

**REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2020**

Meeting called to order via ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. by President McGuigan with a salute to the flag. Council President requested a moment of silence in honor of long-time volunteer firefighter and friend to many, Mike Pratt. Council President McGuigan offered condolences to his family and friends.

Roll call was recorded as follows:

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

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

Open Public Meetings Act:

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

Communications:

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser mentioned that Michael Pratt was a long-time volunteer firefighter a friend to many of us and we are all very saddened by his loss.

Two of the three firetrucks were delivered last evening; a fire truck pumper to each volunteer fire company. The third ladder firetruck will be delivered approximately within two weeks. It will take approximately one week to prepare the firetrucks for service. The 911 ceremony was cancelled due to COVID-19. Mayor Glasser shared his remembrance of that dreadful day when many people lost their lives. Mayor Glasser announced that the Good Old Days Festival is cancelled due to the pandemic.

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Administrator's Report:

Mr. Swain reported he received the Memorandum of Agreement back from the PBA and a resolution will be on the next agenda. Additionally, City Administrator Swain reported the City received a good annual report from Green Acres regarding a project named Ray's Pier, which is now the marina.

Solicitors Report:

No report

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Johnston reported the Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC) has been working the State for improvements to Route 152 and the Maryland Avenue area. The designers and landscapers provided renderings with a possible completion date in late October. Bay Cats, LLC., did a great job this summer and will attend the next EDAC meeting providing reports and plans for the summer of 2021. The Short-Term Rental sub-committee met on August 29th with Councilwoman Johnston; Councilman Gerety; Assistant City Administrator Frost; Thomas Smith, City Solicitor; Greg Sykora and Levi Fox. They agreed that the fee inspection issue needs to be addressed; however, they are not ready to make a recommendation until they receive additional information from the City Solicitor.

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Councilman Dill, seconded of Councilman Owen and carried, the regular meeting minutes 8/20/2020, were approved.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 6

Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption

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M/S- Dill/Johnston

The public hearing was opened and hearing nothing further, it was duly closed.

The ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

City Administrator requested an amendment for Police Lieutenant line item from \$128,102 to \$128,681 and Police Captain line item from \$138,442 to \$139,021, which will be in conformance with the MOA. Councilman D’Adamo motioned regarding the above-mentioned amendment, seconded by Councilwoman Johnston and carried. City Solicitor Smith advised that re-advertising would not be necessary.

No. 6 of 2020

**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.**

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, 2020:

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

Position	From:	To:
Account Clerk Typist	23,600	52,683
Acting Police Chief Stipend	2,500	5,200
Administrative Officer of Planning and Zoning & Construction & Code Enforcement Secretary with Technical Assistant to the Construction Official Certification	20,000	35,000
Asst. Supervisor of Public Works	40,000	78,700
Bookkeeper	23,600	53,174
Chief Financial Officer	5,000	70,000
City Administrator	60,000	182,270
City Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics, Municipal Search Officer	40,000	81,600
Clerk Typist	23,600	31,212
Clerk Typist/Matron	23,600	54,861
Comptroller	40,000	70,000
Confidential Asst. to the City Administrator	22,000	70,000
Confidential Asst. to the City Administrator – Senior Account Clerk	40,000	70,000

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Confidential Secretary to the Police Chief	22,000	41,412
Construction Official	40,000	63,881
Court Administrator	40,000	85,900
Department of Public Works Worker	26,000	70,949
Department of Public Works Work Leader	40,000	78,637
Deputy City Administrator	40,000	70,000
Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Registrar	35,000	54,570
Deputy Court Administrator	23,600	57,192
Deputy Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner	600	1,500
Deputy Tax Collector	23,600	56,507
Dispatcher	25,000	72,197
Administrative Officer of Planning and Zoning & Construction & Code Enforcement Secretary with Technical Assistant to the Construction Official Certification	20,000	35,000
Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner	1,200	2,500
Police Patrol Officer	32,000	98,256
Police Sergeant	35,000	108,502
Police Lieutenant	40,000	128,102
Police Captain	45,000	138,442
Police Chief	50,000	153,472
Principal Manager of Public Works	40,000	98,808
Qualified Purchasing Agent	5,000	20,400
Recreation Director	15,000	30,000
Superintendent of Public Works	60,000	98,808
Tax Assessor	40,000	70,000
Tax Collector/Tax Search Officer/Sewer Utility Collector	40,000	73,380
Senior Account Clerk	50,000	70,000
Waste Water Collection System Operator	5,000	12,829

