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: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Frost, City Clerk Samuelsen, City Engineer Schneider and

City Solicitor Smith

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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 Dill, seconded of Council Member McCarrie and carried to approve a 48-hour waiver to consider a New Jersey State Firemen's Association Application for Membership and to waive the Fee for the Raffle License for the VFW Post 2189.

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Council President Johnston thanked Carmen Marotta, Nancy Marotta, and the Beach Concert Committee for all their hard work regarding the beach concerts.

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### **Communications:**

None

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### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Glasser affirmed how great the beach concerts were and how instrumental they are for the City. He then reported that the Public Safety Committee met and briefed the Fire Chief and Police Chief on their meeting with Egg Harbor Township. They discussed the radio system and the manpower for both the Police and Fire Departments, and he encouraged City Council to consider increasing the Police Department's workforce. Next, he thanked Council Member McGuigan and the Good Old Days Committee for a job well done. Furthermore, he announced that there will be a Prisoner of War (POW) Missing in Action (MIA) memorial service at Patriot's Park on September 15, 2023, at 7 p.m. Lastly, he announced that there will be a Veterans Advisory Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 2023, to discuss Veteran's Day and Pearl Harbor Day.

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# **Engineers Report:**

City Engineer Schneider shared that a lot of great comments were received at the public forum on the Safe Routes to Transit Grant for Shore Road. The ideas will be shared with the County and hopefully incorporated in the final design. He also reported that the City will be going out to bid for the Ocean Avenue Phase 1 Project, as well as the Exton Road, Colwick Drive, and Devon Road Project. He expects to award contracts at the first October City Council Meeting.

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### **Committee Reports:**

Council Member Owen announced that the City will receive a \$5,000.00 grant for improvements to the Senior Citizen building landscaping. He shared that the Good Old Days Festival was a success and that Art in the Park added value to the festival. He also mentioned that last Sunday, the Somers Point Sharks varsity team won against Linwood. Lastly, he revealed that the Historical Society will be hosting a Grace Kelly Movie event. "To Catch a Thief" at the Gateway Theater on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Somers Point Historical Society and the Ocean City Historical Museum.

Council Member McGuigan clarified that the \$5,000.00 grant was obtained by the Somers Point Green Team through the New Jersey Sustainability Program.

Council Member Dill stated that this month's Planning Board meeting has been cancelled.

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### **Approval of Minutes:**

On the motion of Council Member Owen, seconded of Council Member Bruno and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/24/2023.

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### **Ordinances:**

Ordinance No. 21 of 2023

(Second Reading/Public Hearing/Adoption)

M/S- Dill/McCarrie

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

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road asked for clarification on this Ordinance.

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

### No. 21 of 2023

# AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ENTIRETY OF CHAPTER 200 - PARKING LOTS, MUNICIPAL

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2021, City Council passed Ordinance No. 7 of 2021, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Requirements for the Use of Municipal Parking Lots and the Imposition of Parking Fees:" and

WHEREAS, the passage of said ordinance created Chapter 200 of the Code; and

**WHEREAS,** City Council now believes that it would be appropriate to repeal said ordinance based upon the belief that the imposition of parking fees has not been the benefit to the City and general public as had been anticipated.

**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. Chapter 200 of the City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 2. This repealer ordinance shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2023.

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### Ordinance No. 22 of 2023

(First Reading/Introduction)

M/S- Dill/Bruno

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

### No. 22 of 2023

An Ordinance Enacted Under Authority of N.J.S.A. 39: 4-197.6. and N.J.S.A. 39: 4-197.7, granting the Authority to establish a Restricted Parking Zone in Front of a Residence Occupied by a

Handicapped Person Under Certain Conditions; Amending and Supplementing Section 250-50 of the Somers Point City Code; Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are Inconsistent Herewith

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6. authorizes a Municipality, by ordinance, to establish a restricted parking zone in front of a residence occupied by a handicapped person if a windshield placard or wheelchair symbol license plates have been issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles for a vehicle owned by the handicapped person, or by another occupant of the residence who is a member of the immediate family of the handicapped person; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7 authorizes a Municipality, by ordinance, to provide for the issuance of permits which identify a specific motor vehicle and the location wherein it is to be parked, such permits to be issued only to persons who can prove ownership and operation of the motor vehicle and residency at the location specified thereon; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 250-48 of the Somers Point Municipal Code "Purpose" identifies certain requirements for the establishment and use of handicapped parking spaces and which limits the use of same; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 250-57 of the Somers Point Municipal Code "Restricted parking zones authorized; conditions" sets forth the requirements which are to be adhered to by the permit holder including payment of the Permit fee, and placement of the Permit within the vehicle; and

**WHEREAS,** A request has been submitted to the Mayor and City Clerk by:

George Cornman stating the need for a Handicapped Parking Space in front of his residence at 210 Pennsylvania Avenue, Somers Point, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the request did include the required verified New Jersey Driver's License and the Permanent Disability Identification Card issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the request has been reviewed by the Somers Point Police Department Chief of Police and deemed appropriate and reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somers Point City Engineer has reviewed the request and determined the proper placement of the Handicapped Parking space signage.

