

REGULAR MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 8, 2026

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

Present: DePamphilis, Dill, Johnston, McGuigan, Shields, Slaughter, Gerety

Also Present: Mayor Tapp, Administrator Frost, City Clerk Heath, City Solicitor Smith, and City Engineer Schneider

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.

Communications:

Solicitor Smith discussed the procedure to dispute a high usage water bill. A commercial property owned by Dr Trocki at 800 Bay Ave had high usage water bill due to a leak in 2024. Dr Trocki formally requested it be waived. City Council agreed to investigate the problem and report back at a later date.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Tapp thanked the Volunteer Fire Companies One and Two for volunteering their time and for the great turn out at their Fire Prevention event this past week. Mayor Tapp then shared the Somers Point Police will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat at the Shore Memorial parking lot on October 25th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mayor Tapp thanked John Helbig and the Green Team for obtaining the 2026 Sustainable Communities Environmental Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the third year in a row. The money from the grant will be contributed to the butterfly garden located at John F. Kennedy Park. Lastly, he congratulated City Engineer Schneider for being selected to receive an award from the New Jersey Society of Engineers for placing second for the Equity of Infrastructure Award-Consultant for the Shore Road Pedestrian Improvement Project.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Frost shared he received a request from Ocean City to terminate the Courtroom Shared Service agreement earlier than expected. Administrator Frost then recommended City Council authorize this request.

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Solicitor's Report:

City Solicitor Smith reported that the Atlantic County Economic Alliance requested changes to Ordinance No.23 of 2026 which pertains to the film ready certification. Solicitor Smith suggested this Ordinance be tabled to allow him time to address this matter.

On the motion of Council Member Johnston, seconded by Council Member Dill Ordinance No.23 is tabled.

No. 23 of 2026

TABLED

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF SOMERS POINT FOR MOTION PICTURE FILMING EVENTS WITHIN THE CITY

WHEREAS the State of New Jersey has developed a Film Ready New Jersey Program, which is designed to prepare municipalities to host motion picture and television productions through a Film Ready Certification process; and

WHEREAS the Film Ready New Jersey Program is intended to share useful information with local leaders on filming operations needed to support such productions; and

WHEREAS the Film Ready New Jersey Program is also designed to build statewide consistency through predictable permitting and processing fees so as to create a uniform production experience for potential motion picture and television productions; and

WHEREAS the Atlantic County Economic Alliance (ACEA), in working closely with the New Jersey Film Commission, has been striving to promote Atlantic County as a film-friendly destination; and

WHEREAS on June 25, 2026, representatives of ACEA gave a presentation to City Council wherein the commercial benefits of a municipality being a film-friendly destination through the Film Ready New Jersey Program were presented; and

WHEREAS one of the steps to attaining a Film Ready Certification is the enactment of a municipal ordinance setting forth the requirements for the application process and permitting of motion picture filming in the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Somers Point City Council has determined that would it be beneficial for the City to enact an ordinance setting forth the requirements of applications and permitting so as to allow the City to participate in the Film Ready New Jersey Program.

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

SECTION A.

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There is hereby created a Chapter within the City Code entitled “MOTION PICTURE FILMING EVENTS,” which shall include the following sections:

§ 1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

FILMING - The taking of still or motion pictures either on film or videotape or any other recording medium, for commercial or educational purposes intended for viewing on television, in theaters, major linear broadcast network or streaming platforms, or for institutional uses. The provisions of this chapter shall not be deemed to include the "filming" of news stories within the municipality.

FILM PERMIT - A Film Permit means an official authorization from a town, borough, city, county, or government agency that grants a production entity legal permission to film on public property while ensuring compliance with local laws and managing potential disruptions, including but not limited to noise, light levels, traffic, and activities involving stunts or equipment. It acts as an agreement detailing the scope of filming, including location, time, crew, and effects, and protects filmmakers from fines and legal issues while establishing professionalism.

LOCATION FEE - A Location Fee means a charge assessed and negotiated between a town and a production entity to allow the use of the town's premises and/or land for film and television projects. The Location Fee is intended to provide a fair return for using the space and cover administrative or operational costs. Location Fees should specify the payment amount, schedule, and terms, including rates for preparation days, filming days, overtime, and cancellation policies.

