

REORGANIZATION MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL January 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Samuelson, acting as Temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

Open Public Meetings Act

The Temporary Chairman announced 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 at www.somerspointgov.org.

Oath of Office

Newly elected First Ward Councilman-At-Large Joseph T. McCarrie was called forward and sworn in by Congressman Jeff Van Drew.

Newly elected First Ward Councilwoman Stacy L. Ferreri was then called forward and sworn in by Congressman Jeff Van Drew.

Newly elected Second Ward City Councilwoman Karen Bruno was called forward and sworn in by City Clerk Samuelson.

They each received a round of applause from the audience.

Roll Call: Bruno, Dill, Fererri, Mcarrie, McGuigan, Johnston, Owen

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Frost, Clerk Samuelson, Deputy City Clerk Heath

Nomination and Election of a President of Council

Temporary Chairman Samuelson called for the nomination and election of President of Council for the year 2021. Councilwoman Johnston was nominated by motion of Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilman Owen. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Councilwoman Johnston was then elected President of City Council by a unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilwoman Johnston was then called forward to receive the gavel with a round of applause. Council President Johnston thanked everyone for their vote of confidence.

Nomination and Election of a President Pro-Tempore

Council President Johnston then called for the nomination and election of a President Pro-Tempore for the year 2021. Councilman McCarrie nominated Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilman Owen and carried. Councilman Dill was then elected President Pro-Tempore for the year 2021 by a unanimous vote of those present with Councilman Dill abstaining. Council President Johnston offered her congratulations to Councilman Dill.

Flag Salute and Roll Call

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City Council President Johnston led the audience in the salute to the U. S. Flag.

Invocation

Police Chaplain Louis Strugala offered the invocation.

Council President Johnston thanked him for his inspiring words.

Poet Laureate

Poet Laureate, Erin Castaldi, recited a poem to the Governing Body and the public. Council President Johnston thanked Ms. Castaldi.

Members of City Council Address the Public

City Councilman Dill thanked Councilmen Toto, Gerety and D'Adamo for all their years of service and dedication to the City of Somers Point. He also thanked now former Administrator Wes Swain for his years of service. He stated that Mr. Swain holds a lot of responsibility for the growth of the City of Somers Point during his nearly 30 years of service. Councilman Dill welcomed City Administrator, Jason Frost, and stated that Mr. Frost has his full confidence and support. Councilman Dill welcomed the newly elected Council Members, Karen Bruno, Stacy Ferreri and Joseph McCarrie, Jr. Councilman Dill then thanked the various volunteers of the City and mentioned that he appreciates all their hard work. Councilman Dill expressed his thanks to the Police, Fire, the Office of Emergency Management, and the ambulance service contracted with Egg Harbor Township. Councilman Dill stated his appreciation for the Public Works Department and the employees of the City of Somers Point and thanked them for the work and dedication to the City. Lastly, Councilman Dill thanked the residents for supporting the City and making the town great.

City Councilman Owen concurred with Councilman Dill's remarks. He added that him and several other members of Council attended the recent swearing in for the promotion of two officers, and he was glad to be a part of that. Councilman Owen stated that he is praying for people that are sick and hopes that we come out of this pandemic soon. Councilman Owen stated he is proud to say he loves this town and supports organizations for Veteran's and those currently serving this country. Councilman Owen looks forward to the coming year, and the City moving forward. He also thanks his family for their support of him serving on City Council.

Councilman McGuigan thanked former Administrator Swain for his service to the City. Councilman McGuigan stated that the volunteers that serve on the various boards and commissions are the backbone of this City. He acknowledged the amount of support that the Governing Body receives from the volunteers. Councilman McGuigan thanked the two Volunteer Fire Departments that answer the call no matter the time or circumstance. His appreciation cannot be articulated enough. Councilman McGuigan thanked the Police Department and gave special recognition to Pastor Lou who has become an integral part of the Police Department. Councilman McGuigan thanked all City employees who have shown dedication to the City and stated that the dedicated employees make it easy for them to serve on the Governing Body. Councilman McGuigan congratulated the newly elected Council Members.

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Councilman McGuigan mentioned that he looks forward to working with Administrator Jason Frost. Councilman McGuigan acknowledged Somers Point's own County Commissioner Maureen Kern who served on this Council for many years. Councilman McGuigan stated that he is available for Council Members or residents to reach out to him at any time. Councilman McGuigan congratulated Council President Johnston and wished her luck.

