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

Monday, November 20, 2023 Executive Session 6:30 P.M. Public Portion 7:00 P.M. (estimate)

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS – SOMERVILLE CIVIC CENTER 24 ROBESON STREET, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876

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1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- EXECUTIVE SESSION a. November 6, 2023

4. RESOLUTION 23-1120-334 TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

- a. Redevelopment
- b. Personnel-Administrative
- c. PBA Collective Bargaining
- d. Professional Services-2024
- e. Interlocal discussion
- f. Potential Tax Appeal Settlement

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 6, 2023

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & NOTICES

- a. General Election Results
- b. Reorganization Meeting 1-1-24 12:00 noon

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Environmental Commission Annual Report

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. 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)

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

(RESOLUTIONS 23-1120-335 THRU 23-1120-336)

(Resolutions may be pulled off consent agenda for discussion and roll call vote. Resolutions may be removed or added to the agenda)

- 23-1120-335 APPROVING ANTHONY JAMES SMITH AS AN HOURLY EMPLOYEE AT A RATE OF \$22.00 FOR THE BASKETBALL GYM SUPERVISOR
- 23-1120-336 AMENDING CANCELLATION OF BOROUGH TAX SALE CERTIFICATES NOT ISSUED FOR PILOT PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE LAWFUL INTEREST

10. BILLS AND VOUCHERS

11. ADJOURNMENT

KEVIN SLUKA, MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

RESOLUTION 23-1120-335

APPROVING ANTHONY JAMES SMITH AS AN HOURLY EMPLOYEE AT A RATE OF \$22.00 FOR THE BASKETBALL GYM SUPERVISOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey approves Anthony James Smith as an hourly employee at a rate of \$22.00 for the basketball gym supervisor.

RESOLUTION 23-1120-336

AMENDING CANCELLATION OF BOROUGH TAX SALE CERTIFICATES NOT ISSUED FOR PILOT PROPERTIES TO INCLUDE LAWFUL INTEREST

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Somerville, New Jersey, that:

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined that Tax Sale Certificates <u>#23-00025 and</u> <u>23-00026</u>, sold by the Borough of Somerville on October 18, 2023, but not issued to lien holder for delinquent balances on PILOT properties, be canceled due to 30-day default letter, stated in the PILOT agreement, was not issued, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is authorized to issue refunds to the lien holder for original amount of Tax Sale Certificates, and

WHEREAS, the properties listed below still have delinquent PILOT balances and the 30-day default letter will be issued and liens sold at tax sale in 2024 if balances remain

Block/Lot/Qualifier	<u>Address</u>	TSC # to be cancelled	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sold To</u>
123.04/2.06/C0407 Fleck	83 Robeson St.	23-00025	\$3,176.97	Benjamin
123.04/2.06/C0407 Fleck	1036 Station Rd.	23-00026	\$5,176.71	Benjamin

Include Lawful interest to calculated at .25% in the amount of \$1.97

Total refund \$8,355.65

MINUTES

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

Kevin Sluka, RMC, read the Open Public Meeting Law statement.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sullivan, Councilmembers Pitts, Mitchell, Bonner, Stravic and Vroom.

Absent: Councilmember Brady

Also Present: Kevin Sluka, Municipal Clerk

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The mayor asked for a moment of silence for Rosalynn Carter, wife of President Jimmy Carter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 6, 2023

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND NOTICES

The mayor said the departmental reports and notices are listed in the agenda. The Reorganization meeting will be held at 12 pm on January 1, at Somerville High School.