MAJOR MOTION PICTURE - Any film which is financed and/or distributed by a major motion picture studio, including but not limited to the following: NBCUniversal, including Peacock; Warner Bros. Discovery, including New Line Cinema, HBO, DC Studios and Castle Rock Entertainment; Paramount Pictures, including Miramax, MTV Films, Showtime, Skydance, Dreamworks and Nickelodeon Movies; Walt Disney Studios, including 20th Century Studios, Searchlight Pictures, Hulu and Marvel Studios; Sony Pictures, including Columbia Pictures, Screen Gems and Tristar Pictures; Amazon MGM Studios; Netflix Studios; A24; any film for which the budget is at least \$20,000,000; or any recurrent weekly television series programming.

PUBLIC PROPERTY - Any and every public street, highway, sidewalk, square, public park or playground or any other public place or property within the municipality which is either owned or controlled by the municipality.

§ 2. Permit required.

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A. No person or organization shall film or permit filming on public property, or on private property where such filming involves the use of public property for the operation, placement or temporary storage of vehicles or equipment utilized in such filming, including, but not limited to, any temporary structure, barricade or device intended to restrict or block off pedestrian or vehicular traffic, without first having obtained a permit from the office of the Municipal Clerk, which permit shall set forth the approved location of such filming and the approved duration of such filming by specific reference to day and/or dates. Said permit must be available for inspection by the City's Code Enforcement Officer, or his/her designee, and/or its Police Department at all times at the site of the filming.

B.

C. All permits shall be applied for and obtained from the office of the Municipal Clerk during normal business hours. Applications for such permits shall be in a form approved by the Municipal Clerk and be accompanied by a permit fee in the amount established by this Chapter herein.

D. If a permit is issued and due to inclement weather, or other good cause, filming does not in fact take place on the dates specified, the Municipal Clerk may, at the request of the applicant, issue a new permit for filming on other dates subject to full compliance with all other provisions of this Chapter. No additional fee shall be paid for this permit.

§ 3. Issuance of permits.

A. No permits will be issued by the Municipal Clerk unless applied for at least four or more business days prior to the requested shooting date; provided, however, that the City Administrator may waive the four-day period if, in his/her judgment, the applicant has obtained all related approvals and adjacent property owners or tenants do not need to be notified.

B. No permit shall issue unless said application is approved by both the City Administrator and Chief of Police.

C. No permit shall be issued for filming upon public property unless the applicant has provided the municipality with satisfactory proof of the following:

(1) Proof of insurance coverage as follows:

(a) For bodily injury, death or other liability, excluding property damage, to any one person in the amount of \$1,000,000.

(b) For property damage for each occurrence in the aggregate amount of \$500,000.

(c) Worker's Compensation insurance in compliance with the statutory requirements of the State of New Jersey.

(d) The City of Somers Point, its elected and appointed officials, its agents, employees, contractors, volunteers, and the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund, shall be included as an "Additional Insured" as their interests may appear, under the general liability policy, which policy shall also include an Additional

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Insured, Waiver of Subrogation, and Primary not Secondary Coverage Endorsements to such policy.

(2) A written agreement, in a form prescribed by the Municipal Clerk, whereby the applicant agrees to indemnify and save harmless the municipality from any and all liability, expense, claim and/or damages resulting from the use of public property.

(3) The hiring of off-duty City Police Officers, if determined by the Chief of Police in his/her sole discretion as necessary for purposes of traffic control and/or public safety according to the agreed upon public safety plan, for the times indicated on the permit.

(4) The hiring of independent fire safety personnel as may be required by the State Fire Marshall's Office, which may include the hiring of local volunteer firefighters at a rate negotiated with such individuals.

D. The holder of the permit shall take all reasonable steps to minimize interference with the free passage of pedestrians and traffic over public property and shall comply with all directives issued by the City Police Department with respect thereto.

E. Exterior filming shall be permitted between the hours of 7:00am to 6:00pm (camera wrap) and crew wrap at 7:00pm, Monday through Sunday. Night filming shall be allowed for such hours as determined by the Chief of Police based on public safety and inconvenience. Time restrictions shall not apply to interior filming. All interior filming shall adhere to all current ordinances relative to noise and music.

F. The failure of the holder of the permit to adhere to the terms of the application and permit may result in the revocation of said permit by either the Chief of Police or the City Administrator.

