

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
May 4, 2020**

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

**Present:** Johnston, D’Adamo, Toto, Owen, Dill, Gerety, McGuigan

**Also Present:** Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, Assistant Administrator Frost, City Clerk Samuelson, Deputy Clerk Heath, City Solicitor Thomas Smith

**Absent:** None

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**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 the City’s website at somerspointgov.org. In conformity with recommendations and advice of County, State, National and International Public Health agencies regarding public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, including any directive of the N.J. Division of Local Government Services (DLGS), City Council will provide live streaming capabilities of its meetings, commencing Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The public is restricted from attending the meeting at City Hall. However, the public may provide questions and comments via live streaming. The Special City Council Meeting will begin April 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will have a full agenda to address any and all City business that will be available on the City’s website (somerspointgov.org) and formal action will be taken. Instructions are as follows: To join the ZOOM Meeting you may dial: One tap mobile +16465588656 ,2314924591# US (New York) +13126266799, 2314924591# US (Chicago) Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 301 715 8592 US +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US. Once you are dialed in enter the Meeting ID: 231 492 4591. If you want to speak during the Public Portion, please press \*6 to unmute or mute and \*9 to raise your hand. Council President McGuigan explained to the public that they will have an opportunity to speak. Additionally, he stated that people are saying this is the new normal, and he wants the old normal back. He continued that the Governing Body has been charged to take care of the City of Somers Point, and he assured the public that they will carry out their responsibilities. Also, Council President stated encouragingly that we will get through this together.

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**Public Portion on Resolutions:**

The Public Portion was duly opened, and hearing nothing from the public, it was duly closed.

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**Resolution No. 95**

**M/S-** Gerety/Dill

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Council President McGuigan mentioned it is obviously very difficult times and this is something available to taxpayers if they need it.

**No. 95 of 2020**

**Subject: Extending the Date of Second-Quarter Tax Payments to June 1, 2020**

**Introduced by: Councilman McGuigan**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), second-quarter property taxes are due by May 1, 2020 for properties in the City of Somers Point; and

**WHEREAS**, property taxpayers in the City of Somers Point may be suffering from one or more financial hardships caused by or related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to a substantial loss of or drop in income, and additional expenses such as those relating to necessary healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized by this governing body that the COVID-19 outbreak has caused substantial economic disruption for many of the property taxpayers in the City of Somers Point, making it difficult for many residents to meet the May 1, 2020 due date for timely payment of real property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order 130, which allowed municipalities such as the City of Somers Point to adopt a resolution wherein a grace period concluding on a date no later than June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes may be instituted; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City of Somers Point believes that undertaking such action would be appropriate to assist its property taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** City Council of Somers Point that pursuant to the authority granted to it under Executive Order 130, the grace period date for second-quarter taxes for property taxpayers is hereby extended to June 1, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the municipal clerk shall notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the adoption of this resolution no later than May 7, 2020.

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**Public Portion**

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Gerety moved, Councilman Toto seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Approved: 5/14/2020