PRESENTATION

Jeff Lamborn, Chair, presented the Environmental Commission's 2023 Annual Report:

- Mission Statement
- Membership
- Relationships & Partners
- Communication & Social Media Strategy
- Programs and Events
 - Earth Day Trash Clean-Up and Seedling Giveaway
 - o Jay Scott Memorial Community Garden
 - Sustainable Jersey/PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership
 - National Night Out
 - o Regional Environmental Commission Meeting
 - Rain Garden Pruning
 - "Town Swap" Upcycling and Reuse
 - Tree Planting Grants and Volunteer Coordination
 - Electric Vehicle "Show and Tell"
 - Vanderveer School Garden Clean-Up
- Certifications
 - Silver Certified Municipality, Sustainable Jersey (2020, 2023)
 - Urban & Community Forestry Plan, NJDEP UCF
- Grants and Funding
 - New Jersey Tree Foundation Walck Park Tree Planting (\$17,000 value in trees and volunteer time)

- Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Residential Energy Efficiency Program (\$2,000 grant for promotional materials)
- PSE&G Municipal Energy Savings Program
- NJ Clean Communities and Tree Seedling Giveaway
- Street trees from Borough fund
- Self-Assessment and Total Volunteer Hours
 - o 981 total volunteer hours, equivalent to \$33,177

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>T. Bonner - Online registration is closed for the Turkey Trot, but you can still register on the morning of the race. The race starts at 9 am. The Department of Public Works is helping to set up the race and will continue curbside leaf pickup this month.</u>

<u>T. Mitchell</u> - The Federal Railroad Administration has awarded a \$10 billion grant to Amtrak to modernize the Northeast corridor. This is good news for commuters.

<u>G. Stravic</u> - Check the website for current job openings at the Borough.

<u>R. Vroom</u> - The Holiday Lights Parade is on December 2, starting at dusk. The Somerville Fire Department and fire departments from the area will participate. The parade will go down Main Street and through the neighborhoods in Somerville. Please donate towards this great experience.

<u>R. Pitts</u> - The DSA is organizing Small Business Saturday this Saturday. Come support all the businesses in the borough. The DSA budget presentation, originally scheduled for tonight, has been moved to December 4.

Mayor Sullivan - I will have a holiday message on the website later this week.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Open Public Session

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

Public Comments

<u>Margaret Weinberger</u> - The people living at the senior citizen building are experiencing serious issues. They are long-standing Somerville residents. I could not find a public list of the current board of trustees who are responsible for helping these residents. There is only 1 elevator currently working for over 100 people in the building. When residents complain, they are threatened with eviction. Recreational activities are barred. I'm preparing a packet of information to send to HUD officials.

<u>Erin Holdwright</u> - I am a Somerville resident and I'm here on behalf of my sister and over 1,700 nurses at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. They have been on strike since August 4. The main issue and concern is safe staffing. They have been without health insurance since September 1. This is a public health issue. We encourage the Borough Council to reach out to the Assembly members and state Senators to ask them to sponsor the Safe Staffing bill (Bill S304 and Bill A4546).

<u>Mia, Metuchen resident</u> - I'm here with my colleagues from Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. Having a safe patient ratio is of tremendous importance. We ask the Council to please consider passing a resolution tonight supporting Bill S304 and Bill A4546.

<u>Suzanne, Bedminster resident</u> - I haven't been able to enter the building since June 25 to see my mother. There's a lot going on in that building and I hope each one of you starts to become aware and care, even if it's outside of your jurisdiction. Please reach out to the board members of that building.

<u>Mike, Metuchen resident</u> - I'm here on behalf of the 1,700 nurses on strike at Robert Wood Johnson. Please support the nurses by sponsoring Bill S304 and Bill A4546.

Close Public Session

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS 23-1120-335 THRU 23-1120-336

