BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE EXECUTIVE SESSION / WORKSHOP SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 17, 2023 Executive Session 6:30 P.M. Public Portion 7:00 P.M. (estimate)

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS – POLICE HEADQUARTERS 24 SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876

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- **9. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION** (full copy is available at the end of this agenda)
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166 SECTION 47 OF THE BOROUGH CODE
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TONS EXCLUDED

10. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(Motion and 2nd needed and roll call vote to open and close the meeting to the public. Regulations that apply during public meetings also apply during electronic meetings. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and maybe summarized during the meeting)

11. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (ANY ITEMS PULLED OFF CONSENT AGENDA ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE)

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- 23-0417-143 APPROVING RESERVATION OF PARKING SPACES ON EAST MAIN STREET BETWEEN N. BRIDGE STREET AND GROVE STREET ON NORTHSIDE FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR NATURALIZATION CEREMONY AND FLAG DAY EVENT ON JUNE 16, 2023
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- 23-0417-147 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND CASH PORTION FOR DGM STATION HOUSE AT 66 VETERANS MEMEORIAL DRIVE BLOCK 61 LOT 6.02

- 23-0417-148 APPROVING THE HIRING OF NASYR PETTIES-JACKSON AS LABORER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- 23-0417-149 APPROVING A STREET CLOSURE ON GROVE STREET, MAIN STREET AND HIGH STREET FOR DIVERSITY FESTIVAL FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023
- 23-0417-150 APPROVING A BOND REDUCTION FOR HONGI STATION, 1 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE WEST, BLOCK 120.01 LOT 1.01 APPLICATION #2020-0021P

12. BILLS AND VOUCHERS

13. ADJOURNMENT

KEVIN SLUKA, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Ordinances scheduled for Introduction

ORDINANCE #2706-23-0417

AMENDING CHAPTER 102 SECTION 74 REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR MINOR SITE PLANS FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉ'S THAT ARE SEASONAL IN NATURE AND ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS FOR SEASONAL SIDEWALK CAFÉ'S IN CHAPTER 150 ARTICLE III

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville encourages seasonal sidewalk café's that are regulated and temporary in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Somerville Alliance and the Borough of Somerville have reviewed the process and found that the process is lengthy, time consuming and cumbersome; and

WHEREAS, the following changes shall be made to the Borough Code to improve the process:

§ 102-74 Minor Site Plans.

In addition to the requirements indicated in § **102-69**, the following information shall be submitted for all minor site plans; provided, however, that minor site plans which are submitted to only the Site Plan Waiver Committee or Architectural Review Board shall only be required to submit the information required for conceptual plans in § **102-70A** through **E**, along with the following information. <u>Minor Site Plans shall not be required for seasonal sidewalk café's.</u> <u>Seasonal Sidewalk café's are defined as café's in which the furniture may be removed off the sidewalk daily if required. It shall also be defined as a sidewalk café that is completely removed at the end of a season and shall not remain after the season is officially complete.</u>

- A. Location of proposed parking, loading, access and circulation improvements, signs, exterior lighting and landscaping. Existing improvements shall be shown to the extent that such improvements affect or are affected by the proposed development and/or are necessary to determine compliance with this chapter.
- B. If interior renovations or alterations are proposed, floor plans for existing and proposed buildings, showing the use and layout of internal space, at a scale of not exceeding eight (8) feet per inch. Horizontal dimensions of all exterior walls and other exterior vertical building surfaces shall be included. **[Amended 06-16-03 by Ord. 2143]**
- C. If alterations to the existing building facade are proposed, facade elevations showing the extent and nature of the construction. The vertical dimension of the building height shall be included. [Amended 06-16-03 by Ord. 2143]
- D. If revisions to existing topography are proposed, or if the building entrance or finished floor elevation is proposed to be revised, existing and proposed contours and/or spot elevations portraying the change.