Councilman McCarrie thanked all the residents who put their trust in him and stated his appreciation for their votes during this difficult time. He thanked Council Members who helped him through this process including Mayor Glasser. Councilman McCarrie stated that he is looking forward to this opportunity and will be available by phone. He wished everyone a happy New Year and hopes to soon see COVID19 behind us. He is looking forward to getting back to playing music and having fun in the best City to vacation in South Jersey, Somers Point.

Councilwoman Bruno thanked everyone who elected her onto City Council and stated she appreciated all the support she received. She is thankful for all the help from other Council Members and is looking forward serving on City Council and appreciates the opportunity.

Councilwoman Ferreri stated that she is honored and humbled to be chosen to represent the people of Somers Point. She stated that she is thankful to everyone who put their faith in her to be one of the leaders of this great community. Councilwoman Ferreri stated that she looks forward to working with City Council and learning from them. She stated that moving forward, the Governing Body can accomplish great things with the potential she sees in this City and is excited to make positive changes. Councilwoman Ferreri wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year and hopes everyone stays safe.

Mayor Glasser stated that this Council has always done the best to make the City of Somers Point a great town and he looks forward to working with them this year. He stated the City of Somers Point has a lot to offer and is looking forward to a healthy New Year. He thanked Wes Swain for his service stated that he will miss him but looks forward to working with Jason Frost. Mayor Glasser thanked all the City employees and volunteers as they are what make up this town. He acknowledged the professionals, employees, volunteers, Fire and Police Departments and Office of Emergency Management for working together to make a sense of community. Mayor Glasser welcomed the new Council Members.

Council President Johnston concurred with the statements of the Council Members. She welcomed the new members of Council and looks forward to this year. Council President Johnston stated that she is proud to sit on Council, and that she loves Somers Point which is a great place to live.

Council President Johnston announced that the City Council Committees have been assigned.

Council President Johnston reported that newly appointed Harbor Master, Fire Officers and Office of Emergency Management Members will be addressed tonight with Resolution Numbers 2 and 3, however they will be formally sworn in at a later date.

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Public Portion:

Councilman Dill motioned to open Public Portion, seconded by Councilman Owen and carried.

Greg Sykora of 2 Horter Avenue encouraged everyone to stop by Josie Kelly's for a celebration and welcoming in the exciting New Year.

Proclamations:

The following Mayor's proclamations were read by the City Clerk.

No. 1 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Historic Preservation Commission

WHEREAS, the City Council by Ordinance has established a Historic Preservation Commission in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 et seq. as more specifically set forth in Section 114-202 in Article XXVIII of Chapter 114 of the Somers Point Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Somers Point Historical Commission currently consists of seven regular members and two alternate members; and

WHEREAS, it is the jurisdiction of the Mayor to make said appointments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it has also been determined that for a seven-member Commission, at least one member shall be a Class A member, one member shall be a Class B member and a third member shall be either a Class A or a Class B member so that a total of at least one less than a majority shall be of Classes A and B; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Donna Mohr and Levi Fox as Class B members, said terms expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint William Reinert and Marian McVeigh as Class C members, said terms expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Somers Point Historical Commission due to the resignation of Natalie Bailey as Alternate and Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby appoints Debi Argent, with a term expiring December 31, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reaffirm the following appointments with the term expiration dates designated below

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Historic Preservation Commission consists of the following members with their terms of office noted:

CLASS A	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Tara McGinnis - Regular Member	December 31, 2021
CLASS B	
Donna Mohr - Regular Member	December 31, 2022
Levi Fox – Regular Member	December 31, 2022
CLASS C	
William Reinert - Regular Member	December 31, 2022
Marian McVeigh - Regular Member	December 31, 2022
 Greg DiSabatino – Reg. Member	 December 31, 2021
Patricia Pierson – Regular Member	December 31, 2022
ALTERNATES	
Lois Gregory (Alt. No. 1)	December 31, 2021
Debi Argent (Alt. No. 2)	December 31, 2021

No. 2 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Planning Board Members

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby re-appoints Brian Cotton in the Class IV category with a term expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby re-appoints Michael R. Sweeney as a Class II member with a term expiring December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Class IV category of the Somers Point Planning Board due to the resignation of John Conover and Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby appoints David Sharp, with a term expiring December 31, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Alternate No. 2 category of the Somers Point Planning Board and Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby appoints Jack Shields as Alternate No. 1, with a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Alternate No. 2 category of the Somers Point Planning Board and Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby appoints Frank Ferreri as Alternate No. 2, with a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Planning Board as of this date consists of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

