authorizes, among other things, the rehabilitation and/or demolition of existing improvements and construction of new improvements; and

Whereas, on August 9, 2021, by Resolution 156 of 2021 the City Council did approve 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, and 17 comprising approximately 2.74 acres, and situated along New Road (Rt. 9) at the intersection with Groveland Avenue within the City of Somers Point (the "Subject Property"); and

Whereas, during a regularly scheduled public meeting on September 9, 2021, Interim Conditional Redeveloper made a presentation to the City Council and the public in attendance, requesting the City Council to negotiate with the Proposed Redeveloper the terms and conditions of a Redevelopment Plan and a Redevelopment Agreement; and

Whereas the proposal presented by the Proposed Redeveloper contemplates the demolition the existing Walgreen's structure, reconfiguration of the site, and construction of an ALDI grocery store consisting of approximately 21,659 SF Building with 102 parking spaces, and 1 loading dock. The Proposed Project will also include a full movement driveway on West Groveland Avenue and a left turn out restriction from the driveway on RT 9. The project consists of a new signalized intersection with RT 9 and West Groveland Avenue along with road widening and dedicated left turn lanes on West Groveland Avenue. The project will also incorporate an on-site drainage system to improve the West Groveland Avenue drainage conditions (the "Proposed Redevelopment Project"); and



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Whereas a draft West Groveland Redevelopment Plan dated May 6, 2022 was prepared by J. Timothy Kernan and Kristin J. Russell of Colliers Engineering & Design; and

Whereas the draft West Groveland 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 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 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7e, on May 12, 2022, by Resolution 99 of 2022 the draft West Groveland Redevelopment Plan was referred to the Somers Point Planning Board ("Planning Board") requesting the Planning Board to consider and review the draft Redevelopment Plan for a determination of consistency with the overall intent of the City's Master Plan; and

Whereas in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 at a regular meeting of the City of Somers Point Planning Board ("Planning Board") held on June 15, 2022, the Planning Board reviewed the draft West Groveland Redevelopment Plan; and

Whereas on June 16, 2022, Jayne Meischker, Planning Board Secretary submitted to the Somers Point City Council a Memorandum advising that after review, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the Redevelopment Plan as being consistent with the overall intent of the City's Master Plan; and

Whereas, having reviewed the Planning Board's recommendations the City Council concurs with its findings and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt the Redevelopment Plan to effectuate redevelopment of the subject Rehabilitation Area; and Now, therefore, it is hereby ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The preceding recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth herein at length.

Section 2. The Council hereby adopts the "West Groveland Redevelopment Plan" for the City of Somers to facilitate the Proposed Redevelopment Project within that portion of the Rehabilitation Area.

Section 3. The area standards set forth in the Redevelopment Plan shall be applicable within the Plan Area as an overlay to the underlying existing zoning and development regulations, only to an applicant, property owner, developer or redeveloper that has an executed Redevelopment Agreement with the City. An executed Redevelopment

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Agreement with the City shall be required (as a checklist item) as a part of an application submission for site plan approval to the Somers Point Planning Board or as part of any other application for land use approvals utilizing area standards under the Redevelopment Plan

Section 4. All City ordinances or parts of any City ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of the Ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to file a copy of the West Groveland Redevelopment Plan in the Office of the City Clerk for inspection by the public during normal business hours.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

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**Resolutions:**

Clerk Samuelsen read by title only the list of resolutions.

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**Public Portion Resolutions:**

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of Marks Road had questions regarding Resolution Numbers 137, 145 and 149.

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

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**Resolution No. 137 of 2022**

**M/S-** Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present with Council Member McGuigan recusing.

**No. 137 of 2022**

**Subject: A Resolution Confirming the Hiring by the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point a Police Officer, and Appointing the Same to the**

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**Position of Patrolman Officer in the Somers Point Police Department  
Effective July 1, 2022**

**Sponsored by: Mayor Glasser, Council President Johnston, Councilmembers  
McCarrie and Bruno**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Keith Armour has served in the capacity of Certified Police Officer at Stockton University since June 2018, after having served for four (4) years as a Certified Police Officer at Stockton University and after previously serving as a full-time Class II Officer in Avalon, Egg Harbor City as well as Atlantic City upon graduating from the Atlantic County Police Academy in 2015; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the fact that Certified Police Officer Keith Armour has already completed the training program at the Atlantic County Police Academy is a realized financial benefit to the City ; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge, authorize and confirm the hiring of Patrolman Keith Armour effective July 1, 2022 and

**It is FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Patrolman Keith Armour will be sworn in by the Mayor on or before July 1, 2022; and

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

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**Resolution No. 138 of 2022**

**M/S- Dill/McCarrie**

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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**Subject: Resolution Amending Establishing Salaries for Non-Contractual Employees of the City of Somers Point for 2022**

**Introduced by: Council President Johnston and Council Members McGuigan and Dill**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point passed Ordinance No. 1 of 2022 on January 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 2022 established salary ranges for City employees; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point believes it is in the best interest for the City of Somers Point to know the exact salaries of the non-contractual City employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point that Resolution 43 of 2022 will be amended to include the non-contractual employees of the City of Somers Point be compensated at an annual salary in accordance with the list attached hereto.