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

BILLS AND VOUCHERS

Account	PO #	Vendor Name	Amount
2-05-55-502-000-533	22-00732	T & M ASSOCIATES	193.00
2-05-55-502-000-533	22-00732	T & M ASSOCIATES	386.00
2-05-55-502-000-533	22-00732	T & M ASSOCIATES	96.50
2-05-55-502-000-533	22-00732	T & M ASSOCIATES	144.75
3-01-20-100-000-502	23-00037	COURIER NEWS	70.20
3-01-20-100-000-545	23-01416	NJMMA	250.00
3-01-20-100-000-555	23-01424	NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL	260.00
3-01-20-100-000-556	23-01405	MABEL RODRIGUEZ	187.50
3-01-20-100-000-613	23-01268	CROWN TROPHY	30.00
3-01-20-100-000-613	23-01423	CROWN TROPHY	344.00
3-01-20-100-000-628	23-01403	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	824.00
3-01-20-100-000-628	23-01406	KEVIN SLUKA	145.47
3-01-20-100-000-659	23-01294	NJ COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS LLC	2,500.00
3-01-20-100-000-670	23-00067	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	411.30
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00004	VERIZON	109.00

	22.00044		440.00
3-01-20-140-000-598	23-00011		119.00
3-01-20-140-000-706	23-01142	DEPARTMENT OF CIVIC THINGS LLC	4,387.50
3-01-20-140-000-706	23-01375		119.98
3-01-22-195-000-628 3-01-23-220-000-586	23-00181	W.B. MASON CO., INC FLEXFACTS-GRANT BENEFITS SOLUT	88.75 56.00
	23-00055		76.77
3-01-25-240-000-538 3-01-25-240-000-560	23-01397 23-00177	OFFICER V SPADEA VESPIA'S/MR TIRE	
		BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	66.24
3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428		4.60
3-01-25-240-000-614 3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428 23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	4.78 6.13
3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	28.85
3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	36.26
3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	5.60
3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	24.51
3-01-25-240-000-614	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	31.43
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	22.68
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	9.35
3-01-25-240-000-628	23-01428	BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE	22.98
3-01-25-240-000-028	23-001428		727.00
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00108		642.00
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00108	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	55.94
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00109	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	344.96
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00105	ATLANTIC TACTICAL	160.93
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-00105	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	107.00
3-01-25-240-000-713	23-01381	OFFICER RYAN KREIDEWEIS	244.67
3-01-25-240-001-533	23-01301	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	5,010.59
3-01-25-240-001-533	23-00174	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	5,004.06
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	231.01
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	16.47
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00048	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	432.62
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-00262	UNDERWRITERS LABS	1,394.10
3-01-25-265-000-507	23-01307	SEAGRAVE SALES AND SERVICE	2,422.64
3-01-25-265-000-557	23-00050	POST ACE HARDWARE	497.99
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00033	DORELL LOCKSMITHS	89.97
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	164.06
3-01-25-265-000-560	23-01370	GRAINGER	84.94
3-01-25-265-000-597	23-00049	POST ACE HARDWARE	456.13
3-01-25-265-000-614	23-01048	VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA LLC	56.85
3-01-25-265-000-670	23-01278	UNDERWRITERS LABS	1,316.70
3-01-25-265-000-670	23-01279	UNDERWRITERS LABS	1,360.00
3-01-25-265-000-670	23-01385	DIVAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT INC	1,000.00
3-01-25-265-000-697	23-01369	ON LOCATION EMERGENCY SERVICES	300.00
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00017	VERIZON WIRELESS	38.01
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00122	FULLERTON FORD INC	197.45
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00122	FULLERTON FORD INC	15.86
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00122	FULLERTON FORD INC	3.98
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00132	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	24.20
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00132	NAPA-GENUINE PARTS CO.	145.13
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00133	PDQ AUTO SUPPLY OF MANVILLE	707.94
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00137	POST ACE HARDWARE	415.76
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00139	POWER PLACE, INC.	58.81
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-00158	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	999.19
3-01-26-290-000-560	23-01384	UNITED WELDING AND FABRICATION	500.00
3-01-26-290-000-673	23-00154	SOMERSET CTY RD & BRIDGE DIV	556.48
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00160	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	45.87
3-01-26-290-000-674	23-00160	STAVOLA ASPHALT COMPANY	42.83
3-01-26-290-000-699	23-00126	KENS TREE SERVICE	1,100.00
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	25,499.99
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	300.00
3-01-26-305-000-523	23-00129	LMR DISPOSAL, LLC	23,109.70
3-01-26-305-001-543	23-00152	SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING PROG	14,108.58
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00080	W.B. MASON CO., INC	280.16