CLASS I	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr.	Term of Office
CLASS II	
Michael R. Sweeney	One (1) Year Term 12/31/21
CLASS III	
Howard Dill	One (1) Year Term 12/31/21
CLASS IV	
Robert Green	December 31, 2023
Brian Cotton	December 31, 2024
David Sharp	December 31, 2021
Paul Striefsky	December 31, 2023
Jack Shields (Alt. No. 1)	December 31, 2022
Frank Ferreri (Alt. No. 2)	December 31, 2022

No. 3 of 2021

Subject: Environmental Commission Appointments

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Somers Point Environmental Commission due to the expiration of the terms of certain members; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Robert Bender; for a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Paul Ludgate; for a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Robert Green; for a term expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7 of 1980 and the New Jersey State Statute the Mayor shall designate the Chairperson, I hereby proclaim

THE SOMERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION shall consist of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

Dan Meyers	December 31, 2022
Linda Keyser	December 31, 2022
Robert Bender	December 31, 2023
Paul Ludgate	December 31, 2023
Robert Green	December 31, 2023
Bill Reinert	December 31, 2021
Elizabeth "Lisa" Bender,	(Chair) December 31, 2021

No. 4 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

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:

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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
James Toto (U.S. Army)	12/31/2023
Skip Mell (U.S. Coast Guard)	12/31/2023
Fred Fontana (U.S. Air Force)	12/31/2023

Public Portion for Resolutions

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

Resolutions:

No. 1 of 2021

M/S – Dill/Owen

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 1 of 2021

Subject: Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Municipal Solicitor for 2021; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. Thomas G. Smith, Esq., be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Thomas G. Smith, Esq., in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

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4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S. 40A:11-5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 2 of 2021

M/S – Owen/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Councilman McGuigan stated that the volunteers in this department have a difficult job that takes them away from their families, and he wants to express his thanks to the ladies and gentlemen that take these positions in the departments.

Council President Johnston reiterated Councilman McGuigan's comments by thanking the volunteers for their work and stating how thankful she is to have them serving the City.

No. 2 of 2021

Subject: Fire Department Officers

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Councilmembers Johnston and Dill

WHEREAS, the members of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department have recommended the following officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point wishes to confirm said recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the officers of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department are as follows, with their terms noted hereon:

CITY FIRE CHIEF (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/22)	James Somers
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/22)	Michael Sweeney
Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Michael Corbo
Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Jay Loder
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Robert Fehn
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Patrick Winkler
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Timothy Welsch
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Robert Blaine
Fire Marshall (3 years) Exp. 12/31/22	Robert Blumberg
Asst. Fire Marshall (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Graeme Ayers
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Kimball Feinstein
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/21	Michael Iannace

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Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston thanked these volunteers who are on call 24/7. She stated that the Office of Emergency Management is always watching the town and whenever there is a storm, they are always there to help.

No. 3 of 2021

Subject: Appointments/Harbor Master and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Councilmembers Johnston and Dill

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., to make certain appointments to various offices in the City of Somers Point as their terms expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of appointments made by Mayor Glasser on the first day of January 2021, be confirmed at this time by the City Council.

HARBOR MASTER

1 Year Term (Expires 12/31/21)

Mike Kedziora

**MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR, OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

3 Year Term (Expires 12/31/23)

Philip Gaffney

**DEP. MUNICIPAL COORDINATORS, OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

1 Year Terms (Expire 12/31/21)

Police Chief Robert C. Somers
Bill Cabiness
Roger Tees

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The Temporary Budget was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.
Please see Resolution No. 8 of 2020 (Temporary Budget) attached to the end of this document.

No. 9 of 2021

M/S – Owen/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston thanked the Zoning Board members for volunteering their time.

