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NEW JERSEY
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**CITY OF SOMERS POINT
REORGANIZATION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
JANUARY 2, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

Temporary Chairman (City Clerk Heath) will call the meeting to order.
Open Public Meetings Act

Newly re-elected First Ward Council Member Sean McGuigan will be sworn in by Atlantic County Commissioner Maureen Kern.

Newly elected Second Ward City Council Member Morgan Slaughter will be sworn in by her dad, former Mayor John DiMaria.

Temporary Chairman will entertain a motion for the nomination and election of President.
Nominations closed. Roll call for the position of President of Council:

Haberkorn	Dill	Johnston
Gerety	McGuigan	Slaughter
DePamphilis		

President of Council declared for the year 2026.

President of Council called forward to receive the gavel from the City Clerk

Motion entertained for nomination/election of President Pro-Tempore of 2026

Nominations closed. Roll call for the position of President Pro-Tempore:

Haberkorn	Dill	Johnston
Gerety	McGuigan	Slaughter
DePamphilis		

President Pro-Tempore declared for the year 2026.

President of Council will request a roll call, as follows:

Haberkorn	Dill	Johnston
Gerety	McGuigan	Slaughter
DePamphilis		

Resolution No. 1 of 2025

1-2026 City Attorney Appointment

President of Council will lead the audience in a salute to the U. S. flag

Invocation by Reverend Louis Strugala – Police Chaplain

President of Council invites each member of City Council to address the public.

Mayor Dennis Tapp addresses the public.

Proclamations

- 1-2026 Appointing Historic Preservation Commission
- 2 –2026 Appointing Planning Board Members
- 3-2026 Appointing Environmental Commission Members
- 4-2026 Appointing Veteran’s Advisory Board Members
- 5-2026 Expressing Appreciation to American Legion Post 352 Commander Larry Lemieux for His Leadership in the Hometown Hero Banner Campaign
- 6-2026 Honoring Judge Freed
- 7-2026 Honoring Philip Gaffney

Resolutions

2-2026 Appointment of Fire Officers (City Clerk will swear in the officers)

3-2026	Appointment of Office of Emergency Management & Harbor Master (Newly appointed Emergency Management Officers and Harbor Master sworn in by City Clerk)
4-2026	Temporary Budget
5-2026	Zoning Board Appointments
6-2026	Prosecutor Appointment
7-2026	Public Defender Appointment
8-2026	Appointment of Auditor
9-2026	Planning Board Appointment of Council Representative
10-2026	Recreation Commission Appointments
11-2026	Appointing Tax Appeal Attorney
12-2026	Appointing City Engineer
13 -2026	Appointing Sewer Engineer
14-2026	Appointing Bond Counsel
15-2026	Appointing COAH Attorney
16-2026	Arts Commission Appointments
17-2026	Green Team Appointments
18-2026	Appointing Planner & Grant Consultant
19-2026	Appointing Police Chaplain
20-2026	Appointing Professional Benefits Consultant
21-2026	Appointment of COAH Municipal Planner
22-2026	Appointment of Labor Attorney
23-2026	Accepting the Resignation of Howard E. Freed, Esquire as Municipal Judge for the City of Somers Point
24-2026	Appointment of Municipal Judge

Consent Agenda

- 25-2026 Authorizing Agreement with Public Works Supervisor Guy Martin
- 26-2026 Resolution Authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Kates Schneider Engineering, LLC for Eleven Stormwater Management Projects
- 27-2026 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with NJDEP Planning & Design Grant Program
- 28-2026 Referral of the Historic Landmark Designation of 926 Shore Road, Block 1813, Lot 19 (Referred to as 920 Shore Road in this Resolution and on the City Tax Maps) to the Planning Board
- 29-2026 Authorizing the Payment of Required Bills
- 30-2026 Adopting Cash Management Plan
- 31-2026 Appointing Risk Management Consultant
- 32-2026 Appointing Fund Commissioner
- 33-2026 Sponsoring Memorial/Remembrance Services
- 34-2026 Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 35-2026 Setting Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes
- 36-2026 Authorizing Mayor and/or Administrator to Sign Routine DEP and DOT Documents
- 37-2026 Direct Deposit for Employee Payroll
- 38-2026 Council Meeting Dates Designated
- 39-2026 Designating Official Newspapers
- 40-2026 Official Banks Designated
- 41-2026 Appointing Certifying Agent to Civil Service
- 42-2026 Authorizing Tax Assessor & Tax Counsel to Settle Certain Appeals
- 43-2026 A Resolution of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Contract with AmeriHealth Administrators

New Business:

Discussion of Bills:

Public Portion:

Payment of Bills:

Comments from Governing Body:

Adjournment:

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*The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
at 1 West New Jersey Avenue, Somers Point, N.J. 08244*