- E. If the application involves a sidewalk cafe, the following additional information, <u>this does</u> not apply to seasonal sidewalk café's, seasonal sidewalk café's regulations can be found in <u>Chapter 150</u>, Article III.
- (1) A statement that if alcohol is to be served it will be served only with food service on the outdoor portion of the premises. (This provision to apply only to those restaurants with valid liquor licenses). [Amended 6-7-04 by Ord. No. 2164]
- (2) The proposed hours of operation.
- (3) The maximum anticipated seating capacity, including the number and location of tables, walls, planters or barricades.
- (4) Proof of liability insurance for the sidewalk cafe portion, which names the Borough of Somerville as an additional insured.
- (5) The location of any utility shut-offs, vents or sidewalk vault covers, bus stops, litter containers, fire hydrants, public telephones, street furniture, or elevators located in the vicinity of the proposed cafe.
- (6) Detailed design drawings or photographs of the proposed railing or landscaped border which will be used to separate the cafe from the sidewalk area. Colors of material shall be noted in detail.
- F. If any septic systems or subsurface stormwater storage systems are proposed, the results of percolation tests shall be submitted with the application, along with test hole locations and soil log information. [Added 12-17-01 by Ord. 2118]

CHAPTER 150 STREETS and SIDEWALKS

<u>ARTICLE III</u> SEASONAL SIDEWALK CAFÉ

§ 150-23 Seasonal Sidewalk Cafe. General provisions

- A. <u>Definition: Seasonal Sidewalk Café's are café's that are approved by the Architectural</u> <u>Review Board. Seasonal Sidewalk Café's are temporary in nature and allowed during a</u> <u>defined season as established on the application.</u>
- B. <u>The Borough shall have a fee established by resolution for the initial review and approval</u> of a sidewalk café' and shall have an annual review fee.
- C. <u>No entity, private individual, limited liability company, corporation or other entity shall</u> <u>erect a seasonal sidewalk café without an approval from the Architectural Review Board.</u>
- D. <u>The Architectural Review Board shall review the application annually to ensure that it</u> <u>best serves the interest of the merchants, residents and visitors of Somerville Borough</u>

§ 150-24 Fee Schedule:

- A. <u>The application shall be submitted with complete paperwork as defined on the application</u> <u>and payment of the fee as follows:</u>
 - a. <u>\$30 annual renewal fee</u>
 - b. <u>\$60 for food café (non-alcohol)</u>
 - c. <u>\$100 for sidewalk café for licensed alcohol (applicant is required to obtain ABC approval)</u>
- B. <u>The Borough of Somerville shall inspect the seasonal sidewalk café periodically</u>. Failure to comply with approval may be subject to removal of equipment, furniture or revocation

ORDINANCE #2707-23-0417

AMENDING SCHEDULE "A" PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES FOR THE EASTERN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset and the State of New Jersey that the following changes shall be made and memorialized as follows:

Ba	ase Dist	ricts					Over	Overlay Districts		
Use	Sic #	E- B1	E- B2	E- B3	E- PR	E- R2	Retail	Retail- Hotel	Office Services	Multi- Family Residential
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail nurseries and	526	-	C-	C-	-	-	P-r	-	P-r	-
garden centers			CC	CC						
FINANCE										
Security and Commodity Brokers	62	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	-	Р	P-d	Р	-
Insurance carriers	63	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	С	-	Р	P-d	Р	-
Insurance Agents	64	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	-	Р	P-d	Р	
BUSINESS SERVICES										
Advertising	731	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	-	Р	P-d	Р	-
Services to buildings	737	Ρ	Р	Ρ	-	-	Р	P-d	Р	-
Computer and data	737	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	-	Ρ	P-d	Р	
Physical Fitness Facilities	799	-	-		Ρ	-	-	-	-	-
HEALTH SERVICES										
Offices and clinics of	801	P-	P-	P-	P-	-	P-	P-	P-o	P-o
medical doctors,	802	0	0	0	0		d,dd,o	d,dd,o		
dentists, osteopathic	803									
physicians and other	804									
health practitioners										
MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS										
Business,	861	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	-	Р	P-d	Р	
professional, labor,	862									
civic, social and	863									
political associations	864	_		_	_		_			
Other membership organizations	869	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Р	-	Р	P-d	-	
ENGINEERING										
ACCOUNTING,										
RESEARCH AND										
MANAGEMENT										
SERVICES		_	-	_	_		_			
Engineering,	871	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Р	-	Р	P-d	Р	-
architectural and										
surveying services	074						D			
Accounting, auditing	874	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	-	Р	P-d	Р	-
and bookkeeping										
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MANUFACTURING										
Craft distillery	208	-	-	-	-	-	P-r	-	P-r	-
Malt Beverages	208	-	-	-	-	-	P-r	-	P-r	
Cider and Mead	208						Ρ		Ρ	
AGRICULTURE,										
FORESTRY AND										
FISHING										
Landscape	0781	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	-	Ρ	P-d	Р	-
counseling, planning										

- 1. If any or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court, the same shall not affect the other section or provisions of this Ordinance, except as far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.
- 2. All Ordinances or part of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication.