No. 9 of 2021

Subject: Zoning Board Appointments

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, Council wishes to appoint Dennis Tapp with a term expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to reappoint Joseph Craddock with a term expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to appoint Robert Gannon with a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to reappoint Mike Kedziora with said term expiring December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to reappoint Joseph Craddock with a term expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to appoint Elizabeth Lawler to the Alternate No 1 position with said term expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to appoint John Helbig to the Alternate No 2 position with said term expiring December 31, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey that the Somers Point Zoning Board of Adjustment is constituted as follows

MEMBER

EXPIRATION OF TERM

Dennis Tapp	Dec. 31, 2024
Joseph Craddock	Dec. 31, 2024
Shawn Rowan	Dec. 31, 2021
Robert Gannon	Dec. 31, 2022

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Robert Marshall	Dec. 31, 2022
Mike Kedziora	Dec. 31, 2023
Rex Granus	Dec. 31, 2023

Alternates:

Elizabeth Lawler (No. 1)	Dec. 31, 2022
John Helbig (No. 2)	Dec. 31, 2021

No. 14 of 2021

M/S – Owen/Ferreri

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston thanked Councilman Dill.

No. 14 of 2021

Subject: Class III Planning Board Appointment
Introduced by: Mayor Glasser and Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council appoints Councilman Howard Dill to the Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2021.

No. 16 of 2021

M/S –Dill/Owen

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 16 of 2021

Subject: Recreation Commission Appointments
Introduced By: Councilmen McGuigan, Owen and McCarrie

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 1975 authorized the establishment of a Board of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somers Point may appoint not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members as Commissioners to said Board of Recreation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above appointment is hereby confirmed by the City Council.

THE RECREATION COMMISSION, as of this date, consists of the following members with their expiration dates noted:

MEMBER	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Donna Shields	December 31, 2021
Vacant	December 31, 2020
Brandon Adams	December 31, 2021
Vacant	December 31, 2024
Chris Marshall	December 31, 2022
Matt Endicott	December 31, 2023
Michael Stewart	December 31, 2023

No. 24 of 2021

M/S –Owen/Ferreri

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

Council President Johnston stated that Economic Development is a very busy Commission, and she appreciates their commitment to the City.

No. 24 of 2021

Subject: Resolution Appointing Members to the Economic Development Advisory Commission

Introduced by: Councilwoman 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

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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 Charles Haberkorn with a term expiring December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to appoint Kirk Gerety with a term expiring December 31, 2021

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

<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Mary Jane Bolden	December 31, 2021
Glenn Monroe	December 31, 2023
Greg Sykora	December 31, 2023
Bob Marshall	December 31, 2023
Charles Haberkorn	December 31, 2022
Sue Seckinger	December 31, 2022
John Helbig	December 31, 2022
Levi Fox	December 31, 2022
Vacancy	December 31, 2021
Vacancy	December 31, 2023

<u>Advisory ExOfficio Member(s)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Dermont Lloyd	December 31, 2021
John Davidson	December 31, 2021

No. 26 of 2021

M/S –Dill/Owen

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 26 of 2021

Subject: Sponsoring Various Memorial/Remembrance Services
Introduced By: Councilmen McCarrie, Owen and Ferreri

WHEREAS, various Memorial and Remembrance Services are held in the City of Somers Point on property owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, these events are not for profit activities, are not for the purpose of raising or soliciting funds and are solely for the purpose of honoring our veterans who gave of themselves for the good of our Country; and

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point believes it to be in the best interest of our citizens to sponsor these Memorial Events held on City owned property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following Memorial and Remembrance Services held in the City of Somers Point to the extent held on property owned by the City of Somers Point shall be sponsored, endorsed and approved by the City:

Monday - May 31, 2021	Memorial Day Parade - Shore Road to Patriots Park with ceremony at Patriots Park. - 11:00 am
Friday - Sept.11, 2021	911 Remembrance Day, Patriots Day at Patriots Park 8:30 am
Friday – Sept. 17, 2021	POW-MIA Recognition Day at Patriots Park
Thursday - Nov. 11, 2021	Veterans Day - 11 am at Patriots Park
Sunday - Dec. 12, 2021	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1:00 pm at Somers Point Beach

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

No. 30-2020

M/S – Owen/Ferreri

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 30 of 2021

Subject: Somers Point Arts Commission
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the Somers Point Arts Commission was established by Ordinance No. 13 of 2006; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Somers Point Arts Commission due to the expiration of the terms of the members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following members are hereby appointed with their terms expiring December 31, 2021:

Kathleen Arleth
Karen Sutherland
Dan Meyers
Donna J. Mohr
Christine Toland Ulrich

