

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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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, Ferreri, McGuigan, Owen, Johnston

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

Absent: Dill, McCarrie

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.

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser reported he attended along with Council President Johnston and Council Member Owen a ribbon cutting for Surf's Up, an organic beverage shop on Somers Point Mays Landing Road. He also stopped at Studio Space and Somers Point Cigar Shop both on Mays Landing Road. He mentioned he is happy to see new businesses opening in the City. Mayor Glasser also stated the Veteran's Advisory Board met. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony on 11/11/21 at 11 AM. He also reported the Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony will be held on 12/5/21 at 1 PM on the Somers Point Beach. Mayor Glasser also reminded everyone that the crew of The USS Somers is coming to Atlantic City September 11-16. They will also be visiting Somers Point and will be presenting some items from the ship for the City to display. Mayor Glasser is looking forward to hosting the Crew.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Frost reported the Solar RFP bids for Defeo Lane will be received soon, and he hopes to be able to award the contract at the August meeting. He also reported he has ordered the playground equipment; however, the equipment is 30 weeks out.

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Solicitors Report:

None

Committee Reports:

Council Member Owen reported EDAC members visited some new businesses to deliver welcome signs. He mentioned they received good feedback from business owners. He also reported the Recreation Commission, approved an Eagle Scout project to put bat houses at Lawrence Bud Kern Memorial Field.

Council President Johnston stated EDAC was joined by Somers Point Business Association President, Chuck Westcott in welcoming new businesses. She mentioned the business owners were happy to see representatives of the City.

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member Owen, seconded of Council Member Ferreri and carried to remove the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of 6/24/2021 from the agenda.

On the motion of Council Member Owen, seconded of Council Member Bruno and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 6/24/2021.

Proclamations:

Mayor Glasser reported a member of the Veteran's Advisory Board has moved out of the City. He is requesting Ron Bird fill the vacancy. Mr. Bird is a Veteran of the US Navy and grew up here in the City of Somers Point.

No. 7 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Veteran's Advisory Board

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Somers Point established, by virtue of Ordinance No. 7 of 2019 and under the authority of *N.J.S.A. 40A:1-1 et. seq.*, a Veterans Advisory Board for the City of Somers Point for the purpose of keeping the Mayor and Council informed of developments regarding veterans and for the purposes of coordination of Veteran related activities, issues, parades and developments which, in effect, affect the entire community; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor is desirous of appointing to said Veterans Advisory Board those members of the community whose qualifications meet those specified by said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the citizens that are hereby proclaimed to be members of the first Veterans Advisory Board within the City of Somers Point have served their Country honorably and with distinction and will be of benefit to the Mayor and Council in addressing and promoting the needs and affairs of veterans within our City for the betterment of our community and are otherwise eligible to serve on the Veteran’s Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John L. Glasser, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim that effective immediately the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed as members of the Veterans Advisory Board for the terms and positions so specified:

Members	Expiration of Term
Thomas Innocente (U.S. Navy/U.S. Army Reserve)	12/31/2022
George Freas (U.S. Army)	12/31/2022
Robert Kickish (U.S. Army Reserve/National Guard)	12/31/2022
Bill Butler (Marine Corps.)	12/31/2023
Ron Bird (U.S. Navy)	12/31/2023
Skip Mell (U.S. Coast Guard)	12/31/2023
Fred Fontana (U.S. Air Force)	12/31/2023

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 8 of 2021

(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

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

Solicitor Smith reported this Ordinance was sent to the Planning Board for review. It was returned with comment that this is not something that is considered in the long-term plan for the municipality and that they defer to City Council.

Solicitor Smith, Council President Johnston and Council Member McGuigan discussed the deadlines on the ability to act on this matter. Municipalities have six months from the date of this law passing in February to take action. If no action is taken, the municipality cannot take any action for five years, and any businesses that opened in this period would be grandfathered in. This Ordinance can be amended or modified at any time once the City has had time to review input from the public.