Ordinance scheduled for Adoption

ORDINANCE #2705-23-0403

AMENDING ORDINANCE #2676-22-0705 CHAPTER 166 SECTION 47 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLES SCHEDULE VI: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS EXCLUDED TO INLCUDE N. MIDDAUGH STREET, BELL AVENUE, ALTAMONT PLACE, WEST SUMMIT STREET & PROSPECT STREET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville desires to amend Chapter 166 Section 47, Schedule VI: trucks over Four Tons Excluded to include, North Middaugh Street, Bell Avenue, Altamont Place, West Summit Street and Prospect Street:

§ 166-47 Schedule VI: Trucks Over Four Tons Excluded.

In accordance with the provisions of § **166-11**, trucks over four tons' gross weight are hereby excluded from the following described streets or parts of streets, except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Adams Street	Both	Between North Auten Avenue and North Adamsville Road
North Adamsville Road	West	Between Union Avenue and East Main Street
Altamont Place	Both	Between Cornell Boulevard and Mountain Avenue
Bell Avenue	Both	Between Cornell Boulevard and North Middaugh Street
Davenport Street	Both	Between Route 22 and West Main Street
North Gaston Avenue	Both	Between Route 22 (Borough Line) and Union Avenue/William Street
Grove Street	Both	Between Route 22 (Borough Line) and East Main Street
Hope Street	Both	Between North Auten Avenue and North Adamsville Road
Madison Street	Both	Between North Auten Avenue and

Name of Street	Side	Location
		North Adamsville Road
North Middaugh Street	Both	Between Somerset Street and Prospect Street
North Bridge Street	Both	Between Route 22 and East Main Street/West Main Street
Prospect Street	Both	Between Cornell Boulevard and Mountain Avenue
Putnam Street	Both	Between North Auten Avenue and North Adamsville Road
West Summit	Both	Between Cornell Boulevard and Mountain Avenue
William Street	Both	Between North Gaston Avenue and Culver Street
William Street	Both	Between Grove Street and North Bridge Street

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby amends Chapter 166 Section 47, Schedule VI: Trucks over Four Tons Excluded to include, North Middaugh Street, Bell Avenue, Altamont Place, West Summit and Prospect Street and directs the Municipal Clerk to send this adopted ordinance to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation, County of Somerset and Regional Center Partnership.

The resolutions listed below are in draft form and may be amended prior or during the meeting

RESOLUTION 23-0417-138

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 23-0403-131 APPROVING KONNOR SPOTTS TO BE HIRED AS A SEASONAL LABORER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey rescinds the hiring of Konnor Spotts as a Seasonal Laborer

RESOLUTION 23-0417-139

APPROVING THE "Z" CAR CLUB TO UTILIZE PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ON JUNE 9th FROM 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. FOR CRUISE NIGHT DISPLAY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves the "Z" Car Club to use parking spaces located on Main Street in front of the Historic Courthouse on June 9th for Cruise Night display.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-140

APPROVING LEGAL RUNAROUND 5K RUN AND FUN WALK ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, Legal Runaround 5K and Fun Walk is scheduled to take place on Thursday May 25, 2023, starting at 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the race will be utilizing the regular race route ending on Grove Street; and;

WHEREAS, the race organizers must complete the road closure and police request forms and make payment to the Police Off-Duty escrow prior to scheduling of officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, hereby approve the Legal Runaround 5K Run and Fun Walk to be held on May 25, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., contingent on the submission of the appropriate forms and payment to the Police Off-Duty escrow prior to scheduling of Off-Duty Police Officers.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-141

APPOINTING MALLORY BURGAN TO SERVE ON THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor appoints and the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby consents to the appointment of Mallory Burgan to serve on the Recreation Committee for term expiring 12/31/2025.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-142

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO PURCHASE ORDER 23-00430 TO EXEMPLIS C/O PARAMOUNT FMS VIA NJ STATE COOPERATIVE CONTRACT QUOTE SITONIT CONTRACT #81711 PRICE ADJUSTMENT FROM \$42,828.80 TO \$45,995.04

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville awarded a contract to Exemplis C/O Paramount FMS Via NJ State Cooperative Contract Quote Sitonit Contract #81711., 72 Readington Road, Branchburg NJ 08876 for Furniture at Somerville Civic Center via Resolution 23-0221-089.