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)**

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Position		From:	To:
<u>Building Department</u>			
Electrical Sub-Code Official		7,000	15,000
Plumbing Sub-Code Official		7,000	12,240
Fire Sub-Code Official		7,000	12,240
Building Inspector	per inspection	11.00	25.00
Construction Official	per inspection	11.00	25.00
Temporary UCC Sub-code Official	per inspection	11.00	25.00
Zoning Code Enforcement Officer	per hour	11.00	25.00
Asst. Code Enforcement Officer		2,500	15,000
Asst. Code Enforcement Officer	per hour	11.00	25.00
Clerk-Typist	per hour	11.00	20.00
Administrative Officer of Planning and Zoning & Construction & Code Enforcement Secretary	per hour	11.00	20.00
<u>Police Department</u>			
Dispatcher	per hour	11.00	20.00
School Traffic Guard	per day	27.00	48.00
Special Officer	per hour	11.00	25.00
Data Processing Clerk	per hour	11.00	20.00
Clerk Typist	per hour	11.00	20.00
<u>Recreation</u>			
Recreation Director		5,000	30,000
Summer Recreation Coordinator	per hour	11.00	25.00
Lifeguard	per hour	11.00	20.00
Recreation Workers	per hour	11.00	40.00
Boat Ramp Attendant	per hour	11.00	18.00
Program Instructor	per hour	11.00	35.00
<u>Public Works Department</u>			
Clean Communities Coordinator		500	1,200
Clean Communities Laborer	per hour	11.00	20.00
Recycling Coordinator		200	800
Public Works/Sanitation Workers	per hour	11.00	20.00
Public Works Secretary	per hour	11.00	20.00
Parking Lot Attendant	per hour	11.00	16.00
Waste Water collection System Operator		5,000	12,829
Custodian	per hour	11.00	20.00

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Marina Worker	per hour	11.00	18.00
Marina Supervisor	per hour	11.00	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	11.00	22.00
Municipal Alliance Coordinator		500	2,000
Safety Coordinator	per hour	19.00	25.00
Blood Borne Pathogens Coordinator		500	1,000
Qualified Purchasing Agent		1,200	20,400
Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner		1,200	2,500
Deputy Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner		600	1,500
Municipal Magistrate		10,000	24,000
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	11.00	20.00

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	11.00	20.00
Deputy Fire Marshall		Up to	2,500
Deputy Fire Marshall	per inspection hour	11.00	20.00
Fire Safety Officer		Up to	1,600

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator		Up to	5,000
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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.

Ordinance No. 7

First Reading/Introduction

M/S-Dill/Toto

The ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 7 of 2020

**An Ordinance Enacted Under Authority Granted by N.J.S.A. 39:4-197
Thereof; Amending and Supplementing the Somers Point Municipal
Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article I Section 250-30.
Schedule VI: One Way Streets and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore
Adopted, The Provisions of Which Are Inconsistent Herewith.**

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:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197 authorizes a Municipality, by Ordinance, to designate one-way streets and to regulate the parking of vehicles on municipal streets and portions thereof; and

WHEREAS, a request was received by the City Council of the City of Somers Point to adopt an Ordinance for East Village Drive to be designated a one-way street between East Laurel Drive and Holly Hills Drive, limiting traffic to travel westbound only, and for the installation of the appropriate “One Way” and “Do not Enter” signs on East Village Drive; and

WHEREAS, the request has been reviewed by City Engineer and by the Somers Point Police Department who have determined that the request is reasonable to regulate the flow of traffic in the interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend and supplement Chapter 250 of the Code of the City of Somers Point in order to implement the recommended change in traffic regulations

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

SECTION 1:

Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article I Section 250-30. Schedule VI: One-Way Streets is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Limits	Parking Permitted
East Village Drive	Westbound	From East Laurel Drive to Holly Hills Drive	Both Sides

SECTION 2:

“One Way” signage shall be installed and placed according to New Jersey Department of Transportation standards with as required by Regulation.