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Council President Johnston stated EDAC has put together a committee to hold a public forum to get input from the citizens. She stated this Ordinance gives the City control to make an educated decision.

Council President Johnston opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road stated her support of Ordinance 8.

Frank Chipolone of 11 Broadway stated while he believes extra revenue for Somers Point would be beneficial, he supports Ordinance 8 so that more information can be received to make an education decision.

Dan Meyers of 429 Shore Road stated his support of having a dispensary in the City. He mentioned these businesses are clean and have very good security.

Hugh Giordano of Blackwood, NJ, a representative of United Food and Commercial Worker's Union UFCW Local 152, stated his strong opposition to Ordinance 8.

Council Member Ferreri thanked the members who spoke for educating her and the City Council on the topic.

Theresa Dougherty of 26 Dogwood Drive stated she looks forward to a public forum on this matter.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 8 of 2021

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING §114-119(A)16 OF
CHAPTER 114, ARTICLE XX OF THE CITY CODE ENTITLED
“PROHIBITED USES” SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF
ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE
MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF SOMERS POINT**

WHEREAS, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and

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WHEREAS, the Act establishes six marketplace classes of licensed businesses, including:

- Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator license, for facilities involved in growing and cultivating cannabis;
- Class 2 Cannabis Manufacturer license, for facilities involved in the manufacturing, preparation, and packaging of cannabis items;
- Class 3 Cannabis Wholesaler license, for facilities involved in obtaining and selling cannabis items for later resale by other licensees;
- Class 4 Cannabis Distributer license, for businesses involved in transporting cannabis plants in bulk from on licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of licensed cannabis business to another;
- Class 5 Cannabis Retailer license for locations at which cannabis items and related supplies are sold to consumers; and
- Class 6 Cannabis Delivery license, for businesses providing courier services for consumer purchases that are fulfilled by a licensed cannabis retailer in order to make deliveries of the purchased items to a consumer, and which service would include the ability of a consumer to make a purchase directly through the cannabis delivery service which would be presented by the delivery service for fulfillment by a retailer and then delivered to a consumer.

WHEREAS, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis

distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as well as the location manner and times operation of such establishments, distributors or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to prohibit the operation of any one or more classes of cannabis establishments, distributors, or delivery services anywhere in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, section 31b of the Act also stipulates, however, that any municipal regulation or prohibition must be adopted within 180 days of the effective date of the Act (*i.e.*, by August 22, 2021);and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 31b of the Act, the failure to do so shall mean that for a period of five years thereafter, the growing, cultivating, manufacturing, selling and reselling of cannabis

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and cannabis items shall be permitted uses in all industrial zones, and the retail selling of cannabis items to consumers shall be a conditional use in all commercial and retail zones; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the initial and any subsequent five-year period following a failure to enact local regulations or prohibitions, the municipality shall again have 180 days to adopt an ordinance regulating or prohibiting cannabis businesses, but any such ordinance would be prospective only and would not apply to any cannabis business already operating within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point has determined that, due to present uncertainties regarding the potential future impacts that allowing one or more classes of cannabis business might have on New Jersey municipalities in general, and on the City of Somers Point in particular, it is at this time necessary and appropriate, and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the City of Somers Point's residents and members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in the City of Somers Point, to amend the City of Somers Point's zoning regulations to prohibit all manner of marijuana-related land use and development within the geographic boundaries of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, officials from two prominent non-profit organizations that have been established for the purpose of advising New Jersey municipalities on legal matters such as have been presented by the Act (those organizations being the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys) have strongly urged that due to the complexity and novelty of the Act; the many areas of municipal law that are or may be implicated in decisions as to whether or to what extent cannabis or medical cannabis should be permitted for land use purposes or otherwise regulated in any particular municipality; and the relatively short duration in which the Act would allow such decisions to be made before imposing an automatic authorization of such uses in specified zoning districts subject to unspecified conditions, the most prudent course of action for all municipalities, whether or not generally in favor of cannabis or medical cannabis land development and uses, would be to prohibit all such uses within the Act's 180-day period in order to ensure sufficient time to carefully review all aspects of the Act and its impacts;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 the Somers Point Planning Board undertook reexamination of its Master Plan commencing in August of 2014 through March of 2015, to determine the major problems and objectives relating to land development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board's Master Plan Reexamination identified the need to provide and create the appropriate land use controls relative to the development of Somers Point as a vibrant, waterfront community, the preservation of its historic district and neighborhoods, as well as developing better access throughout the City to its businesses within the community; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, this ordinance was referred by the City Council to the Somers Point Planning Board to determine the consistency of this ordinance with the Master Plan; and