Change Order #	Description	Contract	Change	New Purchas Order Amount
#1	Price Adjustment	\$42,828.80	\$3,166.24	\$45,995.04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby Change order #1 to a contract with Exemplis C/O Paramount FMS Via NJ State Cooperative Contract Quote Sitonit Contract #81711., 72 Readington Road, Branchburg NJ 08876 for a price adjustment from \$42,828.80 to \$45,995.04.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-143

APPROVING RESERVATION OF PARKING SPACES ON EAST MAIN STREET BETWEEN N. BRIDGE STREET AND GROVE STREET ON NORTHSIDE FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. FOR NATURALIZATION CEREMONY AND FLAG DAY EVENT ON JUNE 16, 2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville is hosting the Naturalization Ceremony and Flag Day event at the County Court House steps on June 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reserve parking spaces for Emergency Services vehicles, displays and vendor delivery vehicles on East Main Street from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve reservation of parking spaces on East Main Street between N. Bridge Street and Grove Street on the northside from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on June 16, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-144

ADOPTING THE TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION SEASONAL RECREATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby adopts the title and job description Seasonal Recreation Program Coordinator.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-145

APPROVING THE HIRING OF MARCIE TYSON AS TEMPORARY ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR

WHEREAS, the effective date of hire is April 17, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby hire Marcie Tyson as temporary alternate Deputy Registrar, effective April 17, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-146

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE TO APPLY FOR AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT - EMPG/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE - EMAA WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

WHEREAS, The Borough of Somerville, Office of Emergency Management is applying for a grant funds from the Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMPG/Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subaward – EMAA for the Subaward period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the award is \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the Subaward number is FFY23-EMPG-EMAA-1818; and

WHEREAS, Jason Kraska is authorized as the Municipal OEM Coordinator to sign as the Authorizing Official on the application document of the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General Subaward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby applies for the Emergency Management Performance Grant - EMPG/Emergency Management Agency Assistance – EMAA Subaward in the amount of \$10,000 in Federal Funds to be used for Emergency Management purposes and authorizes Jason Kraska to execute the documents on behalf of the Borough of Somerville.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-147

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND CASH PORTION FOR DGM STATION HOUSE AT 66 VETERANS MEMEORIAL DRIVE BLOCK 61 LOT 6.02

WHEREAS, DGM Station House as 66 Veterans Memorial Drive Block 61 Lot 6.02, posted a performance bond on application #2016006P; and

WHEREAS, the work has been inspected and approved by Cole & Associates, LLC and all payments have been made; and

WHEREAS, the return of the performance bond in the amount of \$244,717.60 and the cash portion of \$24,471.76 is recommended, once the maintenance bond of \$40,378.40 has been received.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve the release of the performance bond and cash portion as stated in the preamble of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-148

APPROVING THE HIRING OF NASYR PETTIES-JACKSON AS LABORER FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville advertised for the full time position of Laborer for Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, it's recommended the hiring of Nasyr Petties-Jackson at an annual salary of \$42,000, prorated for 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes the hiring of Nasyr Petties-Jackson at an annual salary of \$42,000 prorated for 2023 with an effective date of April 24, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-149

APPROVING A STREET CLOSURE ON GROVE STREET, MAIN STREET AND HIGH STREET FOR DIVERSITY FESTIVAL FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville hereby approves a street closure on Grove Street, Main Street and High Street for Diversity Festival from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-0417-150

APPROVING A BOND REDUCTION FOR HONGI STATION, 1 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE WEST, BLOCK 120.01 LOT 1.01 APPLICATION #2020-0021P

WHEREAS, as per recommendation dated April 14, 2023, from Cole & Associates, some of the site improvements were completed and the applicant is requesting a reduction in the surety bond: and

WHEREAS, Cole and Associates recommends that the surety bond be reduced from \$81,128.08 to \$20,384.24; and

WHEREAS, of the \$20,384.24 performance guarantee, 10% of it needs to be posted in cash (\$2,438.42) and the bond needs to be \$21,945.81:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville hereby approves the bond reduction for Hongi Station, 1 Veterans memorial Drive West, Block 120.01, Lot 1.01 Application #2020-0021P as stated in the preamble of this resolution.

MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

Kevin Sluka read the Open Public Meeting Law statement.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sullivan, Councilmembers Pitts, Brady, Stravic, Vroom, Mitchell.

Councilmember Wied was excused.