**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.** The Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article III Section 250-50 Designation of spaces, and Article V Section 250-54 Designations of locations are hereby amended to designate the following location as a Permit Only Handicapped Parking spaces and shall be so marked by sign indicating "Handicapped Parking by Permit Only", in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways:

### Name of Street Location

Pennsylvania Avenue South Side directly in front of 210 Pennsylvania Avenue

(sign to be placed 115 west feet of the westerly curb line of Second Street)

(Handicapped Parking by Permit Only)

#### **SECTION 2.** Further Conditions.

- 1) The Traffic Division of the Police Department in conjunction with the City Engineer shall designate an area of 20 feet in length in front of the residence of the handicapped person, to be painted as a restricted parking zone.
  - 2) A "Handicapped Parking by Permit Only" sign to be placed alongside the designated area.
- 3) A permit 5 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches in size, bearing an appropriate certification of authenticity shall be issued and shall be placed in the vehicle as required by Code Section 250-57 G.

- 4) The holder of a handicapped parking permit must notify the City Clerk immediately if such person changes his or her residence, changes his or her vehicle registration number, or if the special vehicle identification card and certificate issued by the Director of Motor Vehicles shall be modified, revoked or expired.
- 5) The permit shall be issued upon payment of the initial fee and shall be subject to payment of the annual renewal fee in compliance with Code Section 250-57 I.

**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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## Ordinance No. 23 of 2023

(First Reading/Introduction)

M/S- Owen/McCarrie

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

### No. 23 of 2023

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Somers Point Municipal Code, Chapter 250 - Vehicles and Traffic, Article I – General Provisions, Section 250-8, "Overnight parking of certain vehicles prohibited."

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, individuals will park certain camping type vehicles on the streets and public parking areas in the City of Somers Point for purposes of using same as temporary sleeping and living quarters; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 117-14 of the Municipal Code precludes the overnight sleeping of any parked vehicle in any location in the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid ordinance was enacted for purposes of health and public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized the difficulty that exists at times in proving that an individual is actually sleeping overnight in a camping type vehicle on the streets or in the public parking lots in Somers Point; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197 authorizes a Municipality, by ordinance, to regulate parking on its streets and portions thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Somers Point is authorized to regulate use of its public property, including all public parking lots; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of Somers Point wishes to ensure that individuals are not camping on the streets or public parking lots of the City of Somers Point.

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

### **SECTION 1:**

Chapter 250, Article I, Section 250-8 is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following provision:

C. The parking of campers, camper trailers, recreational vehicles (RVs), vehicles designed and/or intended to be used for camping purposes is hereby prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any street, roadway, alley, and/or public parking lot, unless same is parked in front of the residence to which it is registered.

### **SECTION 2:**

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 3:**

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

## **SECTION 4:**

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 5:**

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

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#### **Resolutions:**

### **Public Portion Resolutions:**

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road questioned Resolution 207 of 2023.

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

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# Resolution No. 203 of 2023

M/S- Owen/Dill

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston welcomed Adam Merilson and expressed that she believes he will be a great addition to the Economic Development Advisory Commission.

### No. 203 of 2023

Amending Resolution No. 89 of 2023

**Subject:** Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development Advisory

**Commission** 

**Introduced by: Council President Johnston** 

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1 of 2006 authorized the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinances No. 31 of 2007 and Ordinance 5 of 2014 amended said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Somers Point City Council ratified in Chapter 20-3 of the City Code that the Economic Development Advisory Commission shall consist of not less than nine nor more than 12 regular members, all appointed by City Council, and all members shall have a term of office of three calendar years, or such lesser period of time as may be caused by the date of appointment, with terms expiring at 11:59 p.m., December 31 of each calendar year. Appointments shall be staggered such that not less than three appointments expire each year, and each year at least three members are to be appointed to full three-year terms.