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. Pursuant to section 31b of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act (P.L. 2021, c. 16), all cannabis establishments, cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services are hereby prohibited from operating anywhere in the City of Somers Point, except for the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service.

2. Section 114-119(A)16 of Chapter 114 of Article XX, entitled “Prohibited Uses” of the City of Somers Point Code is hereby amended by repealing this current section in its entirety and replacing said section on prohibited uses, the following: “All classes of cannabis establishments or cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services as said terms are defined in section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 16, but not the delivery of cannabis items and related supplies by a delivery service, or the sale of paraphernalia associated with the use of recreational cannabis.”

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

Ordinance No. 11 of 2021
(First Reading/Introduction)

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2021
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, WAGES
AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

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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, 2021:

SECTION 1. FULL TIME EMPLOYEES (for full year)

Position	From:	To:
Account Clerk Typist	25,000	53,737
Administrative Officer of Planning and Zoning & Construction & Code Enforcement Secretary with Technical Assistant to the Construction Official Certification	25,000	35,000
Asst. Supervisor of Public Works	40,000	80,500
Bookkeeper	25,000	54,237
Chief Financial Officer, during first calendar year	45,000	73,000
Chief Financial Officer, during second calendar year	73,000	76,000
Chief Financial Officer, during third calendar year	76,000	79,000
Chief Financial Officer, during fourth calendar year	79,000	82,000
City Administrator	60,000	100,000
City Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics, Municipal Search Officer	40,000	83,232
Clerk Typist	25,000	31,836
Clerk Typist/Matron	25,000	55,958
Confidential Asst. to the City Administrator	25,000	50,000
Confidential Secretary to the Police Chief	25,000	42,240
Construction Official	40,000	65,159
Construction & Code Enforcement Secretary with Technical Assistant to the Construction Official Certification	25,000	35,000
Court Administrator	40,000	40,100
Department of Public Works Worker	26,000	87,610
Department of Public Works Work Leader	40,000	72,358
Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Registrar	40,000	80,210
Deputy Court Administrator	35,000	55,661
Deputy Court Administrator	25,000	58,336
Deputy Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner	600	1,500
Deputy Tax Collector	25,000	57,637
Dispatcher	32,813	73,641
Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner	1,200	2,500
Police Patrol Officer	35,000	100,205
Police Sergeant	40,000	108,502
Police Lieutenant	50,000	131,238
Police Captain	50,000	141,785

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Police Chief	75,000	156,541
Principal Manager of Public Works	40,000	98,808
Qualified Purchasing Agent	5,000	20,000
Recreation Director	15,000	40,000
Superintendent of Public Works	80,000	101,792
Tax Assessor	40,000	70,000
Tax Collector/Tax Search Officer/Sewer Utility Collector, during first calendar year	50,000	75,848
Tax Collector/Tax Search Officer/Sewer Utility Collector, during second calendar year	75,848	78,365
Tax Collector/Tax Search Officer/Sewer Utility Collector, during third calendar year	78,365	80,932
Waste Water Collection System Operator	5,000	13,085

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 2. PART TIME OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES (for full year)