Also Present: Kevin Sluka, Municipal Clerk, Jeremy Solomon, Borough Attorney, and Paige Elster, Chief Finance Officer.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

A representative from Boy Scout Troop 84 led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 3, 2023

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			Х			
Mitchell			Х			
Pitts		Х	Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom	Х		Х			
Wied						Х

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The mayor said the departmental reports are listed on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Mitchell - No report tonight.

<u>R. Vroom</u> - No report tonight.

<u>G. Brady</u> - The Finance department is now requiring consultants to itemize their fee invoices. This will provide greater transparency for building applicants who are paying for services rendered from an escrow fund. This will also lead to more efficiency.

<u>G. Stravic</u> - The Environmental Commission reminds everyone about Earth Day weekend and the Green Fair. All information is on the borough website.

<u>R. Pitts</u> - A program to help with prevention, treatment and recovery of substance abuse will be offered by Not an Easy Fix at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, April 26, May 3 and May 10, from 7 - 8:30 pm. This event is offered in partnership with the Borough of Somerville and the Somerville Municipal Alliance.

Empower Somerset will present "Escape the Vape" on April 20, from 6 - 7:30 pm. This is a virtual discussion on the dangers of vaping for middle and high school students and their parents.

Congratulations to Officer Vito Spadea for being nominated for the Do Good Hero award. Officer Spadea has been a member of the NJSPBA for over 18 years.

The new Downtown Somerville Alliance website is now live at <u>https://downtownsomerville.org</u>.

<u>Mayor Sullivan</u> - I attended the first annual Middle School Life Skills event and gave a brief presentation on local government. I'm also planning to reach out to the County again to find out about the blue recycling buckets for residences west of Bridge St.

DISCUSSION: Redevelopment PILOTs

Colin Driver, Director of Community Development

- Taxes are based on an assessment of what that property is worth today and can vary from year to year depending upon that assessment and the current tax rate.
- The assessment and local taxes are divided into two parts, land and improvements.
- With a PILOT, the land tax continues to be paid in the normal manner. Payments under a PILOT are designed to be a stable identifiable revenue over time.
- PILOTs can be based on 2% of the total cost of construction of the project, or more commonly a % of the project's annual gross revenue or income, a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 15%.
- By basing the PILOT payments on the project's revenues, the municipality shares in the success of the project as rents typically increase over time. PILOTs can have a term of no more than 30 years.
- Further, PILOT payments can be designed to increase in percentage over time.
- PILOT's help stabilize the property tax burden on all of the community's taxpayers by generating new revenue that would otherwise not exist.
- While not a tax in the traditional sense, a PILOT does increase revenue to the municipality significantly and allows for better budget planning as long-term income can be accurately estimated over the term of the PILOT.
- PILOT revenues are consistent as in most cases they are based on the income the improvement generates from rents and other income sources.
- This revenue is far more reliable and permits a municipality to develop long term budgeting goals.

Benefits of a PILOT to a Municipality

- Offers an identifiable cash flow over an identified number of years. Owner cannot make a tax appeal to reduce payments as it is not a tax.
- Redeveloper and Municipality enter into a financial agreement that detail the project that details the terms of the PILOT, and includes performance and penalty items.
- PILOT service fees do not affect or reduce a municipality's State Aid, as the "improvement" is not taxed.

Benefits of a PILOT to a Developer

- Identifies costs over a long time frame PILOT duration
- Financial Institutions favor a fixed financial structure for loans
- In many instances this is the only way to finance a project in built out areas
- Provides an offset to typically higher construction and other costs of project

This current year, the borough is anticipating \$2,345,000 from construction projects. If these places had not been built, we would have received \$282,682 in regular taxes.

The borough can use "other" sources of income to help fund the budget. These other sources can include Redevelopment PILOT revenues.

Benefits

- Income from residential taxes is stabilized over time
- School budget is funded without having to go into debt
- Borough receives a non-tax boost in income
- The existing PILOT projects are estimated to inject between \$74 and \$104 million in new personal expenditure into the local economy each year.

DISCUSSION

<u>G. Stravic</u> - Which taxes are they not paying?

<u>C. Driver</u> - The improvement tax is discounted. The land tax is always paid in full.