§ 4. Interference with public activity; notice of filming.

A. The holder of a permit shall conduct filming in such a manner as to minimize the inconvenience or discomfort to adjoining property owners attributable to such filming and shall, to the extent practicable, abate noise and park vehicles associated with such filming off the public streets. Excessive noise may be a basis for revocation of the permit.

B. The holder of a permit shall avoid any interference with previously scheduled activities upon public property and limit, to the extent possible, any interference with normal public activity on such public property. Where the applicant's production activity, by reason of location or otherwise, will directly involve and/or affect any businesses, merchants or residents, these parties shall be given written notice of the filming prior to the issuance at least three days prior to the requested shooting date and be informed that objections may be filed with the Municipal Clerk, said objections to form a part of applicant's application and be considered in the review of the continued issuance of same. Proof of service of notification to adjacent owners shall be submitted to the Municipal Clerk within two days of the requested shooting date.

§ 5 Refusal to issue permit; employment of patrolmen and electrician.

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- A. The City Administrator and/or the Chief of Police may refuse to issue a permit whenever it is determined on the basis of objective facts, and after a review of the application and a report thereon by the Police Department and/or by other agencies involved with the proposed filming site, that filming at the location and/or the time set forth in the application would violate any law, regulation or ordinance, or would unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of adjoining properties, unreasonably impede the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or otherwise endanger the public's health, safety or welfare.
- B. The Chief of Police reserves the right to require the following:
 - (1) one or more on-site police officers in situations where the proposed production may impede the proper flow of traffic when in situations where the proposed production may impede the proper flow of traffic or present a public safety concern, according to an agreed upon public safety plan. The cost of said officers shall be borne by the applicant as a cost of production; and
 - (2) the hiring of independent fire safety personnel, which may include the hiring of local volunteer firefighters at a rate negotiated with such individuals, in situations where proposed production may raise issues of fire safety.
- C. Where existing electrical power lines are to be utilized by the production company, an on-site licensed electrician shall be required.

§ 6 Appeals.

- A. Any person aggrieved by a decision by either the City Administrator or the Chief of Police denying or revoking a permit may appeal to the City Council. A written notice of appeal setting forth the reasons for the appeal shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk.
- B. An appeal from the decision of the City Administrator or Chief of Police shall be filed within 10 days of such a decision. City Council shall set the matter down for a hearing within 30 days of the day on which the notice of appeal was filed. The decision of the City Council shall be in the form of a resolution supporting the decision of the City Administrator or Chief of Police at the first regularly scheduled public meeting of the City Council following the hearing on the appeal, unless the appellant agrees in writing to a later date for the decision. If such a resolution is not adopted within the time required, the decision of denial or revocation shall be deemed to be reversed, and a permit shall be issued in conformity with the application, or the revocation shall be deemed rescinded.

§ 7. Waiver of requirements of chapter by City Administrator.

The City Administrator may authorize a waiver of any of the requirements, provisions or restrictions of this chapter if he/she determines that a waiver thereof may be granted without endangering the public health, safety and welfare. In determining whether to issue a waiver, the Administrator shall consider the following factors:

- (1) Potential traffic congestion at the location.

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- (2) The applicant's ability to remove the applicant's vehicles and equipment from the public streets or other public property.
- (3) The extent to which the applicant is requesting restrictions on the use of public streets or public parking facilities during filming.
- (4) The nature of the filming, including whether filming will take place indoors or outdoors, and the proposed hours for filming.
- (5) The extent to which the filming may affect adjoining and nearby property owners and occupants.
- (6) The City's prior experience with the applicant, if any.

§ 8 Copies of permit; inspections.

Copies of the approved permit will be sent to the City Administrator, Chief of Police and Code Enforcement Official before filming takes place and to the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission at njfilm@njeda.gov. The applicant shall allow all necessary inspections by the City of the site and equipment to be used. The applicant shall comply with all safety requirements and instructions issued by any of the City's inspectors.

§ 9 Reimbursement of certain costs.

In addition to any other fees or costs mentioned in this chapter, the applicant shall reimburse the City of Somers Point for any lost revenue and/or damage to public property incurred by the City as a result of the filming project.

§ 10 Fees.