Position	From:	To:
<u>Building Department</u>		
Electrical Sub-Code Official	7,000	15,000
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	7,000	15,000
Fire Sub-Code Official	7,000	15,000
Building Sub-Code Official	7,000	15,000
Building Inspector	per inspection	12.00 25.00
Construction Official	1,000	15,000
Construction Official	per inspection	12.00 25.00
Housing Inspector	1,000	15,000
Floodplain Manager	1,000	15,000
Temporary UCC Sub-code Official	per inspection	12.00 25.00
Code Enforcement Officer	per hour	12.00 25.00
Asst. Code Enforcement Officer	2,500	15,000
Asst. Code Enforcement Officer	per hour	12.00 25.00
Zoning Officer	per hour	12.00 80.00
Clerk-Typist	per hour	12.00 22.00
Administrative Officer of Planning and Zoning & Construction & Code Enforcement Secretary	per hour	12.00 25.00

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Police Department

Dispatcher	per hour	12.00	25.00
School Traffic Guard	per day	24.00	72.00
Special Officer	per hour	12.00	25.00
Data Processing Clerk	per hour	12.00	22.00
Clerk Typist	per hour	12.00	22.00

Recreation

Recreation Director		5,000	40,000
Recreation Workers	per hour	12.00	40.00
Summer Recreation Coordinator	per hour	12.00	25.00
Program Instructor	per hour	12.00	35.00
Lifeguard	per hour	12.00	20.00
Boat Ramp Attendant	per hour	12.00	20.00

Public Works Department

Clean Communities Coordinator		500	1,200
Clean Communities Laborer	per hour	12.00	20.00
Recycling Coordinator		200	800
Public Works/Sanitation Workers	per hour	12.00	20.00
Public Works Secretary	per hour	12.00	20.00
Parking Lot Attendant	per hour	12.00	20.00
Waste Water collection System Operator		5,000	13,085
Custodian	per hour	12.00	20.00
Marina Worker	per hour	12.00	20.00
Marina Supervisor	per hour	12.00	25.00
Marina Supervisor	per day	75.00	100.00

Administration, Finance, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and Court

Mayor		4,500	9,000
Council President		4,000	8,500
Council Persons		4,000	8,500
Chief Financial Officer		5,000	25,000
City Engineer		5,000	13,000
Clerk Typist	per hour	12.00	22.00
Municipal Alliance Coordinator		500	2,000
Safety Coordinator		1,000	2,500
Safety Coordinator	per hour	12.00	25.00
Deputy Safety Coordinator		500	2,000
Deputy Safety Coordinator	per hour	12.00	25.00
Blood Borne Pathogens Coordinator		500	1,000
Qualified Purchasing Agent		1,200	20,000
Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner		1,200	2,500

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Deputy Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner	600	1,500
Municipal Magistrate	10,000	25,000
Temporary Court Clerk	per court session	60.00
		100.00

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Fire Official	1,400	7,000
Senior Inspector	1,200	6,600
Inspector	1,000	6,000
Inspector	per hour	12.00
		25.00

Fire Department

Fire Chief		Up to 7,000
Deputy Fire Chief		Up to 5,400
Assistant Chief		Up to 3,900
Captain		Up to 3,600
Lieutenant		Up to 3,300
Fire Marshall		Up to 2,500
Fire Marshall	per inspection hour	12.00
		25.00
Deputy Fire Marshall		Up to 2,500
Deputy Fire Marshall	per inspection hour	12.00
		25.00
Fire Safety Officer		Up to 1,600

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator		Up to 5,000
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator		Up to 3,000
Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator		Up to 500

Each part time hourly employee shall be paid for overtime at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's straight time hourly rate for all hours of work which are more than eight hours worked in one day or forty hours worked in one week for any such part time work.

SECTION 3. REPEALER

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

Resolutions:

Deputy Clerk Heath read by title only the list of resolutions.

Public Portion Resolutions:

Council President Johnston opened the meeting to the public.

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Lisa Bender of 1304 Atkinson Avenue thanked Ben for his work on the project of building Purple Martin houses at Kennedy Park. She mentioned he showed great leadership and did a great job on the project.