SECTION 3:

All other provisions of Chapter 250 shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply to this amendment upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4:

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

SECTION 5:

Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision or any item in any schedule of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6:

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

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Resolutions:

Council President McGuigan read by title only the list of resolutions.

Public Portion (Resolutions)

The meeting was duly opened to the public.

Greg Sykora of 2 Horter Avenue questioned how long the police academy training takes to complete. Mayor Glasser mentioned the training is 22 weeks, then they will have training for several more weeks. Council President McGuigan indicated that if they are not successful at the Academy, they will be discharged.

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

Resolution No. 147

M/S- Dill/Toto

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 147 of 2020

Subject: Authorizing purchase of One (1) Street Sweeper and Chassis through the Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) National Cooperative Purchasing Program for Contract #122019-FSC, Public Utility Equipment, for the Somers Point Public Works Department

Introduced By: Council President McGuigan and Councilmen Dill and Toto

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is permitted to participate in national purchasing cooperatives according to N.J.S.A 52:34-6.2; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) National Purchasing Program has acted as lead agency and awarded Contract # 112019-FSC, Public Utility Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Department has a Street Sweeper which is becoming increasingly costly to maintain; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Public Works Guy Martin, the City Council Finance Committee, and City Administrator/Purchasing Agent William Swain have reviewed the contract from Sourcewell #112019-FSC, Public Utility Equipment, and have determined that the acquisition of one (1) Elgin Crosswind J-JD Dual Street Sweeper with 2020 Freightliner Model

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M2 106 Dual Steer Chassis with Extended Warranties is the functional economic solution to replace the City of Somers Point’s aging street sweeper; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that City Council approve the acquisition of one (1) Elgin Crosswind J-JD Dual Street Sweeper with 2020 Freightliner Model M2 106 Dual Steer Chassis with Extended Warranties for the Public Works Department’s fleet for use throughout the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey, that one (1) Elgin Crosswind J-JD Dual Street Sweeper with 2020 Freightliner Model M2 106 Dual Steer Chassis with Extended Warranties be purchased from GranTurk Equipment Co. Inc., One Schuylkill Parkway, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405-1069 in accordance with the Sourcewell #112019-FSC, Public Utility Equipment contract for use by the Public Works Department as follows:

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1.	Elgin Crosswind J-JD Dual Street Sweeper, with Extended Warranties per spec sheet provided by GranTurk Equipment Co, Inc. \$173,345.00 Less Sourcewell 3% Discount <u>(\$5,200.35)</u> FINAL Sourcewell Price for Elgin Crosswind J-JD Dual Street Sweeper	1 each	\$173,345.00	
			<u>(\$5,200.35)</u>	
			\$168,144.65	\$168,144.65
2.	2020 Freightliner Model M2 106 Dual Steer Chassis with Extended Warranties per spec sheet provided by GranTurk Equipment Co, Inc. \$81,800.00	1 each	\$81,800.00	
3.	Freight	1 each	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00
4.	PDI, Inspections Delivery & Training <u>\$2,500.00</u>	1 each	\$2,500.00	

Total Amount of Sourcewell #112019-FSC,
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to GranTurk Equipment Co, Inc.
\$255,294.65

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator, acting in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order in the total amount of \$255,294.65 for one (1) Elgin Crosswind J-JD Dual Street Sweeper with 2020 Freightliner Model M2 106 Dual Steer Chassis with Extended Warranties be purchased from GranTurk Equipment Co. Inc., One Schuylkill Parkway, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405-1069 in accordance with the Sourcwell National Purchasing Program Contract for Public Utility Equipment, Contract #112019-FSC.