CATEGORY	FEE (not to exceed)
Basic film permit application (one-time; with 4 or more days advance notice of the first day of filming)	\$100
Expedited basic film permit application (one-time; with 4 or less days advance notice of the first day of filming)	\$250
Basic film permit application for nonprofits, including student films (one-time; no daily rate required)	\$25
Daily filming on public property	
<i>Film and television projects with a budget under \$20mm</i>	\$150
<i>Film and television projects with a budget over \$20mm</i>	\$500
Public Property Location Fee	Fee negotiated between a production company and the city

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Daily film for private property	NO FEE CHARGED BY MUNICIPALITY
Public Safety	
<i>Hiring of off-duty police, according to agreed upon public safety plan</i>	The municipality's standard hourly rates for police
Inconvenience fees	
<i>Street closures</i>	Up to \$5,000 per day
<i>Properties in background - or used - in shot</i>	Fee negotiated between a production company and a private business or residence
<i>Daily prep of business that is being "dressed"</i>	Fee negotiated between a production company and a private business
<i>Daily filming of business that is "dressed"</i>	Fee negotiated between a production company and a private business
Parking fees	Same rates that are charged to the public

§ 11 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,000, imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof as determined by the Municipal Court Judge. Each day on which a violation of an ordinance exists shall be considered a separate and distinct violation and shall be subject to imposition of a separate penalty for each day of the violation as the Municipal Court Judge may determine.

SECTION B. SEVERABILITY.

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If any section, clause or provision of these amendments to this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, clause or provision declared invalid and the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect and shall be enforceable.

SECTION C. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication as required by law.

Engineer's Report:

City Engineer Schneider provided updates on the Safe Routes to School, bid opening that will be held on Oct 15, 2026, and the bid for the FY 2025 Ambler Road which will be awarded at tonight's meeting. He then informed the community of the upcoming Route 9 paving project and Shore Rd paving project explaining to expect delays and detours in the upcoming weeks. He then mentioned Bay Avenue Brewery is ready for its final inspection and is expected to open soon.

Committee Reports:

Council Member DePamphilis and Council Member Johnston updated everyone on the Community Conversation Committee Meeting. They recently met and compiled notes and came up with a 30,60,90-day plan to address different requests.

Council Member Johnston then wanted to clarify a few things that were mentioned by the public at the Community Conversation Meeting that were misunderstood, including municipal parking, the posting of the agenda, the City's grant writer, and various grants applied for, and the 939 Bay Ave property which has not currently been approved for any development.

Council Member McGuigan mentioned he recently had the opportunity to attend a Trunk or Treat that was geared toward children with autism or other disabilities hosted by the Somers Point Police Department. He expressed what a great job the Somers Point Police Department did to include children that may not be able to attend a regular Trunk or Treat.

Approval of Minutes:

On the motion of Council Member Shields, seconded of Council Member Dill, and carried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 9/24/2026, approved as to content only.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 25 of 2026

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(First Reading/Introduction)

M/S- Dill/Johnston

This ordinance was introduced by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 25 of 2026

An Ordinance Repealing Sections 199-7 - Watercraft Launching Fees, & 199-8 - Permits of Chapter 199, Article II - Kennedy Park and Route 52 Bridge Boat Ramps; Parking of Boats and Trailers

WHEREAS, in 2025, the City of Somers Point amended Sections 199-7 and 199-8 of the City Code for purposes of restructuring the operations of its boat ramps at John F. Kennedy Park and the Route 52 Bridge; and

WHEREAS, City Council continues to evaluate the operations of its boat ramps and supporting parking facilities in order to maximize cost recoupment, as well as to ensure ease of use by the general public; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the operations of the boat ramps, the method of cost recoupment, and the parking issues arising from the use of its boat ramps, City Council now believes that the current ordinances relative to usage, parking and collection of fees should be modified.

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:

SECTION 1. Section 199-7 of Chapter 199, Article II is hereby repealed and replaced with the following language:

§119-7. Boat Trailer Usage Fees.

The City may by resolution enact, and from time to time amend, a fee schedule applicable for each calendar year, governing either the use of watercraft trailers for the launching of any type of watercraft at John F. Kennedy Park or the Route 52 Boat Ramp, or for parking such watercraft trailers in the parking lots at said locations, or at such other locations as set forth in §250-43.1(D) of the Somers Point Code.

SECTION 2. Section 199-8 of Chapter 199, Chapter II is hereby repealed and replaced with the following language:

§119-8. Permits.