**WHEREAS,** City Council wishes to appoint Adam Merilson with a term expiring 12/31/2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Economic Development Advisory Commission consists of the following members:

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Regular Members	Expiration of Term
Mary Jane Bolden	December 31, 2024
Chuck Wescott	December 31, 2023
Denise Boyd	December 31, 2023
Adam Merilson	December 31, 2024
Charles Haberkorn	December 31, 2025
Rob Hopkins	December 31, 2025
Ginny Nelson	December 31, 2025
Levi Fox	December 31, 2025
Max Slusher	December 31, 2023
John Helbig	December 31, 2024
Advisory Ex-Officio Member(s)	Expiration of Term
Dermont Lloyd	December 31, 2024
Robert Fertsch	December 31, 2024

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### Resolution No. 206 of 2023

M/S- Dill/Owen

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston clarified this resolution.

#### No. 206 of 2023

Subject: A Resolution Requesting That the New Jersey Department of Transportation Take Immediate Action to Construct the Bridge Interconnection of the Somers Point Bike Path and the Garden State Parkway Southbound Bridge

### **Introduced By: Council President Johnston**

Whereas, the Southbound Span of the Garden State Parkway includes a pedestrian walkway/ bike path linking Somers Point and Upper Township and points north; and

Whereas, there is no existing adequate pedestrian walkway/bike path linking the Somers Point Bike Path, the Route 52 Bridge pedestrian walkway/bike path and the Garden State Parkway Bridge pedestrian walkway/bike path; and

Whereas, representatives of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), Atlantic County and Somers Point have worked together to develop a plan to connect the Garden State Parkway Bridge pedestrian walkway/bike path to Route 9, the Somers Point - Mays Landing Road (CR559), Route 52, the Somers Point - Ocean City pedestrian walkway/bike path and the Somers Point Bike Path which will provide a safe and scenic route providing connectivity to the system of bike paths and bike routes within the State; and

Whereas, the proposed plan was presented at a NJDOT hosted public meeting on January 10, 2019 in Somers Point requires the construction of an overpass across the Northbound Parkway Exit Ramp connecting to the east side of the Exit Ramp, continuing along the East side of Route 9 to the intersection of Route 9 and Somers Point - Mays Landing Road (CR 559) and then along CR559 to the Somers Point - Ocean City Bridge; and

Whereas, those who attended the public meeting were in full support of the proposed plan; and Whereas, City Council and the City Engineer adopted resolution 49-2017 in support of the proposed plan; and

Whereas, representative of NJDOT and Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, the project's engineering consultant, stated that the completion of this project will take anywhere from three to five years. Six years have passed, and final design of this needed project has not begun, and construction is not planned to commence until 2027.

Now, therefore, it is hereby Resolved that the City Council of the City of Somers Point fully supports the proposed Project and requests that the New Jersey Department of Transportation make this project a priority to construct this project.

Be it Further Resolved, that the NJDOT schedule a local official briefing as soon as possible to discuss ways to fast track this project.

It is further, RESOLVED, that the Somers Point City Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this Resolution of Support to:

New Jersey Department of Transportation

New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Congressman Jeff Van Drew

Senator Vince Polistina

Assemblyman Don Guardian

Assemblywomen Claire Swift

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson

Atlantic County Board of Commissioner

Greater Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce

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#### Resolution No. 207 of 2023

M/S-Dill/McCarrie

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

### No. 207 of 2023

Subject: A Resolution of Need for an Affordable Housing Residential Dwelling Units to be Owned, Operated, Managed, and Constructed by JAS Group Enterprise, Inc. on Block 1943, Lots 2 and 3, Block 1944. Lot 3, Block 1945, Lot 2.02, and Block 1946, Lot 1, also Designated as the Greate Bay West Development Located at 901 Mays Landing Rd

# **Introduced By: Council President Johnston**

WHEREAS JAS Group Enterprise, Inc.,(JAS), or a special purpose entity to be created by JAS proposes to construct forty-three (43) or more very-low, low, and moderate income dwelling units in four detached buildings (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") 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") within the City of Somers Point (hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality") on a site described as Block 1943, Lots 2 & 3; Block 1944, Lot 3; Block 1945, Lot 2.02; and Block 1946, Lot 1 as shown on the Official Assessment Map of the City of Somers Point, Atlantic County and commonly known as Greate Bay West, with an address of 901 Somers Point - Mays Landing Road; and

WHEREAS, the 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 City of Somers Point in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey and approved by the Agency as necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HMFA Requirements, the governing body of the Municipality hereby determines that in accordance with the New Jersey Affordable Housing Act and based upon a First and Second Round Affordable Housing Obligation as embodied in a series of Court Approved Settlement Agreements, there is a need for this affordable housing project within the Municipality, to address that obligation; and

WHEREAS the 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 City of Somers Point in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey and approved by the Agency as necessary.