Christian Scittina, Jr.
Lois Hirschman Gregory
Karen Cleighton
Artemis Schleigh

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M/S –Dill/Owen

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Subject: Green Team Advisory Committee
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, and improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point hereby acknowledges that the residents of Somers Point desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path, the City of Somers Point is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point desires to focus attention on “Green” issues, so the City Council established a Green Team Advisory Committee pursuant to Ordinance No.21 of 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the City Council of Somers Point that the following persons are hereby appointed to Green Team Advisory Committee:

<i>1 Year Term Expires on:</i>	<i>Name</i>
December 31, 2021	Robert Green
December 31, 2021	Dan Meyers
December 31, 2021	Linda M. Keyser
December 31, 2021	William Reinert
December 31, 2021	Robert Bender
December 31, 2021	Elizabeth “Lisa” Bender
December 31, 2021	Paul Ludgate

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Consent Agenda:

On the motion of Councilman Dill, seconded of Councilwoman Ferreri and carried to approve the Consent Agenda regarding the following resolutions.

No. 4 of 2021

Subject: Designating Council Meeting Dates
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Somers Point that the dates listed below be designated as the time for regular Council Meetings for the year 2021 and said meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Services Building and/or using the ZOOM platform and convene at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Somers Point that the dates listed below be designated as the time for Work Sessions and Executive Session as needed for the year 2021 and said work sessions and Executive Sessions shall be held immediately subsequent to the completion of the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and the City Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution on the appropriate Bulletin Boards in the Municipal Buildings for the public's information, and to the City's website, as well as to furnish local newspapers with a copy of this Resolution not later than January 10, 2021.

Meeting Dates

January 14, 2021	Regular Mtg.	June 10, 2021	Regular Mtg.
January 28, 2021	Regular Mtg.	June 24, 2021	Regular Mtg.
February 11, 2021	Regular Mtg.	July 22, 2021	Regular Mtg.
February 25, 2021	Regular Mtg.	August 26, 2021	Regular Mtg.
March 11, 2021	Regular Mtg.	September 9, 2021	Regular Mtg.
March 25, 2021	Regular Mtg.	September 23, 2021	Regular Mtg.
April 8, 2021	Regular Mtg.	October 14, 2021	Regular Mtg.
April 22, 2021	Regular Mtg.	October 28, 2021	Regular Mtg.
May 13, 2021	Regular Mtg.	November 18, 2021	Regular Mtg.
May 27, 2021	Regular Mtg.	December 16, 2021	Regular Mtg.

Mainland Journal
The Press of Atlantic City
The Current

Ocean City Sentinel
Municipal Services Building
somerspointgov.org

Asbury Park Press

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Subject: Designating Official Newspapers

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Mainland Journal, Ocean City Sentinel, The Press of Atlantic City, The Asbury Park Press and The Current be and are hereby designated as the legal newspapers for the City of Somers Point for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2021.

No. 6 of 2021

Subject: Financial Depositories

Introduced by: Councilmembers Johnston, McGuigan and Dill

WHEREAS, the following financial institutions are enumerated as depositories of City funds:

Ocean First Bank

Republic Bank, Somers Point, NJ

New Jersey Cash Management Fund, Jersey City, NJ

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

1. That funds of the City of Somers Point which may be on deposit at any of the above enumerated financial institutions may be withdrawn on checks, drafts, advises of debit, notes or other orders for the payment of monies bearing any two signatures of the following individuals: John L. Glasser, Jr., Mayor; Lucy R. Samuelsen, City Clerk; Jason Frost, City Administrator, Chief Financial Officer; Shana W. Kestrel, and the financial institution shall be and is authorized to honor and pay the same whether or not they are payable to bearer or to the individual order of any of the approved signatories.
2. That the financial institution is hereby directed to accept and pay without further inquiry any item drawn against any of the City's accounts with the financial institution bearing the signature or signatures as authorized above or otherwise, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any signatory signing or tendered by such signatory for cashing or in payment of the individual obligation of such signatory or for deposit to the signatory's personal account and the financial institution shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issue or use of any item signed in accordance with the resolutions contained herein, or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds of such item.
3. That any one of such signatories is authorized to endorse all checks, drafts, notes and other items payable to or owned by the City for deposit with the financial

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institution, or for collection or discount by the financial institution; and to accept drafts and other items payable at the financial institution.