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

Resolution No. 136 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council Member McGuigan commended Mr. Young on this excellent project and all the hard work he put into it. He stated that Mr. Young set a great example for others in the community and mentioned that he and City Council are proud of him.

Mr. Young received a round of applause and Mayor Glasser and Council President Johnston presented him with this Resolution.

No. 136 of 2021

Thanking and Honoring Ben Young, Candidate for Eagle Scout

WHEREAS, Benjamin Young of Somers Point is a rising sophomore at Holy Spirit High School; and

WHEREAS, Ben is a member of Troop 55 of the Jersey Shore Council in New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Ben led the effort to provide habitats for Purple Martins in John F. Kennedy Park in Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, Purple Martins are insectivores, primarily feed by hawking, a strategy of catching insects in the air during flight; and

WHEREAS, Ben, in conjunction with Troop 55 and The Somers Point Green Team, planned all aspects of the project and supervised other scouts and volunteers to get this environmentally beneficial and sustainable project completed; and

WHEREAS, the project is a step in the process of Ben's quest to obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, the highest rank available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Somers Point recognizes and honors the efforts of Mr. Ben Young and the excellent example he provides for other young people to follow.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Somers Point convey their gratitude to Ben and their best wishes to him in all his future endeavors and services to the community.

IN ADDITION, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Somers Point thank Troop 55 of the Jersey Shore Council in New Jersey, Boy Scouts of America and the Somers Point Green Team for their contributions to this worthwhile project.

Resolution No. 129 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 129 of 2021

Subject: Approving Proposals – Goods and Services 2021

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following proposals, received on April 29, 2021, May 28, 2021, and June 30th 2021 are approved, and that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to issue contracts and/or agreements to the following vendors for goods and services during the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022:

a) Influent Grinders for Sewer Pump Stations

KRS Services
Watermark Env Systems
Municipal Maintenance
AC Schultes

b) City Hall Custodial Services

Offshore Carpet Cleaning LLC

c) Emergency Sewer Pumps and Equipment

KRS Services
Municipal Maintenance
Xylem

d) Sewer Pump Station Maintenance

KRS Services

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Municipal Maintenance
AC Schultes

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

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

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

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

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

- j) **Misc. Employee Uniforms**
Action Uniform

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

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

- n) **Hardware Supplies**
Shore True Value Hardware

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

- p) **Storm Drain Cleaning and Television Inspection**

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Video Pipe Services Inc
Vortex Infrastructure Services

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

- r) Electrical Contractor Services**
Hughes Electric Co

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

- t) Auto Mechanic Services**
Galloway Auto and Tire

- u) Demolition Services**
American Demolition Services

- v) Recreation Equipment**
Ben Shaffer Recreation
Greenlane Contractors

Resolution No. 130 of 2021

M/S- Ferreri/Owen

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

No. 130 of 2021

Subject: Taxes Cancelled and Refunded

Introduced by: Council President Johnston and Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, the property owner at 202 West Dawes Avenue overpaid third quarter taxes of 2019 in the amount of \$1,405.00.

WHEREAS, the taxes for third quarter 2019 should be refunded in the amount \$1,405.00; and

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

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

Block	Lot	Qual.	Owner	Amount	Year
515	8.01		Sherri Rasch	\$1,405.00	2019

Resolution No. 131 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

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

Mayor Glasser mentioned Mr. Bobon is a disabled Vietnam Veteran who served in the U.S. Marines and very much deserves this.

No. 131 of 2021

Subject: Taxes Cancelled and Refunded

Introduced by: Councilman President Johnston and Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, the property owner at 101 East Johnson Avenue is a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran; and

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

WHEREAS, the owner is now entitled to total real estate tax exemption beginning on March 17th 2021; and

WHEREAS, the taxes for the 1st quarter of 2021 and the 2nd quarter of 2021 should be refunded in the amount \$3,865.83; and

WHEREAS, the taxes for the 3rd quarter 2021, should be canceled in the amount \$3,516.25; and