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

- (1) The Council finds and determines that the Project proposed by the Sponsor will satisfy an existing affordable 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;

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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. 202 of 2023

**Subject:** Authorizing Agreement with Atlantic County for Preliminary and Final

Design Services for Pedestrian and Traffic Improvements within the County

Right of Way of Shore Road (CR 585)

**Introduced By:** Council President Johnston

WHEREAS, per Resolution 160 of 2022, the City entered into an agreement with Atlantic County to fund a Shore Road Corridor Study (CR 585) prepared by Urban Engineers, and their findings and recommended improvements to the Shore Road (CR 585) corridor were published in the final report, Shore Road (CR 585) Corridor Study, dated January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City successfully utilized that study in its application for NJDOT Safe Route to Transit funding and has subsequentially been awarded \$861,000.00 in grant money and may construct various proposed improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City have agreed to proceed to Preliminary and Final Design of some of the recommended improvements set forth in the Shore Road (CR 585) Corridor Study, and the City will be 100% responsible for all costs associated with the preparation of Preliminary and Final Design Construction Plans and Documents; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5 requires the adoption of a resolution by the local units in order to authorize the execution of an agreement with Atlantic County; and

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

- 1. The County and the City agree that the term to complete the proposed Work shall commence upon execution of the Agreement by both parties and shall end one (1) year later. If all of the requirements of this Agreement have not been satisfied by the ending date, the term may be extended for up to one year, if mutually agreed upon.
- 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement between Atlantic County and the City of Somers Point in the form attached hereto.

Upon its execution, the executed copy of the agreement will be attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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# No. 204 of 2023

Subject: Authorizing an Advertisement for an RFQ for an Engineering Consultant for

a Bayfront Flood Mitigation Plan

**Introduced By:** Council President Johnston

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point is interested in soliciting proposals from independent contractors to provide Qualifications for an Engineering Consultant for a Bayfront Flood Mitigation Plan for the a period on One (1) Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFQ will be solicited pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. (New Jersey Pay to Play Law); and

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

- 1. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise the Requests for Proposals for an Engineering Consultant for a Bayfront Flood Mitigation Plan for a period of one year from the date the contract is awarded based on the attached scope of work.
- 2. Said RFQ shall be advertised as soon as possible on the City's Website.
- 3. The City anticipates awarding a contract on or before October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 but reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in their entirety and may take no action in awarding a contract for this RFP.
- 4. This is an open-end contract that will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of award, with the possibility of one (1) one-year extensions if both parties agree to the extension, subject to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

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### No. 205 of 2023

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract

Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-12a for Calendar

**Year 2023** 

### **Introduced By:** Council President Johnston

**Whereas**, the City of Somers Point, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-12a may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**Whereas**, the City of Somers Point has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

Whereas, the City of Somers Point intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the City of Somers Point authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the governing body of the City of Somers Point pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such

time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the duration of the contracts between the City of Somers Point and the Referenced State Contract Vendors shall be for the Calendar year 2023.

### **Referenced State Contract Vendors**

Commodity/Service	<u>Vendor</u>	State Contract #
General Office Supplies	Abbott Supply Co. Horizon Gen., Inc.	A-85858 A-75677
Office Furniture	Exon Furn. Co. Forest Furniture	A-85888 A-88800
Custodial Supplies	XYZ Suppliers Elite Supply Co.	A-83333 A-89778
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#### **Old Business:**

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### **New Business:**

- Approval of Social Affair Permits for Roberts Johnson Post 2189 VFW, 500 Bethel Road, on 9/17/2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; on 10/21/2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and on 11/11/2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Approval of New Jersey State Firemen's Association Application for Membership, namely Rayna Molina.
- Approval to waive Raffle Fee for VFW Post 2189.
- Council Member McCarrie stated that he believes the Police Department would not only benefit from increasing the force, but also from implementing new technology. For instance, he stated that there is a drone system that can respond to 911 calls ahead of the police officers.

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# **Discussion of Bills:**

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 9/12/2023 in the amount of \$375,226.35.

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#### **Public Portion:**

Council President Johnston duly opened the meeting to the public.

Patricia Pierson of 587 Marks Road asked for clarification on Resolution No. 204 of 2023. She also complimented City Council for their recognition of Carmen Marotta and the beach concerts.

Ed O'Donnel of 21 MacArthur Boulevard asserted his belief that the City needs to be cleaned up and people need to be nicer to each other.

Maureen Helbig of 106 East Dawes Avenue inquired about next year's budget and is concerned about missed revenue opportunities.

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

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# **Payment of Bills:**

M/S: McCarrie/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 the Governing Body:**

Council Member McCarrie wished Council Member DePamphilis a happy birthday.

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### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Dill moved, Council Member McCarrie seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC Municipal Clerk Approved: 9/28/23