Resolution No. 148

M/S- Dill/Gerety

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 148 of 2020

Subject: Authorizing Advertising Bids for 2020 Road Program Phase I
Introduced By: Councilmen Dill and Toto

WHEREAS, the governing Body of the City of Somers Point has determined that it is the best interest of the City to reconstruct Cliveden Avenue from Mays Landing Road to Harlan Avenue, Horter Avenue from Mays Landing Road to Harlan Avenue, and Harlan Avenue from Cliveden Avenue to Dead End; 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 2020 Road Program 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.

Resolution No. 149

M/S- Dill/Owen

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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No. 149 of 2020

Subject: Awarding Bid for the 2019 Road Program – Phase II
Introduced By: Councilmen Dill and Toto

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020 the City of Somers Point received bids for the 2019 Road Program – Phase II; and

WHEREAS, South State, Inc. of Bridgeton, New Jersey was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer’s office has recommended that the City award the contract to South State, Inc. of Bridgeton, New Jersey in the amount of \$910,158.55.

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

1. The Contract for the 2019 Road Program – Phase II is hereby awarded to South State, Inc. of Bridgeton, New Jersey in the amount of \$910,158.55.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a formal contract with South State, Inc. signing on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 150

M/S- Dill/Owen

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 150 of 2020

Subject: Change Order No. 1 – Contract No. 55 – 2019 Road Program – Phase I
Introduced By: Councilmen Dill and Toto

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 207 of 2019, A.E. Stone. of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., was awarded the contract for the 2019 Road Program – Phase II for the sum of \$384,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, during the course of construction changes were made to add additional asphalt base to the Public Works Lot due to the poor subbase that was discovered during construction resulting in changes to the as-built quantities; and

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

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

Contract Amount	\$384,000.00	
Change order 1	\$58,497.79	
Revised Contract Amount	\$442,497.79	
Total Deduction: \$0	Total Additional: \$58,497.79	Net Change: 15.23%

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the above listed change to the contract for 2019 Road Program – Phase I is hereby approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents in this regard on behalf of the City.

Resolution No. 151

M/S- Johnston/Owen

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 151 of 2020

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

Introduced by: Council President Sean McGuigan

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

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

WHEREAS, said Resolution held that pending further resolution, the force and effect of the resolution, and all temporary rights set forth therein, were to terminate upon the earlier of either the effective date and time of the State of New Jersey relaxing the provisions of Executive Order 107 relative to its prohibition of on-premises consumption of food or beverages at bars and restaurants and requirement of social distancing as set forth therein, or at 11:59 p.m. on July 24, 2020; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of Somers Point that the provisions of Resolution No. 140-2020 are hereby extended until the earlier of either the effective date and time of the State of New Jersey fulling relaxing the provisions of Executive Order 107 relative to its prohibitions regarding on-premises consumption of food or beverages at bars and restaurants and requirement of social distancing as set forth therein, or at 11:59 p.m. on October 23, 2020, at which time the allowances provided herein shall be rescinded.

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

Resolution No. 152

M/S- Johnston/Owen

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

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Council President McGuigan offered his congratulations.

No. 152 of 2020

A Resolution Confirming the Hiring by the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point of One Police Officer, Authorizing his enrollment in the Atlantic County Police Academy, and Appointing the Same to the Position of Patrolman Officer in the Somers Point Police Department Effective September 21, 2020

Proposed by: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Councilwoman Johnston, Councilman Toto, and Councilman Gerety

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is desirous of hiring one police officer to replace an existing vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Justin Smith has been selected from the State of New Jersey Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, Justin Smith is eligible to be hired off the Somers Point Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Mayor have recommended that Justin Smith be hired and appointed to serve as a Patrolman in the Somers Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits to be paid to the selected officer will be in compliance with the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Somers Point and Mainland PBA, Local 77; 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 Justin Smith effective September 21, 2020; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Justin Smith is approved for and is authorized to attend the Atlantic County Police Academy; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Justin Smith will be sworn in by the Mayor on September 18, 2020; and

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

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Resolution No. 153

M/S- Owen/Dill

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan extended his congratulations.