Permits for watercraft trailers either using the boat ramps in Somers Point at John F. Kennedy Park or Route 52, or the parking of such watercraft trailers at said locations, or the locations set forth in §250-43.1(D) of the Somers Point Code, are required and shall be purchased from the City, or a contractor acting on its behalf, at such times and under such conditions as may be established by resolution of the City Council. Annual permits shall be attached to the trailer's rear, driver-side tire fender. A use identification process for daily permits shall be established and set forth by resolution of the City Council.

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SECTION 3. 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 4: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordinance No. 26 of 2026

(First Reading/Introduction)

M/S- Dill/Johnston

This ordinance was introduced by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 26 of 2026

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 250 - Vehicles and Traffic, Article I -
General Provisions, Section 250-43.1 - Parking of Boats and Boat Trailers**

WHEREAS, in connection with modifications to the way the City of Somers Point charges for the use of its boat ramps and restrictions imposed upon associated parking facilities, it has been determined by City Council that it should modify its ordinance relative to parking of boat trailers on the City's streets, alleys rights-of-way, as well as on parking lots owned, maintained or controlled; and

WHEREAS, this determination was based on the historical fact that many of the users of the City's boat ramps often times will park on the streets, alleys and/or rights-of-way in the areas near the City's boat ramps; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously enacted ordinances relative to limiting boat trailer parking in certain areas in the City in order to ensure that users of the boat ramps have paid for the use of the boat ramps; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously enacted an ordinance relative a permitting system which will allow a methods of identification of those users who have paid for trailer use of the City's boat ramps; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes that the current procedure for permitting fails to allow for procedures for daily passes; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its review of the City's ordinance on the parking of boat trailers in the City, it was ascertained that there was no restriction on the overnight parking of boat trailers with boats on property owned, maintained or controlled by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's Chief of Police has recommended such a limitation; and

WHEREAS, City Council now wishes to amend Section 250-43.1 of the City Code to allow for daily passes for trailer usage at its boat ramps, restrict the overnight parking of boat trailers with boats on City parking lots.

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:

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SECTION 1. Section 250-43.1, of Article I of Chapter 250, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph D shall now read as follows:

No boat trailer, regardless of size and whether hooked up to a motor vehicle, shall be parked in any lot or on any property owned or maintained by the City of Somers Point, or on any of the following streets without either an attached sticker, or such other form of identification, evidencing payment for a permit as required in §§ 199-7 and 199-8 of Chapter 199, Article II of the City Code: Broadway, Bay Avenue, George Street, Annie Avenue, Somers Avenue.

2. Paragraph F shall now be designated as Paragraph G.
3. Paragraph E shall now be designated as Paragraph F.
4. A new Paragraph E shall be designated and shall read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph D above, no boat trailer with boat shall be parked in any parking lot or on any property owned, maintained or controlled by the City of Somers Point between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

SECTION 2: 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 3: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

Ordinance No. 27 of 2026

(First Reading/Introduction)

M/S- Dill/McGuigan

This ordinance was introduced by a roll call vote of those present which was recorded as follows:

Johnston- No

Dill-Yes

McGuigan-Yes

Slaughter-No

Shields-Yes

DePamphilis-No

Gerety-Yes

Council Member Slaughter asked for clarification on why this Ordinance is back on the agenda after being previously voted down.

Solicitor Smith then gave a detailed explanation as to why this Ordinance is on tonight's agenda.

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An Ordinance Amending Chapter 114, “Land Use and Development,” Article XVI, “Somers Point Historic District,” Section 114-101, “Historic Village Waterfront Zone,” to Remove the Requirement for a Landscaped Harborwalk

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has adopted a Master Plan and Land Use Ordinance to guide the orderly development and redevelopment of property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently undertaken a review of its Master Plan, including policies related to waterfront access and development; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that review, the requirement for a mandatory landscaped harborwalk within the Historic Village Waterfront Zone is no longer deemed necessary nor appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the Land Use Ordinance to remove said requirement and ensure consistency with the Master Plan;

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

SECTION 1.

