

REGULAR MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL April 28, 2011

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

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

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

Absent: None

Open Public Meetings Act

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. Agenda for this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers and posted in the City Clerk's Office

Communications

The following notice was read by the City Clerk at the direction of the New Jersey Superior Court:

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable James E. Isman, JTC t/a will conduct a Mount Laurel Fairness Hearing on the 16th day of June, 2011, at 9 o'clock AM in his Courtroom in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Atlantic county Courthouse located at 1201 Bacharach Boulevard, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401, to facilitate the resolution and dismissal of pending second and third round affordable housing litigation captioned Plantation Bay, LLC v. City of Somers Point, et als., Docket No. ATL-L-007302-06 P.W. (Mount Laurel). The property involved is known as Greate Bay country club. The Settlement Agreement and complete Public Notice is on file with the city Clerk and available for inspection by anyone who might be interested, including directions for filing written comments.

Committee Reports

Mayor Glasser gave the Police Department report in full for the month of March. He also announced that the annual Bayfest is scheduled for this Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm. He also reported that the Vision Plan is moving along and the bus tours are scheduled for May 4th and May 7th with the bus leaving at 10:00 am.

Administrator Swain reported that the Department of Transportation contact himself and the Mayor regarding overnight closures that will continue into next week through Thursday. He also reported that we received recommendations from the Economic Development Commission regarding our website – some can be implemented immediately, some are more involved and some we don't think are possible without purchasing our own server. Right now our website is hosted by the County.

Councilwoman Kern reported that she spoke with School Superintendent Miller who advised that the school projects have all been awarded, the bids came in under budget and should be completed in August. She also congratulated all who were elected to the School Board and thanked everyone who came out to vote.

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Committee Reports (Continued)

Councilman Dill stated that Public Works has been installing the flags along First Street and the parade route. He also stated that the Public Works Department has started work on the circle in front of the VFW in preparation of a monument. He thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 3 – Final Reading
M/S – Triboletti/D’Adamo
Meeting opened to the public and duly closed.

Councilman Triboletti stated that this is the first of a few ordinances that came out of the parking meeting we had a few months ago. He stated that this is going to move the City in the direction we want to go. He thanked the parking committee for their work.

Ordinance No. 3 of 2011

**An Ordinance Enacted Under Authority Granted by N.J.S.A. 39:4-197
Regulating the Parking of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Portions Thereof; Amending
and Supplementing the Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic,
Article I Section 250-24 Schedule I: No Parking; and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore
Adopted, The Provisions of Which Are Inconsistent Herewith.**

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Ordinance No. 4 – Final Reading

M/S – Dill/Tapp
Meeting opened to the public and duly closed.
Adopted on final reading by a unanimous vote of those present.

Ordinance No. 4 of 2011

**An Ordinance Enacted Under Authority Granted by N.J.S.A. 39:4-197
Regulating the Parking of Vehicles on Certain Streets and Portions Thereof; Amending
and Supplementing the Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic,
Article I Section 250-30. Schedule VI: One Way Streets and Article I Section 250-
24 Schedule I: No Parking; and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, The
Provisions of Which Are Inconsistent Herewith.**

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Public Hearing on the Budget

Meeting was opened to the public with regard to the budget and duly closed. Auditor Moore stated that this budget represents a 2.3 percent increase which is hundreds of thousands less than what we were allowed to increase.

RESOLUTIONS

Public Portion on Resolutions

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

Resolution No. 77

M/S – Dill/Kern
Councilman Triboletti stated that there was no change to the bottom line. Auditor Moore advised that they do not have to have a hearing on the budget amendment. Resolution No. 77 was then adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

No. 77 of 2011

Subject: Resolution to amend budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2011 was approved on the 24th day of March, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2011 be made:

Recorded Vote	(D’Adamo	Abstain (None
	(Dill	
	(Kern	
	(Smith	
	(Tapp	
	(Triboletti	
	(McGuigan	Absent (None
Nays (None		

Current Fund	From	To
8. General Appropriations		
A.Operations – within “CAPS”		
Department of General Administration		
Salaries & Wages	115,000	124,000
Department of City Clerk		
Salaries & Wages	151,000	166,000

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Department of Finance		
Salaries & Wages	45,000	49,000
Department of Police		
Salaries & Wages	2,605,000	2,569,000
Department of Public Works		
Salaries & Wages	59,000	63,000
Division of Sanitation		
Other Expenses	193,600	197,600
Total Operations within “CAPS”	8,877,685	8,877,685
Detail:		
Salaries & Wages	4,853,300	4,845,300
Other Expenses	4,024,385	4,032,385

I certify that all mathematical calculations have been verified.