**AMENDED SALARIES FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES  
FOR THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT YEAR 2022**

**TITLE/FULL-TIME**

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Registrar

58,413/annum

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**Resolution No. 139 of 2022**

**M/S- **TABLED****

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**Subject: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT AND WALTERS-CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT LLC (AS PROPOSED REDEVELOPER OF PHASE I, AND ROUTE 152 PARTNERS LLC, AND THREE BOZOS LLC (AS OWNER OF BLOCK 1007 / LOTS 1 AND 3), AND DESIGNATING WALTERS-CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT LLC AS INTERIM CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER THE PHASE 1 AGE RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSED TO BE CONSRRICTED WITHIN A SUBDIVIDED LOT WITHIN**

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**BLOCK 1007/ LOTS 1, 2, & 3.**

**Sponsored by: Council President Johnston**

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2023, during a regularly scheduled public meeting M. Sean Scarborough representing the owners of the Subject Properties Route 152 Partners LLC (as owner of Block 1007 / Lots 1 and 3) and Three Bozos LLC (as owner of Block 1007 / Lot 2, (the “Subject Property”) and Joseph A. Del Duca, Partner and Director of affordable Housing for The Walters Group made a presentation to the Somers Point City Council (“City Council”), and the public in attendance, requesting the City Council to negotiate with a Proposed Redeveloper the terms and conditions of a Redevelopment Plan and a Redevelopment Agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the proposal presented on behalf of the Proposed Redeveloper contemplates the construction of between fifty (50) and sixty (60) age restricted affordable very-low, low- and moderate affordable housing residential rental dwellings consisting of one bedroom units with parking, and related amenities on approximately one acre of land subject to subdivision approval, which is to be Phase 1 of the proposed redevelopment; and proposed commercial uses to be permitted on the remaining approximately 2.2 acre parcel subject to subdivision approval and which shall be Phase 2 of the proposed redevelopment, (collectively the "Proposed Redevelopment Project"); and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to permit the City to enter into discussions with Walters-Cornerstone Development LLC, or its designees or assignee as approved in writing by the City (the “Proposed Redeveloper”),(as owner of Block 1007 / Lot 2) (and their successors and assigns) as owners of the Subject Property to explore the feasibility of the Proposed Redevelopment Project, and the negotiation of a mutually agreed upon Redevelopment Plan and the terms and conditions of an agreement or agreements to provide for the Redevelopment of the Subject Property, and to provide for deposit of funds into an escrow account to reimburse the City for fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the City and its professionals during the process.

Now, therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by this governing body that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Memorandum of Understanding and an Escrow Agreement between the City and Proposed Redeveloper, substantially in the form attached hereto subject to such modifications as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the City Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and City Solicitor.

It is further **RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Administrator, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney, and other appropriate officers, employees, and professionals are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and execute any and all other documents regarding the Memorandum of Understanding and Escrow agreements herein approved and authorized, and to take any and all further acts necessary to accomplish the intended purpose, other than any action or agreement which shall require further action by this governing body.

It is further **RESOLVED** that Walters-Cornerstone Development LLC, or a Urban Redevelopment Entity approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (and their designees or assignee as approved in writing by the City is hereby designated to be the Interim

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Conditional Redeveloper for the Phase 1 affordable housing project on the Subject Property during the period of discussion and negotiation, and until such time as a Redeveloper, if any, may be designated by this governing body.

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**Resolution No. 140 of 2022**  
**M/S- TABLED**

**No. 140 of 2022**

**Subject:** Resolution of Need

**Introduced By:** Council President Johnston

**WHEREAS**, Walters-Cornerstone Development LLC (or its assigned Urban Renewal Entity as approved by the Somers Point City Council (hereinafter referred to as the "City Council" ) has been designated as the Interim Conditional Redeveloper for the development of between 50 and 60 units of very-low, low- and moderate income age restricted affordable housing units proposed to be constructed on a site described as proposed Lot 2.01, Block 1007 as shown on the Official Assessment Map of the City of Somers Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey as proposed to be subdivided from Block 1007 / Lot 2 (hereinafter referred to as the "Maryland and Bay Avenue Project" ) as shown on the Official Tax Map of the City of Somers Point (the "Municipality" ) pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, as amended (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.), the rules promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 5:80-1.1 et seq., and all applicable guidelines promulgated thereunder (the foregoing hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HMFA Requirements"); and