4. That the above named signatories are authorized and empowered to execute such other agreements, including, but not limited to, special depository agreements and arrangements regarding the manner, conditions, or purposes for which funds, checks, or items of the City may be deposited, collected, or withdrawn and to perform such other acts as they deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.
5. That the authorities hereby conferred upon the above-named signatory shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of the revocation thereof shall have been delivered to and received by that financial institution at each location where an account is maintained. Any such notice shall not affect any items in process at the time notice is given.
6. That the City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer be and are hereby empowered to establish and maintain the accounts they deem necessary at any of the above enumerated depositories.

No. 7 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Certifying Agent

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission require that the City of Somers Point designate a certifying agent for payroll reports and other matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that Lucy R. Samuelsen is hereby designated as said certifying agent to the Civil Service Commission.

No. 10 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing the Somers Point Tax Assessor in Conjunction with Somers Point Special Tax Counsel to Settle and Compromise Certain Real Property Tax Appeals Pending Before the Atlantic County Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court

Introduced By: Councilmembers Johnston and McGuigan

WHEREAS, from time to time the Tax Assessor is presented with an opportunity to compromise, settle or otherwise dispose of certain tax appeals pending before the Atlantic County Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of efficiency this Governing Body has determined that the Tax Assessor should not be required to present each such settlement to this body for approval; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the Tax Assessor in conjunction with Special Tax Counsel to enter into and consummate such settlements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Taxing District of Somers Point that the Tax Assessor, in consultation with the Somers Point Special Tax Counsel is hereby authorized to settle or otherwise dispose of matters pending before the Atlantic County Board of Taxation or the Tax Court of the State of New Jersey without the prior authorization of this Governing Body when the amount of the settlement results in an assessed value which will not reduce the amount of the property tax payment due to the City of Somers Point by more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for any such property in any single tax year.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any settlement in excess of that threshold shall require the prior approval of this Governing Body.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor in combination with the Special Tax Counsel shall render a quarterly written report to Council and the City Administrator, or on such more frequent basis as the Administrator or Council liaison may from time to time request, identifying those cases settled, all agreed upon assessment reductions, and the aggregate impact upon the property tax revenues to be derived by the City as a result of such settlements.

No. 11 of 2021

Subject: Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point desires to appoint William Reynolds, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor, effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. William Reynolds, Esq. be and is hereby appointed as Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with William Reynolds, Esq. for the calendar year 2021. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
3. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.

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4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 12 of 2021

Subject: Appointment of Public Defender
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point wishes to appoint Darrin Lord, Esq. as Municipal Public Defender, effective January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. Darrin Lord, Esq. be and hereby is appointed as Municipal Public Defender for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Darrin Lord, Esq. for the calendar year 2020. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 13 of 2021

Subject: Contracting with Municipal Accountant
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires an annual audit to be conducted by a registered municipal accountant; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Leon Costello, RMC, of Ford, Scott & Associates for the calendar year 2021 to conduct the 2020 annual audit and assist with the preparation of the 2020 Financial Statement, 2020 Debt Statement and 2021 Budget. Upon execution, a copy of the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 15 of 2021

**Subject: Authorizing Chief Financial Officer and City Administrator to Pay
Required Bills
Introduced by: Councilmembers Johnston, McGuigan and Dill**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the operational needs of the City may require certain bills to be paid prior to the opportunity for individual review and approval by City Council during the calendar year 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are hereby empowered to pay those bills which they deem necessary, on an as-needed basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said authorization is expressly conditioned upon the availability of sufficient funds, and all bills so paid will be presented to City Council by separate listing at the first meeting subsequent to payment.

No. 17 of 2021

Subject: Adopting Cash Management Plan

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Introduced by: Councilman Johnston, McGuigan and Dill

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5, et seq. requires that municipalities adopt a Cash Management Plan which is designed to assure, to the extent practical, investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan must include:

- 1) The designation of a public depository or depositories
- 2) The authorization for investments as permitted by various applicable laws
- 3) The annual submission of the Cash Management Plan to the governing body, which must be approved by a majority vote.
- 4) An annual audit of the Cash Management Plan
- 5) That when an investment is in bonds which mature in more than one year, a determination that the maturity approximates the prospective time when such funds are needed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the Cash Management Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby adopted for the year 2021.