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

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

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Block	Lot	Qual.	Owner	Amount	Year
610	1		William L. Bobon	\$3865.83	2021 1 st and 2 nd
				\$3516.25	2021 3 quarter
(cancelled)					

Resolution No. 132 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

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

No. 132 of 2021

Subject: Taxes Cancelled and Refunded

Introduced by: Councilman President Johnston and Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, the property owner at 219 West Dawes Avenue is a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran; and

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

WHEREAS, the owner is now entitled to total real estate tax exemption beginning on June 23rd 2021; and

WHEREAS, the taxes for the 2nd quarter of 2021 should be refunded in the amount \$107.80; and

WHEREAS, the taxes for the 3rd quarter 2021, should be canceled in the amount \$1,623.05; and

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

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

Block	Lot	Qual.	Owner	Amount	Year
414	8		Thomas & Mary Sickora	\$107.80	2021 (refunded)
				\$1,623.05	2021 (cancelled)

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Resolution No. 133 of 2021

M/S- Ferreri/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 133 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for 2021 Road Program
Introduced By: Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point has determined that it is the best interest of the City to repave Wilson Avenue from Chapman Blvd. to Wayne Drive, Whitman Drive from Chapman Blvd to dead end, Defeo Lane from Wilson Avenue to dead end, and other miscellaneous improvements; 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 2021 Road Program; and

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

Resolution No. 134 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 134 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for 2021 Stormwater Pipe Cleaning and Video Inspection
Introduced By: Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point has determined that it is the best interest of the City to clean various stormwater pipes and inspect the condition of those pipes; 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 2021 Stormwater Pipe Cleaning and Video Inspection; and

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

Resolution No. 135 of 2021

M/S- Ferreri/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 135 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for 2021 Stormwater Repairs and Improvements

Introduced By: Council Member Dill

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point has determined that it is the best interest of the City to repair and improve various stormwater pipes throughout the City; 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 2021 Stormwater Repairs and Improvements; and

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

Resolution No. 137 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 137 of 2021

Subject: Extending Contract for Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repairs and Miscellaneous Maintenance

Introduced by: Council Members Dill, McGuigan and Owen

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2019, the City of Somers Point received bids from four contractors for Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repairs and Miscellaneous Maintenance; and

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WHEREAS, the total amount of the bid was based on specified units and quantities of work multiplied times the bidder's unit prices of labor, material and equipment for various categories of anticipated emergency repairs and miscellaneous repairs to the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, after applying these calculations, Mathis Construction Co., Inc., of Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, an open-end contract was awarded to Mathis Construction Co., Inc. that was in effect for a period of one (1) year with the possibility of two (2) one-year extensions if both parties agree to the extension, subject to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This will be the last (1) one-year extension option; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Utility Engineer has found their work satisfactory and has recommended that the City accept the first one-year extension to the contract with Mathis Construction Co., Inc. with an index rate increase of 2.5% over the 2020 rate and in the established maximum amount of \$290,605.75.

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

- 1.) Because their services are being performed in an efficient and effective manner, a one-year extension to the Contract for Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repairs and Miscellaneous Maintenance is hereby awarded to Mathis Construction Co., Inc., of Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey in the maximum amount of \$290,605.75.

The City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any required documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 138 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 138 of 2021

Subject: Municipal Safety Coordinator Appointment

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

WHEREAS, due to a retirement, it is necessary for the City of Somers Point to consider the appointment of a Municipal Safety Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the position was posted and applications for the position was closed on July 20th, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, a review of the applications was completed by the City Administrator in consultation with the Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by City Administrator Frost to appoint Lucy R. Samuelsen to the position of Municipal Safety Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available within the City Clerk's Salaries and Wages Budget of 2021 for this appointment.

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

- 1.) The appointment of Lucy R. Samuelsen to the part-time position of Municipal Safety Coordinator is hereby approved July 22nd 2021 with an effective start date of May 1st 2021.
- 2.) Effective May 1st 2021, the stipend to Lucy Samuelsen will be \$2,500.00 annually.