Chapter 114, Land Use and Development, Article XVI, Somers Point Historic District,” Section 114-101, Historic Village Waterfront Zone,” Paragraph (E), “Relationship of structure to Great Egg Harbor Bay,” Subparagraph (1), is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

All uses located on property abutting the Great Egg Harbor Bay shall provide, in a manner acceptable to the municipal agency, reasonable public access to the harbor as may be required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Buildings shall be set back a minimum of 25 feet from the water as measured from the mean high-water line.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER

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

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Resolutions:

Public Portion Resolutions:

Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

Bob Lawless of Somers Point shared his opinion on the proposed Harborwalk.

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

Resolution No. 235 of 2026

M/S- Dill/Slaughter

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 235 of 2026

Subject: Authorizing Purchase of Concrete Repair Systems through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Coop Program Contract from Ocean Construction LLC, Contract Number #22/23-33, for the City of Somers Point

Introduced By: Council President Gerety

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

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has acted as lead agency and awarded Contract # #22/23-33, Concrete Repair Systems with an Expiration Date of 03/01/2027; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need to utilize the contract for Concrete Repair Systems for use at the Somers Point Recreation Facilities and

WHEREAS, the City Council Finance Committee, and City Administrator/Purchasing Agent Jason Frost have reviewed the contract from ESCNJ #22/23-33, Concrete Repair Systems and have determined that the use of this contract is the functional economic solution for the baseball dugout replacement project; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that City Council approve the use of this contract for the baseball dugout replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey, that Concrete Repair Systems be purchased from Ocean Construction LLC in accordance with the ESCNJ, Concrete Repair Systems, contract for use by the City of Somers Point as follows:
Item:

Concrete Repair Systems – City Dugout Replacement Project

Total Amount.....

\$ 24,500.00

Contract ESCNJ#22/23-33, Exp 03/01/2027

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator, acting in his capacity as Purchasing Agent, is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order in the total amount of \$ 24,500.00 in accordance with the ESCNJ #22/23-33, Concrete Repair Systems, contract for use by the City of Somers Point.

Resolution No. 236 of 2026

M/S- Shields/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 236 of 2026

Subject: Acknowledging and Approving the Hiring of a Full-Time Laborer

Introduced by: Council President Gerety

WHEREAS, due to a retirement, there exists a need to hire a full-time laborer for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Dutton has been employed by the City as a part-time employee beginning on November 3rd, 2025, and his full-time employment was recommended by the Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and CMFO confirmed that this is a budgeted position and made this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby acknowledges and approves the hiring of Brandon Dutton the full-time position of Laborer 1 in accordance with the New Jersey Civil Service Job Specification 02248, effective October 1st, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his annual salary is established at \$47,602.00 in conformance with the Blue-Collar schedule for anyone hired on or after January 1, 2026, Start Year 1 level of the pending agreement between the City of Somers Point and Teamsters Union Local No. 115.

Resolution No. 237 of 2026

M/S- McGuigan/DePamphilis

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Subject: Approving Proposals – Goods and Services 2026

Introduced By: Council President Gerety

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point received proposals for various goods and services in accordance with the Fair and Open procedure of the New Jersey Pay-to-Play law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following proposals, received on November 12th, 2025, and September 21st, 2026, are approved, and that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to issue contracts to the following vendor for goods and services during the period of January 1st, 2026, to December 31st, 2026:

- a) Auto Mechanic Services**
Galloway Auto and Tire
- b) City Hall Custodial Services**
Offshore Carpet Cleaning and Janitorial
Kount on Us LLC
LN Pro Services LLV
- c) Electrical Contractor Services**
Avatar Tech
- d) Hardware Supplier**
Shore Ace Hardware
- e) Heavy Duty Truck Mechanic Services**
Gentilini Ford
Clegg's Garage
Campbell Supply
- f) Leaves and Brush Disposal Site**
Atlantic Blueberry Co Inc
- g) Law Enforcement Supplies and Services**
Lawmen Supply Co
- h) Recreation Equipment and Installation**
BSN Sports
- i) Roofing Contractor Services**
USA General Contractors
- j) Sewer Pump Station Maintenance**
JWC Environmental
- k) Tree Removal and Maintenance**
Lewis Services

Resolution No. 238 of 2026
M/S- Shields/Johnston

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This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 238 of 2026

Subject: Support Submission of Application for New Jersey Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program Grant SRS-1-2027-Somers Point City-00042