<u>G. Brady</u> - This process allows us to buy things we may not have been able to buy, like the Emergency Services Facility and large capital items.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

2706-23-0417 AMENDING CHAPTER 102 SECTION 74 REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR MINOR SITE PLANS FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉ'S THAT ARE SEASONAL IN NATURE AND ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS FOR SEASONAL SIDEWALK CAFÉ'S IN CHAPTER 150 ARTICLE III

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	Х		Х			
Mitchell			Х			
Pitts		Х	Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom			Х			
Wied						Х

2707-23-0417 AMENDING SCHEDULE "A" PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES FOR THE EASTERN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			Х			
Mitchell	Х		X			
Pitts			X			
Stravic			X			
Vroom		Х	X			
Wied						Х

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

2705-23-0403 AMENDING ORDINANCE #2676-22-0705 CHAPTER 166 SECTION 47 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLES SCHEDULE VI: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS EXCLUDED

Open Public Hearing

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			Х			
Mitchell	Х		Х			
Pitts			Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom		Х	Х			
Wied						Х

There were no comments from the public.

Close Public Hearing

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	Х		Х			
Mitchell			Х			
Pitts		Х	Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom			Х			
Wied						Х

Discussion

<u>G. Brady</u> - None of these restrictions affect access to the downtown. This also has an impact on the possibility of warehouses in the area.

T. Mitchell - There is an exception for local pickup or drop-off, such as moving vans.

Adoption

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			Х			
Mitchell	Х		Х			
Pitts			Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom		Х	Х			
Wied						Х

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			Х			
Mitchell		Х	Х			
Pitts			Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom	Х		Х			
Wied						Х

Public Comments

<u>Jeffrey Keiser, 23 Vanderveer Ave -</u> On behalf of the Environmental Commission, we were asked to look at Ordinance 2703-23-0403. We agree that solar systems should be discouraged from being on the front face of buildings. However, if the panels were to be installed in the rear we would be concerned about the removal of trees. We suggest requiring the person to replace the tree(s) or pay the borough, as required with redevelopments.

I belong to the Ad-hoc Zoning Committee, and we talked about continuing our work and defining best practices to address flooding in town and ways to manage it. I'm here to ask if we can reconvene.

<u>R. Vroom</u> - The solar ordinance is being discussed by the Planning Board and will be revisited. It has not come back to the Borough Council, and we have not had a chance to discuss it or make any changes yet.

We expect the state to release new flood advisory information on May 15. The Planning Board will discuss the recommendations from the Ad-hoc Committee after the state guidelines are in place and before the Ad-hoc Committee meets again.

<u>Rich O'Neill, 124 W. Cliff St</u> - I think the PILOTs have transformed this town. This town was pretty raggedy for a long time. Development has been the answer. Neighborhoods are now nice and people are walking down the street.

Close Public Session

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady			Х			
Mitchell			Х			
Pitts		Х	Х			
Stravic	Х		Х			
Vroom			Х			
Wied						Х

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Kevin Sluka added Resolution 23-0417-150 to the agenda.

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	Х		Х			
Mitchell			Х			
Pitts		Х	Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom			Х			
Wied						Х

BILLS & VOUCHERS

Account	PO #	Vendor Name	Amount
2-01-20-140-000-614	22-00078	CIVIC EYE COLLABORATIVE LLC	571.00
2-01-25-240-000-720	22-01143	FORD CREDIT DEPT 43401	13,196.89
2-05-55-502-000-533	22-00731	PHOENIX ADVISORS LLC	926.00
2-05-55-502-000-533	22-00732	T & M ASSOCIATES	337.75
2-09-55-502-000-557	22-01517	IPS GROUP INC	8,405.00
3-01-20-100-000-530	23-00083	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	1,010.82
3-01-20-100-000-530	23-00083	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	1,934.58
3-01-20-100-000-530	23-00578	SHARP ELECTRONICS CORP	555.00
3-01-20-100-000-555	23-00584	KEVIN SLUKA	50.00
3-01-20-100-000-628	23-00081	W.B. MASON CO., INC	49.85
3-01-20-100-000-628	23-00575	SOMERSET CTY ADM. BLDG	25.00
3-01-20-100-000-628	23-00582	KEVIN SLUKA	79.91
3-01-20-100-000-635	23-00052	FEDEX	27.75
3-01-20-100-000-635	23-00079	USPS-QUADIENT-POC	3,000.00
3-01-20-100-000-635	23-00609	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	54.00