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A Resolution Confirming the Hiring by the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point of One Police Officer, Authorizing his enrollment in the Atlantic County Police Academy, and Appointing the Same to the Position of Patrolman Officer in the Somers Point Police Department Effective September 21, 2020

Proposed by: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Councilwoman Johnston, Councilman Toto, and Councilman Gerety

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is desirous of hiring one police officer to replace an anticipated vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Fredrick has been selected from the State of New Jersey Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Fredrick is eligible to be hired off the Somers Point Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Mayor have recommended that Rocco Fredrick be hired and appointed to serve as a Patrolman in the Somers Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits to be paid to the selected officer will be in compliance with the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Somers Point and Mainland PBA, Local 77; 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 Rocco Fredrick effective September 21, 2020; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Rocco Fredrick is approved for and is authorized to attend the Atlantic County Police Academy; and

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It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Rocco Fredrick will be sworn in by the Mayor on September 18, 2020; and

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

Resolution No. 154

M/S- Toto/D'Adamo

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan offered his congratulations to Ryan Wogansky.

No. 154 of 2020

A Resolution Confirming the Hiring by the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point of One Police Officer, Authorizing his enrollment in the Atlantic County Police Academy, and Appointing the Same to the Position of Patrolman Officer in the Somers Point Police Department Effective September 21, 2020

Proposed by: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Councilwoman Johnston, Councilman Toto, and Councilman Gerety

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is desirous of hiring one police officer to replace an anticipated vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Wogansky has been selected from the State of New Jersey Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Wogansky is eligible to be hired off the Somers Point Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Mayor have recommended that Ryan Wogansky be hired and appointed to serve as a Patrolman in the Somers Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the salary and benefits to be paid to the selected officer will be in compliance with the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Somers Point and Mainland PBA, Local 77; and

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge, authorize and confirm the hiring of Patrolman Ryan Wogansky effective September 21, 2020; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Ryan Wogansky is approved for and is authorized to attend the Atlantic County Police Academy; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Ryan Wogansky will be sworn in by the Mayor on September 18, 2020; and

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

Resolution No. 155

M/S- Dill/D'Adamo

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan offered his congratulations Spencer Trejo.

Mayor Glasser thanked Councilman Dill and City Council for their support.

No. 155 of 2020

A Resolution Confirming the Hiring by the Chief of Police of the City of Somers Point of One Police Officer, Authorizing his enrollment in the Atlantic County Police Academy, and Appointing the Same to the Position of Patrolman Officer in the Somers Point Police Department Effective September 21, 2020

Proposed by: Mayor Glasser

Introduced By: Councilwoman Johnston, Councilman Toto, and Councilman Gerety

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is desirous of hiring one police officer to replace an existing vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Spencer Trejo has been selected from the State of New Jersey Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, Spencer Trejo is eligible to be hired off the Somers Point Civil Service List; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Mayor have recommended that Spencer Trejo be hired and appointed to serve as a Patrolman in the Somers Point Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, the salary and benefits to be paid to the selected officer will be in compliance with the Somers Point Salary Ordinance and the terms and conditions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Somers Point and Mainland PBA, Local 77; 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 Spencer Trejo effective September 21, 2020; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Spencer Trejo is approved for and is authorized to attend the Atlantic County Police Academy; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrolman Spencer Trejo will be sworn in by the Mayor on September 18, 2020; and

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

Resolution No. 156

M/S-Toto/Gerety

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

No. 156 of 2020

Subject: Liquor License Renewals
Introduced by: Council President McGuigan

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, 2021:

0121-33-005-002	Charlie’s, Inc.
0121-33-016-010	Plantation Bay Resort & Country Club, LLC
0121-31-024-001	Somers Point Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2
0121-33-003-008	Lost Boys, Inc.(Caroline’s)