Introduced By: Council President Gerety

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point is applying for funding to complete the Dawes Avenue School Safety Improvements, this school is located at 22 W Dawes Avenue in Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for school children and the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the facility, once constructed, will be assumed by the City of Somers Point with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that it hereby supports the submission of a grant application (SRS-1-2027-Somers Point City-00042) for the Safe Routes to School Program within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Administrator and the Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

Resolution No. 239 of 2026

M/S- Shields/Dill

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 239 of 2026

Subject: Awarding Bid for FY 25 Municipal Aid – Ambler Road

Introduced By: Council Members Johnston and McGuigan

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WHEREAS, on October 2, 2026, the City of Somers Point received bids for the FY 25 Municipal Aid – Ambler Road; and

WHEREAS, Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, of Mount Royal, New Jersey was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer’s office has recommended that the City award the contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, of Mount Royal, New Jersey in the amount of \$571,038.00; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT Local Aid Office must also concur with this resolution awarding a contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, of Mount Royal, New Jersey in the amount of \$571,038.00.

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

- 1.) The Contract for the FY 25 Municipal Aid – Ambler Road is hereby awarded to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, of Mount Royal, New Jersey in the amount of \$571,038.00
- 2.) The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a formal contract with Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, of Mount Royal, New Jersey signing on behalf of the City.
- 3.) The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign all necessary forms required by NJDOT.

Resolution No. 240 of 2026

M/S-Dill/McGuigan

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 240 of 2026

Subject: A Resolution Forwarding to the Somers Point Planning Board a Draft Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Section 114-101(E) of Chapter 114 for Review and Comment in Compliance with N.J.S.A. 49:55d-26 and N.J.S.A. 49:55d-64

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Introduced By: Council Member McGuigan

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64 the governing body is obligated to refer to the Somers Point Planning Board for its review and comment any ordinance which proposes an amendment to the Land Use Development provisions in the Somers Point Municipal Code to determine if the proposed amendment is consistent with the overall intent of the Somers Point Master Plan.

Now, therefore, it is hereby Resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point that the Somers Point City Clerk is requested to submit to the Secretary of the Somers Point Planning Board the attached draft ordinance amending Section 114-101(E)(1) of the Somers Point Municipal Code requesting that same be reviewed by that Board in the manner specified herein above as required by statute.

Old Business:

Council Members Johnston and McGuigan shared their opinions on data centers after doing some research in the past few weeks.

Solicitor Smith then suggested to City Council that they continue research and monitoring on the topic but no action needs to be taken at this time.

Council Member Dill thanked Council Member Johnston for the research she did on data centers and he agreed with Solicitor Smiths advice.

New Business:

On the motion of Council Member Shields, seconded by Council Member DePamphilis, and carried to approve Social Affair Permit Applications for Cape Shore Chorale for an event on 11/14/2026 from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M, and Roberts Johnson Post 2189 VFW for an event on 11/11/2026 from 11A.M. to 5P.M.

Discussion of Bills:

Administrator Frost reported a Bill List dated 10/06/2026 in the amount of \$144,955.54.

Public Portion:

Council President Gerety duly opened the meeting to the public.

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Patricia Pierson of Somers Point shared her opinion and ideas on the proposed Harborwalk.

Steve Lamond of Somers Point expressed his opposition on the proposed Harborwalk Ordinance and shared detailed reasons why he feels this way.

Bob Lawless talked about a great encounter he had with Public Works Employees. He expressed his gratitude for the Public Works Department and all that they do.

Bill Collins asked for clarification on Ordinances 25 and 26 of 2026. Solicitor Smith then provided Mr. Collins with a brief overview of the ordinances. Bill Collins then expressed his opinions on the fees pertaining to the boat ramp. He then thanked Solicitor Smith and Council Member Johnston for working with him on the boat ramp topic.

Levi Fox shared his opinion on a CAFRA Permit/easement for 90 Broadway.

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

Payment of Bills:
M/S: Dill/Johnston

Comments from Governing Body:

Solicitor Smith then explained the requirements and process pertaining to a public easement and CAFRA permit.

Council Member McGuigan elaborated on Ordinance No. 27 of 2026. He stated the City's Master Plan originally had the Harborwalk in the plan and was removed in the latest revision.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before City Council, Council Member Shields moved, Council Member Johnston seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Heath, RMC

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Municipal Clerk
Approved: 10/22/2026