Resolution No. 139 of 2021

M/S- Owen/Ferreri

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 139 of 2021

Subject: Deputy Municipal Safety Coordinator Appointment

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

WHEREAS, due to a retirement, it is necessary for the City of Somers Point to consider the appointment of a Deputy Municipal Safety Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the position was posted and applications for the positions were closed on July 20th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a review of the applications was completed by City Administrator Frost in consultation with the Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the City Administrator to appoint Stephen Hornig to the position of Deputy Municipal Safety Coordinator; and

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WHEREAS, adequate funds are available within the City Sewer Department's Salaries and Wages Budget of 2021 for this appointment.

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

- 1.) The appointment of Stephen Hornig to the part-time position of Deputy Municipal Safety Coordinator is hereby approved July 22nd 2021 with an effective start date of May 1st 2021.
- 2.) Effective May 1st 2021, the stipend to Steve Hornig will be \$1,500.00 annually.

Old Business:

- **Electric Vehicles-** Council President Johnston reported the Parking/Traffic Committee met with Solicitor Smith and Police Chief Somers, and the committee is advising low speed vehicles would not work in Somers Point. Solicitor Smith clarified that electric bicycles do not fall under this category and cannot be prohibited as they are allowed per State Statute. The City can however, ban them on the bike path.
- **Parkway Exit-**Council President Johnston mentioned the Steering Committee has been watching plans for a change to the Parkway exit. She asked Council if they had any opinions on any further steps that should be taken. Mayor Glasser mentioned he has sent several letters to voice his opposition to a change of the exit. Council President Johnston stated the Steering Committee will continue to watch this and will keep City Council apprised of any new information

New Business:

- **Homeless-** Council President Johnston reported she has reached out to the Police Chief regarding the homeless community in Somers Point. Since there is not much the Police can do, she reached out to Jewish Family Services and Volunteers of America to work together to help as much as possible.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT APPROVALS FOR THE FOLLWING:

- Theater Collaborative of South Jersey for on event at Gateway Playhouse on 8/19/21 from 6-10PM
- Lawrence Bud Kern Memorial Trust Fund for Good Old Days at Kennedy Park on 9/11/2021 from 12-6

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- National Multiple Sclerosis Society for an event at Greate Bay Country Club on 9/23/2021 from 6-10pm

City Council unanimously approved the Social Affair Permits with Council Member McGuigan recusing from the Lawrence Bud Kern Memorial Trust Fund application.

City Council unanimously approved a request from Liberty and Prosperity requesting use of Richard Somers Park for an event to remember and honor Richard Somers on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 9-11 AM.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 7/20/2021 in the amount of \$419,807.70, a record of payment dated 7/1/2021 in the amount of \$3,878.69, a record of payment dated 7/20/2021 in the amount of \$144,059.85 and a record of payment dated 7/20/2021 in the amount of \$42,037.27.

Public Portion:

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road shared thoughts regarding Target. She mentioned a portion of Annie Avenue was recently paved and shared they did an excellent job. She requested the parking lots on Bay Avenue be cleaned. She would also like to see the news invited to the beach concert. She thanked City Council for the work they do.

Levi Fox of 90 Broadway thanked the City Clerk's office for the fine work they do. Also, as representative of the EDAC subcommittee on Cannabis businesses in Somers Point, he thanked City Council for their continued openness to learn more and support fact finding on the subject. He asked City Council to allow the City Engineer to draw up a map of potential areas for dispensaries. He also reported EDAC is hoping to have a Town Hall meeting on the subject possibly at the Gateway Theatre to receive input from the public.

Theresa Daugherty of 26 Dogwood Drive thanked Council President Johnston for the information regarding the work being done for the homeless community and mentioned she would like to see something more official.

Daniel Meyers of 429 Shore Road asked for an update on the bus shelters. He also mentioned it is hard to tell if a bike is electronic or not which could cause an enforcement issue.

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

Payment of Bills:

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The Bill List was approved by a unanimous vote of those present. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Bruno moved, Council Member Ferreri seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 8/26/2021