Kenneth Moore, CPA

John Hansen, CFO

Resolution No. 78 – Adoption of Budget

M/S – Dill/Triboletti
Councilman Dill stated that this budget represents commitments made to the taxpayers to control taxes and maintain services. He pointed out that by the end of 2011 we will be back up to 28 men in the Police Department which is where we were in 2008. We are also providing state of the art technology in the vehicles and a second K-9 dog on the streets. The budget was then adopted by a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

No. 78 of 2011

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$8,791,448 for municipal purposes.

Recorded Vote	(D’Adamo	Nays	(None
	(Dill		
	(Kern		
	(Smith	Abstained	(None
	(Tapp		
	(Triboletti		
	(McGuigan	Absent	(None

Summary of Revenues

General Revenues		
Surplus Anticipated		\$1,561,089
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		\$2,066,624

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Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		\$462,500
Amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes		\$8,791,448
Total Revenues		\$12,881,661

Resolution No. 79

M/S – Kern/Triboletti

Mayor Glasser spoke in favor of this resolution as it directly relates to bringing home the remains of Richard Somers and his crew. He stated that he went to Washington last Friday night and met with Congressman LoBiondo. He stated that we are trying to get other sponsors within the House. He spoke passionately about Richard Somers and his crew being left behind for 207 years and the need to bring them home. Resolution No. 79 was then adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Resolution No. 79 (Continued)

No. 79 of 2011

Subject: Urging the passage of HR 1497 which would direct the Secretary of Defense to take whatever steps may be Necessary to exhume and transfer the remains of certain Deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya, and for other purposes

Introduced by: Mayor and City Council

WHEREAS, Congressman Rogers of Michigan, Chairman of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Intelligence (for himself and Congressman LoBiondo) has introduced HR 1497; and

WHEREAS, HR 1497 would direct the Secretary of Defense to take whatever steps may be necessary to exhume and transfer the remains of certain deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has for decades attempted to bring home its favorite son, United States Navy Master Commandant Richard Somers who died a hero’s death in the battle of Tripoli Harbor on September 4, 1804 and remains buried in a mass grave with his twelve -man crew of the USS Intrepid in Tripoli, Libya, not far from where he died; and

WHEREAS, Richard Somers has been memorialized by the United States Navy and there have been at least six Naval warships named after him, as well as a monument erected which now stands at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and the heroic actions of Commandant Somers helped inspire the line in the Marine Corps anthem “From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli”: and

WHEREAS, it is the tradition of our United States Marine Corps to not leave our dead and wounded behind, yet the remains of Commandant Somers and his crew are still buried in Tripoli, Libya where they died defending our County; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2004 the New Jersey State Legislature unanimously passed Assembly Resolution 121 requesting the Secretary of State to open negotiations with Libyan leaders for the repatriation of Commandant Richard Somers and his crew prior to the 200th anniversary of his death on September 4, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, after 207 years, it is time to bring Commandant Richard Somers and his crew of volunteers back to the United States of America where they can be welcomed home and be buried like the true American heroes that they are.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Somers Point hereby urges the passage of HR 1497 which would direct the Secretary of Defense to take whatever steps may be necessary to exhume and transfer the remains, finally beginning the process of honoring the American Heroes who bravely died for their country on the USS Intrepid by bringing them home for proper internment in United States ground.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisting of Resolution No. 80 was adopted by a unanimous vote of those present, as follows:

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Resolution No. 80 (Continued)

No. 80 of 2011

Subject: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE AND SECURE
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT
OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Introduced By: **Council President McGuigan**

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point wishes to apply for funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant #P-4949-11); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the City of Somers Point for the purpose described in the application.

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

- 1) As a matter of public policy the City of Somers Point wishes to participate to fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized by law.
 - 5) The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to complete and submit the application on behalf of the City.

New Business

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A Social Affairs Permit was approved by a 6-0 vote with Councilman D’Adamo abstaining.

A Social Affairs Permit was approved unanimously for the Jennifer Ward Memorial Fund.

A Raffle License for St. Joseph’s Church was approved by a 6-0 vote with Councilman D’Adamo abstaining.

Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion.

Discussion of Bills

The bills were presented for discussion in the amount of \$2,405,345.78, an additional list of bills that were paid in the amount of \$35,162.43.

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Public Portion

Mr. Rick Pitman, Shore Memorial Hospital, came forward and addressed the governing body complimenting them on the hard work they did putting together this budget and the fast work they have done regarding the parking issues.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,405,345.78. A complete list of bills is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Carol L. Degrassi, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 7/26/2012