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0121-31-020-002	American Legion Clark Eliason Post 352
0121-33-014-009	Josie Kelly's LLC
0121-33-010-002	Gregory Hotel, Inc
0121-33-017-008	RA Ranalli Enterprises LLC (800 Bay Ave.)
0121-33-004-007	Point Pub of NJ, Inc. (Passion Vines)
0121-33-009-003	Alice Pearl, Inc. (pocket)
0121-33-011-007	Clancy's by the Bay, Inc..
0121-33-019-017	939 Bay Avenue, LLC
0121-33-001-013	Applebee's
0121-44-006-003	Circle Liquor Store
0121-33-007-004	Crab Tap, Ltd
0121-33-013-003	Joe's Circle Café (DiOrio's)
0121-33-015-009	GMH Restaurant Enterprises (The Pointe)
0121-31-022-001	Roberts Johnson Post

Old Business:

Short Term Rentals

This subject was previously discussed this evening under Communications.

New Business:

Social Affairs Permits

On the motion of Councilman Gerety, seconded of Councilman Owen and carried to approve the Social Affair Permit for Theater Collaborative of South Jersey for an event on 9/24/20 and on 10/8/20 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

New Jersey State Firemen's Association Applications

On the motion of Councilman Gerety, seconded of Councilman D'Adamo and carried to approve the applications of Michael Weierback, Sr., Josephine Rundall and Colby Bytheway.

VFW Request to Waive Fee for Pull Tab Raffle License

On the motion of Councilman Dill, seconded of Councilman Gerety and carried with Councilman Toto abstaining.

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Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Swain reported a Record of Payments dated 9/2/2020 in the amount of \$129,078.63, a Record of Payment dated 9/2/2020 in the amount of \$ 10,005.86, and a Bill List dated 9/4/2020 in the amount of \$ 4,658,911.76.

Public Portion

The Public Portion was duly opened to the public.

Catherine Powers of Somers Point expressed her concern regarding short-term rental and is opposed to inspections and fees before and after each tenant. Council President McGuigan explained that City Solicitor Smith will continue to do legal research and will forward his findings to the subcommittee. Then, the sub-committee will make a recommendation to City Council. He added that currently all rentals fall under the City's Rental Ordinance. Councilwoman Johnston indicated that the sub-committee needs to understand the current ordinance before they make any recommendations and encouraged Ms. Powers and the public to share their thoughts and opinions. Councilwoman Johnston opines that it's unrealistic for the Construction Official and the landlord to have inspections and fees two, three or four times a week. Thomas Smith, City Solicitor, stated that the City has an ordinance that is in effect, and he was requested by City Council to ascertain what options are available. He continued to explain that City Council has not voted on any issue or considered any issue as to whether it wants short-term rentals. Robert Gabriel of 8 Gardena Drive in Egg Harbor Township expressed his concern and opposes the abolishment of short-term rentals. Council President McGuigan shared that there of been complaints and this type of rental is new to City Council. He added that City Council will do what is best for the entire community. Levi Fox of 90 Broadway represented the Historical Preservation Commission (Commission) at the recent short-term sub-committee meeting. He indicated that the Commission wants to encourage people to preserve their home and find ways to make a living by having opportunities to rent. He mentioned concerns of recent enforcement. Council President McGuigan mentioned that one must become aware or discover a violation to issue notice of violation.

Sandy Hickerson of Absecon requested City Council to consider adopting a resolution designating Somers Point as a Second Amendment friendly town.

Greg Sykora of 2 Horter Avenue questioned the 9/11 ceremony. Mayor Glasser announced that the annual 9/11 ceremony was cancelled due to the pandemic.

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Councilman Dill stated to Administrator Swain that he has been receiving complaints about the leaves, grass and brush in Ward Two that has not been picked up for many weeks. City Administrator Swain explained that the Department of Public Works did get behind, have been working overtime and noted Councilman Dill's complaint.

Councilman Gerety questioned if changes are needed to the current rental ordinance, what would be the procedure. Mr. Smith stated any changes would require an amendment to the current ordinance.

Payment of Bills

M/S – Dill/D'Adamo

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Gerety moved, Councilman Toto seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 9/24/2020