**WHEREAS** the Maryland and Bay Avenue Project will be subject to the HMFA Requirements, and the mortgage and other loan documents executed between the Sponsor and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") and such subsequent agreements as may be mutually agreed to between the Sponsor and the Municipality and approved by the Agency as necessary; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality has entered into Court approved settlement agreements between the Municipality and redevelopers to satisfy the Municipality's First and Second Round Affordable Housing obligation, including a settlement agreement with Bay Avenue Redevelopers. LLC which includes the property described herein and which will need to be amended if the Maryland and Bay Avenue Project is approved; and

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**WHEREAS** the Municipality has entered into a Court approved settlement agreement between the Municipality and Fair Share Housing Center to satisfy the Municipality's Third Round Affordable Housing obligation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the HMFA Requirements, the governing body of the Municipality hereby determines that there is a need for this housing project in the Municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Somers Point (the "Council") that:

- (1) The Council finds and determines that the Maryland and Bay Avenue Project proposed by the Sponsor meets or will meet an existing housing need;
- (2) The Council does hereby adopt the within Resolution and makes the determination and findings herein contained by virtue of, pursuant to, and in conformity with the provisions of the HMFA Law to enable the Agency to process the Sponsor's application for Agency funding to finance the Project and

It is further **RESOLVED** that if the Sponsor's application to the Agency shall not be approved, this resolution shall be terminated and be no further force and effect.

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**Resolution No. 149 of 2022**

**M/S-** Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

**No. 149 of 2022**

**Subject:** Appointment of COAH Municipal Planner  
**Introduced by:** Council President Johnston

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Fair Housing Act Municipal Planner (COAH Municipal Planer) for the period commencing upon appointment and for a term not to exceed one year to assist the City in developing and presenting a Compliance Plan to the New Jersey Superior Court for approval and acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. **Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.**, be and hereby is appointed as COAH Municipal Planner for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2022, through a term to end not later than December 31, 2022, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc., in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
5. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5 (6) is not required.

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**Resolution No. 150 of 2022**

**M/S-** Owen/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston mentioned this allows residents to get discounts on their flood insurance.

**No. 150 of 2022**

**Subject: Resolution to adopt the 2022 Program for Public Participation Addendum**

**Introduced by: Council President Johnston**

**WHEREAS**, The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements., and

**WHEREAS**, by participating in the CRS program City property owners will receive a discount on their flood insurance premiums to reflect the reduced flood risks resulting from community actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRS provides credit for a full range of public information activities that inform people about flooding and ways to address potential flood damage to their property, including map information, outreach projects, real estate disclosure, libraries, websites, and providing technical advice and assistance; and



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**WHEREAS**, research shows that when public information efforts are planned and coordinated, people will take steps to protect themselves from flood damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has organized a Program for Public Information Committee; and  
**WHEREAS**, a Program for Public Information Addendum was issued in 2022 and it has been posted on the City’s website for public review; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the document is a required activity of the City for its Community Rating System participation.

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

- 1.) The City Council formally adopts the City of Somers Point Program for Public Information.
- 2.) The City Officials are instructed to implement this plan and update it on a regular basis pursuant to the most recent Community Rating System Coordinator’s Manual.

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**Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

Clerk Samuelson read by title only the list of consent agenda resolutions.

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**Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

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

**No. 141 of 2022**

Resolution:      Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Exton Road, Bala Drive, and Colwick Drive project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of Somers Point formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LAIF-2022-Reconstruction of Exton Road, Bala-00077 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

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

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**No. 142 of 2022**

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue Phase II project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Somers Point formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue Phase-00118 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

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

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**No. 143 of 2022**

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Shore Road Pedestrian Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Somers Point formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as SST-2023-Shore Road Pedestrian Improvements-00028 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Somers Point.