3-01-20-100-000-659	23-00636	TREASURER-STATE OF NEW JERSEY	4,100.00
3-01-20-100-000-659	23-00638	TREASURER-STATE OF NEW JERSEY	3,000.00
3-01-20-130-000-628	23-00116	W.B. MASON CO., INC	82.80
3-01-20-130-000-670	23-00097	PHOENIX ADVISORS LLC	1,100.00
3-01-20-130-000-670	23-00107	PHOENIX ADVISORS LLC	1,500.00
3-01-20-140-000-534	23-00025	COMPUTER SYSTEMS & METHODS	1,810.00
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00004	VERIZON	109.00
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00011	VERIZON	119.00
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-00189	CIVIC EYE COLLABORATIVE LLC	688.00
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-00512	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	226.99
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-00532	PATRICIA HUNT	399.00
3-01-20-140-000-614	23-00533	PATRICIA HUNT	79.00
3-01-20-140-000-706	23-00599	PATRICIA HUNT	108.22
3-01-20-165-000-533	23-00576	T & M ASSOCIATES	475.50
3-01-20-165-000-565	23-00472	GATES FLAG & BANNER CO	366.50
3-01-21-180-000-605	23-00187	MCNALLY, YAROS, KACZYNSKI, LIME	1,752.00
3-01-21-180-000-605	23-00188	MICHAEL LOMBARDOZZI	385.00
3-01-21-180-000-605	23-00607	CROWN TROPHY	15.00
3-01-21-180-000-658	23-00184	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	1,085.00
3-01-21-180-000-659	23-00524	DECOTIIS,FITZPATRICK,COLE & WI	2,090.50
3-01-21-185-000-607	23-00524	MICHAEL LOMBARDOZZI	485.65
3-01-22-195-000-545		MUNICIPAL CONST OFF. OF NJ	
	23-00293		75.00
3-01-22-195-000-628	23-00181	W.B. MASON CO., INC	16.58
3-01-22-195-000-628	23-00181	W.B. MASON CO., INC	89.98
3-01-22-195-000-628	23-00181	W.B. MASON CO., INC	25.55
3-01-22-195-000-628	23-00575	SOMERSET CTY ADM. BLDG	270.00
3-01-23-220-000-586	23-00055	FLEXFACTS-GRANT BENEFITS SOLUT	56.00
3-01-25-240-000-557	23-00507	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	185.84
3-01-25-240-000-560	23-00177	VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	32.40
3-01-25-240-000-560	23-00177	VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	373.64
3-01-25-240-000-560	23-00177	VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	338.25
3-01-25-240-000-616	23-00469	STATE TOXICOLOGY LABS	225.00
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-00473	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	185.88
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-00473	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	11.98
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-00473	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	-7.67
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-00557	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	370.92
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-00557	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	6.99
3-01-25-240-000-697	23-00529	NJ JUVENILE OFFICERS ASSOC	250.00
3-01-25-240-000-697	23-00530	TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY	225.98
3-01-25-240-000-697	23-00564	OFF. COLE FICARRA	229.68
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00169	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	58.97
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00169	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	110.95
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00169	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	22.50
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00169	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	179.92
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00558	OFFICER SEAN MEYER	184.42
3-01-25-240-001-533	23-00174	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	5,026.61
3-01-25-240-001-533	23-00174	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	-35.60
3-01-25-240-001-533	23-00174	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	5,159.49
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	42.68
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00045	MOOSE SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	669.25
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00050	POST ACE HARDWARE	13.99
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00031	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	110.62
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	62.96
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	30.57
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	50.97
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	19.97
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	63.34
3-01-25-265-000-580	23-00049	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	62.06
3-01-25-265-000-628	23-00051	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	62.06
3-01-25-265-000-628	23-00051	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	48.14
3-01-25-265-000-628	23-00051	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL	
3-01-25-265-000-628	23-00051	ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT LABS, I	155.54 2,424.60
J UI 2J-20J-000-070	23-00301	LECTRONIC MEASUREMENT LADS, I	2,424.00