No. 18 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Risk Management Consultant for Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund & Municipal Excess Liability JIF

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point has resolved to join the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, each a self- insurance pooling fund, following a detailed analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of said Funds require that each Municipality appoint a **RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT** to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws indicate a fee not to exceed six percent (6%) of the Municipal Assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and was included in the cost considered by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined to secure these services as an exception to a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.5; and

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

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1. Glenn Insurance of Absecon, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed Risk Management Consultant for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in accordance with 40A:11-5; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Glenn Insurance in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 19 of 2021

Subject: Appointment of Tax Appeal Attorney
Introduced by: Councilmembers Johnston and McGuigan

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for an attorney for Tax Appeal Matters for 2020; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

Thomas G. Smith, Esq., be and hereby is appointed as Tax Appeal Attorney for the City of Somers Point for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

1. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
2. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that the City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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Subject: Appointing Fund Commissioner

Introduced by: Councilmember Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as the FUND; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the FUND require that in the manner generally prescribed by law, each member shall appoint one (1) Fund commissioner to the Fund. Each Fund commissioner shall be either a member of the local unit's governing body or one of its employees and that no individual may serve as Fund Commissioner for more than one (1) member; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.6 states that a Fund Commissioner who is a member of the appointing local unit's governing body, shall hold office for two years or for the remainder of his/her term of office as a member of the local unit's governing body, whichever shall be less; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.6 states that a Fund Commissioner who is an employee of the appointing member shall hold office at the pleasure of the member and can be removed by the member at any time without cause; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point recommends the appointment of Lucy R. Samuelsen to serve as Fund Commissioner and Shelby R. Heath as Alternate Fund Commissioner in accordance with the FUND Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that it does hereby appoint Lucy R. Samuelsen as Fund Commissioner and Shelby R. Heath as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

No. 21 of 2021

Subject: Appointing City Engineer

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. Greg Schneider of the firm of Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC, hereby is re-appointed as Municipal Engineer for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

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2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service”, under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Greg Schneider of Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC, in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 22 of 2021

**Subject: Contracting with Polistina & Associates for Engineering Services
Regarding Somers Point Sewer Utility**
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, there exists a need for engineering services in connection with the City of Somers Point Sewer Utility; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

- 1) Vincent Polistina of Polistina & Associates hereby is re-appointed to provide the engineering services necessary in connection with the City of Somers Point Sewer Utility for the year 2021.
- 2) The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Vincent Polistina in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
- 3) This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
- 4) As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 23 of 2021

Subject: Appointment of Bond Counsel
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

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WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for Bond Counsel for 2021 and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

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

1. Fleishman Daniels Law Offices LLC. hereby is re-appointed as Bond Counsel for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Fleishman Daniels Law Offices LLC. in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

No. 25 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Attorney to Represent the City of Somers Point in Matters Involving New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Act Matters, Regulations and Compliance

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for an attorney to provide advice, counsel and representation to the City of Somers Point on matters involving New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Act matters, regulations and compliance including but not limited to certain matters pending before the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Somers Point to appoint counsel to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.19:44A-20.4 et. Seq.

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

1. James E. Franklin II, Esq., and other attorneys within the designated Special COAH Counsel law firm of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs, P.A., is hereby appointed as an attorney to represent, advice

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- and counsel the City of Somers Point on certain matters involving New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing and Fair Housing Act matters, regulations and compliance including but not limited to certain matters pending before the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
 3. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James E. Franklin II, Esq., of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli & Coombs, P.A., to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2021. The agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

No. 27 of 2021

Subject: Re-appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the State Affirmative Action Office, Department of the Treasury, requires that an official person be designated as a liaison and to serve as a Public Agency Compliance Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby re-appoints Municipal Clerk, Lucy R. Samuelsen, to act in this capacity for the City of Somers Point.

No. 28 of 2021

Subject: Setting Interest Rates for Delinquent Taxes
Introduced by: Councilmembers Johnston and McGuigan

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of a municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments and sewer charges;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. In the event that payments of taxes or assessments and sewer charges are not paid on the due date, but are paid within a period of ten (10) days in the case of taxes, or thirty (30) days in the case of assessments and sewer charges, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge no interest on all such delinquent payments.

2. In the event that payments of taxes or assessments and sewer charges are not paid within ten (10) days in the case of taxes, or thirty (30) days in the case of assessments and sewer charges, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge interest at the rate of eight percent per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18 percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax or assessment was payable until the date of actual payment.