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

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**No. 144 of 2022**

**Subject: Liquor License Renewals**

**Introduced by: Council President Johnston**

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**WHEREAS**, the applications of the following enumerated liquor licenses for renewal in the City of Somers Point were found to be in good order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the below named and numbered applications are hereby renewed through June 30, 2023:

0121-33-002-003	RJM Enterprises, Inc. (Anchorage Tavern)
0121-33-016-011	R2F2, Inc. (Greate Bay Golf and Country Club)
0121-33-011-007	Clancy's By the Bay, Inc.
0121-33-003-008	Lost Boys, Inc. (Caroline's)
0121-33-009-004	AMT Plenary, LLC (pocket license formally The Pearl)
0121-33-018-006	TAF Holdings, LLC (pocket license formally Ginger's By the Bay)

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**No. 145 of 2022**

**Subject:** **Authorizing an Amendment to the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Galloway for the Purposes of Sharing Tax Assessor Services**

**Introduced by:** **Council President Johnston, Councilmembers McGuigan and DePamphilis**

**Whereas**, the City of Somers Point previously entered into a Shared Services agreement with the Township of Galloway for the purposes of Sharing Tax Assessor Services authorized by Resolution 40 of 2021; and

**Whereas**, as the Township of Galloway recently had a personnel change resulting in the Deputy Tax Assessor stepping down from the position; and

**Whereas**, the City of Somers Point initially entered into an shared service agreement predicated on the availability of the Deputy Tax Assessor in addition to Galloway Township's Tax Assessor; and

**Whereas**, the City of Somers Point and Township of Galloway have agreed to amend their shared services agreement to reflect a change in fee structure from \$65,000.00 to \$60,000.00 annually due to the Deputy Tax Assessor position vacancy; and

**Whereas**, the City Administrator has recommended that City Council adopt an amendment reflecting the reduction in annual shared service charge.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

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1. The amendment to the agreement by and between the Township of Galloway and the City of Somers Point which is attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the attached agreement amendment.
3. The Mayor and/or the City Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any further documents that may be necessary in connection with this shared services agreement on behalf of the City.

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**No. 146 of 2022**

**Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for Bay Avenue Lighting Replacement – Phase I**

**Introduced by: Councilmembers Dill, McGuigan and Owen**

**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 lighting along Bay Avenue; 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 Bay Avenue Lighting Replacement – Phase I; 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.

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**No. 147 of 2022**

**Subject: Providing for a Back Bill for Sewer Regarding Account No. 1303-0**

**Introduced by: Councilmember McGuigan**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Somers Point provides sewer utility services to the property known as 136 Decatur Avenue, Somers Point, NJ, Block 1510, Lot 12, which service is provided under Account No. 1303-0; and

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**WHEREAS**, the following balance is due on this account:

2017= \$370.00  
2018= \$370.00  
2019= \$378.00  
2020= \$378.00  
2021= \$383.00  
2022= \$384.00

**Total Due..... \$2,263.00**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that Account No. 1303-0 shall be back-billed in the amount of \$2,263.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this amount shall be applied by the Tax and Sewer Collection Department in the most appropriate manner as it sees fit to bring the account up to date.

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**No. 148 of 2022**

**Subject: Re-Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent for CY 2022**

**Introduced By: Councilmembers Dill, McGuigan and McCarrie**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to appoint a Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Calendar Year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason J. Frost has been employed in the Somers Point Administration Office for over ten years, and currently serves as the City Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason J. Frost possesses a current, valid Qualified Purchasing Agent Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-137, Jason J. Frost is hereby appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent and City Administrator effective January 1, 2022.

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2. The Governing Body has established that the bid threshold for the City of Somers Point may be up to \$25,000.00 or the threshold amount adjusted by the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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**Old Business:**

None

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**New Business:**

City Council unanimously approved a N.J. State Firemen’s Application for membership for Samuel E. Feinstein, and a Coin Drop Application for Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

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**Discussion of Bills:**

Administrator Frost reported a record of payments dated 6/17/2022 in the amount of \$31,812.86 and a Bill List dated 6/21/2022 in the amount of \$159,731.36.

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**Public Portion:**

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Dale Premish of Village Drive commended Jeffrey, an employee, for his recent assistance. He also asked for an update on a vacant property on his street.

Gail Wilkinson of E Village Drive voiced her concern of people driving the wrong way down a one-way street near her home. She also mentioned the sidewalk on Rt. 9 adjacent to the golf course is covered in debris.

John Helbig of East Dawes congratulated the Planner and the City Engineer for putting together the application for the DCA grant. He also mentioned he is glad there will be more public discussion of the West Groveland Avenue Redevelopment project.

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

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**Payment of Bills:**  
M/S: Owen/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.

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**Comments from Governing Body:**

Council Member Dill requested Administrator Frost inform the Chief of Police regarding the complaint concerning the Village Drive one-way street and Public Works be informed of the shrubbery near the sign. He also requested information regarding the swearing in ceremony of the new Police Officer.

Council Member DePamphilis commended Somers Point for the beach concerts. He mentioned it was very well attended. He reported he attended the Historical Society open house at Gregory's and had a nice time and is looking forward to the fundraiser for the Lawson's Pride at the American Legion.

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Dill moved, Council Member Owen seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved: 7/21/2022