3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00595	GLENN THORNE	140.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00596	GARY STRAMAGLIA	140.00
3-01-25-265-000-690	23-00608	DAVID VAUGHN	140.00
3-01-25-265-001-614	23-00547	SOMERSET CTY FIRE MARSHAL	100.00
3-01-25-265-002-574	23-00101	AMERICAN WATER	12,939.22
3-01-26-290-000-533	23-00406	ADVANCED LANDSCAPING, INC	4,950.00
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00017	VERIZON WIRELESS	38.01
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00109	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	360.00
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00109	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	224.80
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00109	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	-28.32
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00133	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	470.56
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00137	POST ACE HARDWARE	631.00
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00137	POST ACE HARDWARE	-28.17
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00158	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	1,626.94
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00443	HFI TRUCK CENTER	75.30
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00450	DUNCAN HARDWARE, INC	344.00
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00452	A & K EQUIPMENT CO	557.60
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00527	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC	995.62
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00603	CUSTOM BANDAG INC	607.08
3-01-26-290-000-561	23-00123	FUSCO'S RENTAL WORLD	3,200.00
3-01-26-290-000-673	23-00125	LED LIGHTING INC.	3,504.99
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00370	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	52.30
3-01-26-290-000-687	23-00100	POST ACE HARDWARE	8.59
3-01-26-290-000-699	23-00138	KENS TREE SERVICE	
			3,500.00
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	1,430.64
3-01-26-310-000-506	23-00108	AUTOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS ALARM	160.00
3-01-26-310-000-516	23-00147	SCOTT BECKER PLUMBING & HEATIN	282.00
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00080	W.B. MASON CO., INC	204.68
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00115	DRARAS, LLC	121.85
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00136	POST ACE HARDWARE	13.98
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00136	POST ACE HARDWARE	2.99
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00136	POST ACE HARDWARE	2.99
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00136	POST ACE HARDWARE	10.77
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00166	W.B. MASON CO., INC	26.94
3-01-26-310-000-533	23-00098	AFFORDABLE BUILDING SERVICES	3,169.66
3-01-26-310-000-533	23-00544	MOOSE SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	5,493.41
3-01-28-370-000-697	23-00562	CROWN TROPHY	264.00
3-01-28-370-000-699	23-00534	PERSONALIZED PARAPHERNALIA	1,166.00
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-560	23-00056	CENTRAL JERSEY NURSERIES	67.19
3-01-28-375-000-560	23-00056	CENTRAL JERSEY NURSERIES	243.52
3-01-28-375-000-560	23-00056	CENTRAL JERSEY NURSERIES	429.99
3-01-28-375-000-560	23-00063	POST ACE HARDWARE	36.98
3-01-28-375-000-645	23-00588	WINNING TEAMS BY NISSEL,LLC	774.00
3-01-28-375-000-645	23-00588	WINNING TEAMS BY NISSEL,LLC	375.00
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00005	VERIZON	1,267.66
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00006	VERIZON	142.33
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00016	VERIZON WIRELESS	971.57
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00002	VERIZON	397.80
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00013	VERIZON WIRELESS	835.69
3-01-31-460-000-579	23-00156	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	8,597.74
3-01-43-490-000-628	23-00060	GTBM INC	2,278.80
3-05-55-502-000-533	23-00387	T & M ASSOCIATES	687.50
3-05-55-503-000-655	23-00302	SOMERSET RARITAN SEWERAGE AUTH	489,301.70
3-09-55-502-000-533	23-00073	IPS GROUP INC	4,901.75
3-09-55-502-000-557	23-00539	BUTTS TICKET COMPANY	623.00
3-09-55-502-000-560	23-00074	IPS GROUP INC	155.78
C-04-00-002-441-625	23-00301	COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN	242.50
C-04-00-002-614-625	23-00379	TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION	25,500.00
C-04-00-002-670-610	22-00682	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,806.00
G-02-10-001-000-246	23-00428	D'AVELLINO CONSTRUCTION INC	58,788.73
G-02-40-001-000-628	20-00862	GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS	5,494.25
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G-02-40-002-000-551	23-00314	ISLAND TECH SERVICES LLC	1,399.04
G-02-40-002-020-541	23-00446	4IMPRINT, INC	4,595.16
G-02-40-002-022-221	23-00614	PAIGE ALLEN	301.27
G-02-40-002-022-221	23-00616	HELENA SROCZYNSKI	199.19
G-02-40-002-022-541	23-00559	DUNCAN HARDWARE, INC	1,985.16
T-12-00-000-000-647	23-00589	RUTKO ENGRAVING	83.50
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-00562	CROWN TROPHY	45.48
T-13-00-000-000-212	23-00585	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	15,035.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-00573	T & M ASSOCIATES	670.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-00573	T & M ASSOCIATES	398.00

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Ауе	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brady	Х		Х			
Mitchell		Х	Х			
Pitts			Х			
Stravic			Х			
Vroom			Х			
Wied						Х

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Vroom, all voted favorably.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Sluka, RMC