3. N.J.S.A. 54:6-67 specifically provides that a governing body may fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer where there is a tax and/or other municipal charge delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 at the end of any calendar year on a given parcel of real estate; and

4. That a penalty equal to six percent of the amount of any delinquency in taxes and other municipal charges on a given parcel of real property shall be and is hereby imposed where the delinquency exceeds \$10,000.00 at the end of each calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

No. 29 of 2021

Subject: Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Somers Point to Sign Certain New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Permit Applications and Other Routine Project Documents on behalf of the Sewer Utility for Projects Approved and Authorized by The Governing Body of the City of Somers Point

Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary for the Sewer Utility Engineer and the City Engineer to submit permit applications and other routine project documents to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on behalf of the City for Sewer Utility Projects approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor of the City of Somers Point to sign such routine applications and documents on behalf of the City, and

WHEREAS, in submitting such applications and documents to the NJDEP it is necessary to reference the enabling resolution granting such signing authority to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of City Council that such an enabling resolution must be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Somers Point City Council that John L. Glasser, Jr., in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Somers Point is hereby authorized to

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execute such applications and documents as may from time to time be prepared by the City or Sewer Utility Engineer as necessary to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection associated with any and all permits and permit applications required for approved City projects without necessity of any further approval from this governing body.

It is further RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be provided to the City Engineer, the Sewer Utility Engineer and the Code Enforcement Office Secretary.

No. 32 of 2021

Subject: Appointing Planner and Grant Consultant
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Planner and Grant Consultant to provide advice, counsel and representation to the City of Somers Point on matters involving planning and grant opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Somers Point to appoint a Planner and Grant Consultant to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.19:44A-20.4 et. Seq.

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

1. James M. Rutala Associates, LLC is hereby appointed as a planner to represent, advise and counsel the City of Somers Point on certain matters involving planning, grant opportunities and grant writing; and
2. This appointment is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. This appointment is not exclusive during the term of this contract, and that City Council reserves the right to award work of the exact or similar nature as the work described herein to any other qualified professional, at its sole discretion.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with James M. Rutala Associates, LLC to undertake and perform such services and provide such advice, counsel and representation as the City Council shall from time to time direct, but in any event not for a period to exceed calendar year 2020. The agreement will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.
5. As indicated in the division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a Fair and Open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5.(1)(a)(i) is not required.

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Subject: Appointing Reverend Louis Strugala – Police Chaplain
Introduced by: Councilwoman Johnston

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of the City of Somers Point to appoint Pastor Louis Strugala as the Police Chaplain for the Somers Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Strugala is in good standing as an ordained clergyman with basic training as a chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Strugala has agreed to serve on as a volunteer in the role of the Police Chaplain without rank, salary, or any other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chaplain will report to and be directed by the Chief of Police, his duties shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the department with Death Notices, station house adjustments, confidential counseling of any Police Officer who seeks such counseling, and any other duties that maybe assigned by the Police Chief;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that Pastor Louis Strugala is appointed as the Chaplain of the Somers Point Police Department by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, to serve in that capacity until December 31, 2021.

It is further **RESOLVED** that the City Council of Somers Point conveys their gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Strugala for agreeing to service in this role.

No. 34 of 2021

Subject: Reappointing Judge Freed
Proposed By: Mayor Glasser

WHEREAS, the term of Municipal Judge in the City of Somers Point has expired; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4 provides for the appointment of a Municipal Judge for a term of three years which appointment is made by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Howard E. Freed, Esq., to the position of Municipal Judge in the City of Somers Point, whose term shall begin January 1, 2021, and shall expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered said reappointment and intends by this resolution to confirm same.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the reappointment of Howard E. Freed, Esq., to the position of Municipal Judge for the period aforesaid be and hereby is confirmed.

Councilman McGuigan noted that Prosecutor Mr. Reynolds, Sewer Engineer Mr. Polistina, and City Engineer, Mr. Schneider, are all in the audience and that all three have done an excellent job this past year and is glad to see them back on the team.

Council President Johnston thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Administration, Public Works Department, Department Heads, employees and volunteers. She looks forward to working with all of them. Council President Johnston encouraged anyone who needs anything to reach out to her.

Councilman McGuigan welcomed back Mr. Smith. He stated that he is an excellent attorney and is looking forward to him being the Solicitor for the City.

Council President Johnston announced that the next City Council meeting will be on January 14, 2021. She thanked everyone for joining the meeting this evening.

Adjournment

Having no other business, on the motion of Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilwoman Bruno and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 1/14/2021