

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
May 10, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President McGuigan. Roll call was recorded as follows:

**Present:** D'Adamo, Dill, Kern, Smith, Tapp, Triboletti & McGuigan

**Also Present:** Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, Atty. Franklin & Clerk Degrassi

**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

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**Communications**

The following proclamation from the Mayor was read in full by the City Clerk:

**Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 21 – June 3, 2012**

**Whereas**, there were 633 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2011; and

**Whereas**, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

**Whereas**, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

**Whereas**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 21 – June 3, 2012 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

**Whereas**, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 94.51% to 100%; and

**Whereas**, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

**Therefore**, I, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby proclaim that the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 21 – June 3, 2012 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

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**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Glasser gave the Police Department report in full stating that this weekend our Police Department will be having "Coffee with a Cop" at McDonalds from 10:00 am – 12 noon. He stated that parents are invited to come sit with an Officer, discuss any problems and enjoy a free cup of coffee. Mayor Glasser also advised that the County Executive has invited everyone to the

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**Mayor's Report (Continued)**

28<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Memorial Program on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Cemetery in Estelle Manor. He also announced that the City of Somers Point is once again been certified as a "Storm Ready" community. He credited the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Rob Cozen and the new Emergency Management Coordinator, Phil Gaffney. Mayor Glasser also announced that there will be a public hearing with Atlantic County Transportation to be held Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Mays Landing Library regarding senior citizens and disabled residents assistance program. Mayor Glasser also thanked everyone who attended the Sausto dedication on Saturday, especially Councilman Dill who worked hard putting it together, as well as the Police Department, Public Works Department and the Veterans Organization.

**Committee Reports**

Councilman Dill reported that the paving of West Laurel Drive has been completed and Sunny Avenue from Meyran to Harned will start next week. He also thanked Guy Martin, Public Works Superintendent, for the installation of the flags for the Memorial Day Parade.

**Administrator's Report**

Administrator Swain advised that he attended a Route 52 meeting on behalf of Mayor Glasser. They anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony regarding the new bridge around May 22, 23 or 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilman D'Adamo asked about a name for the new bridge. Councilman Dill stated that he believes that they are still taking suggestions. Councilman D'Adamo stated that he would like to see this governing body support "Commander Richard Somers Bridge". Councilman Dill seconded this motion. Council agreed and authorized the Mayor to write a letter to the State with this suggestion.

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**Minutes**

Minutes of the regular meetings of February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup> were approved unanimously. Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Budget Meeting were amended with regard to Councilman Dill's comments regarding the 2% cap to clarify that the savings of \$400,000. were over a three year period. Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Budget Meeting were then approved, as amended, by a unanimous vote of those present.

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**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 7 – Final Reading**

M/S – Kern/D'Adamo

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed. Ordinance No. 7 was then adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7 of 2012**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS  
AND ACQUISITIONS IN AND BY THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT,  
IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING  
\$1,268,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
\$1,204,600 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART  
OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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**First Reading: April 26, 2012  
Publication: May 2, 2012  
Second Reading: May 10, 2012  
Publication: May 16, 2012**

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**Ordinance No. 8 – Final Reading**

M/S – Dill/D’Adamo

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed. Ordinance No. 8 was then adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2012**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR  
VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE  
CITY OF SOMERS POINT, IN THE  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY,  
APPROPRIATING \$309,000 THEREFOR AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$309,000  
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR  
FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.**

**FIRST READING: April 26, 2012  
PUBLICATION: May 2, 2012  
FINAL READING: May 10, 2012  
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**RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions on the agenda for consideration.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no resolutions on the consent agenda for consideration.

**New Business**

Social Affairs Permit application for the Somers Point Jazz Society was approved unanimously.

Discussion of Soliciting/Vending Ordinance

Council discussed the proposed ordinance regarding Soliciting and Vending. Suggestions were made with regarding to prohibiting vendors at the Recreational areas, putting an age restriction and a hold harmless for door to door soliciting.

**Old Business**

There was no old business presented for discussion.

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**Discussion of Bills**

Bills in the amount of \$252,180.38 and an additional bill list in the amount of \$11,325.94 were presented for discussion. Administrator Swain reported on payments he has made as follows: County Taxes \$101,184.09, April Health Insurance, \$100,352.84 and PERS and Police \$761,332.

**Public Portion**

John Hill, 413 Dobbs Avenue, came forward and addressed the governing body with regard to the causeway and bridge. He stated that he understands that the City is responsible for the maintenance of the causeway from Laurel Drive to the bridge. Councilman Dill explained that the City is only responsible for the shrubbery and things of that nature, but not the roadway. Administrator Swain stated that we are responsible for the cosmetic changes that we asked for. Mr. Hill also stated that he feels that no one is enforcing bicycle safety laws. Mayor Glasser stated that he feels awareness is a big part of this and that our Safety Officer is working on this. Council President McGuigan stated that obviously there needs to be more enforcement and more education. Mr. Hill also advised that at the property where he used to run a grooming salon, the use has been changed to a Roofing and Siding Company. He stated that this is in an R-1 zone and he had been told that the use couldn't be changed without Zoning Board approval and notification. Councilman Triboletti stated that he would look into this.

Rick Pitman, Shore Medical Center, came forward and addressed the governing body stating that he would like to compliment the governing body – Councilman Dill with regard to Sausto Way and the decision to request that the bridge be named after Master Commandant Richard Somers. He stated that this is so appropriate as Richard Somers learned to sail on this harbor that the bridge crosses.

Public portion was then closed.

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**Payment of Bills**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$252,180.38 and the additional bill list in the amount of \$11,325.94. Motion carried. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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Councilman Dill stated that in the newspaper during the comments about Sausto Way, it was stated that he was a veteran. He stated that he wanted to clarify this – that he did serve in the military with honorable discharge; however, he doesn't meet the government definition of a "veteran". Mayor Glasser stated that he feels that anyone who puts on a uniform and serves this country is a veteran.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Carol L. Degrassi, RMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 06/28/12