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3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00115	DRARAS, LLC	835.30
3-01-26-310-000-517	23-00136	POST ACE HARDWARE	6.99
3-01-26-310-000-533	23-00647	ONE TOTAL CLEANING SERVICES	3,393.81
3-01-28-370-000-699	23-01350	NJ SANTOS FC LLC	1,560.00
3-01-28-370-000-702	23-01386	TORI CESARIO	50.00
3-01-28-370-000-702	23-01386	TORI CESARIO	25.00
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00068	UNITED SITE SERVICES	43.75
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-00125	JERSEY JOE'S LAWN SERVICE	8,360.00
3-01-28-375-000-533	23-01003	TRUGREEN LP	10,164.00
3-01-31-430-000-580	23-00159	SOMERSET SOLAR 1 LLC	55.80
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00005	VERIZON	1,228.30
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00006	VERIZON	148.93
3-01-31-440-000-704	23-00016	VERIZON WIRELESS	972.66
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00013	VERIZON WIRELESS	905.40
3-01-31-440-000-705	23-00014	VERIZON WIRELESS	100.20
3-01-31-460-000-579	23-00156	SOMERSET COUNTY VEHICLE MAINT	10,514.25
3-09-55-502-000-560	23-01167	IMPACT POWER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	1,794.89
C-04-00-002-670-610	22-00682	T & M ASSOCIATES	163.86
C-04-00-002-670-610	22-00682	T & M ASSOCIATES	848.25
C-04-00-002-670-610	22-00682	T & M ASSOCIATES	483.00
C-04-00-002-670-610	22-00682	T & M ASSOCIATES	193.00
C-04-00-002-670-610	22-00682	T & M ASSOCIATES	3,021.14
C-04-00-002-670-610	23-01012	GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC	805.00
C-04-00-002-675-625	23-00823	SOMERSET STATION URBAN RENEWAL	89,850.18
G-02-10-001-000-246	22-01306	T & M ASSOCIATES	8,004.02
G-02-10-001-000-246	22-01306	T & M ASSOCIATES	7,559.10
G-02-10-001-000-246	22-01306	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,932.84
G-02-40-001-000-236	23-01195	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,514.50
G-02-40-001-000-243	21-01511	T & M ASSOCIATES	5,397.88
G-02-40-001-000-726	23-00152	SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING PROG	24,470.77
G-02-40-002-000-635	23-01135	MOOSE SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	48,958.20
G-02-40-002-023-217	23-01357	POSITIVE PROMOTIONS	212.65
G-02-40-002-023-247	23-01262	NORTHERN NURSERIES	9,382.50
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01157	CROWN TROPHY	1,462.50
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01157	CROWN TROPHY	48.00
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01157	CROWN TROPHY	41.00
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01178	IT TAKES TWO LLC	175.00
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01330	UNIVERSAL LACROSSE COMPANY LLC	13,687.50
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01420	MINUTEMAN PRESS	525.60
T-12-00-000-000-680	23-01425	MOTIVATED SECURITY SERVICE INC	340.00
T-13-00-000-000-212	23-01291	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	14,755.00
T-13-00-000-000-212	23-01410	COLE & ASSOCIATES LLC	18,550.00
T-13-00-000-000-212	23-01422	CHA DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SOLUT	2,948.30
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01400	T & M ASSOCIATES	6,171.25
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01400	T & M ASSOCIATES	4,885.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01402	T & M ASSOCIATES	497.50
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01402	T & M ASSOCIATES	193.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01402	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,613.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,752.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	5,376.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,304.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,504.00 5,571.00
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	4,448.50
T-13-00-000-000-306	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,125.00
T-13-00-000-000-570	23-01404	T & M ASSOCIATES	2,123.00
T-13-00-000-000-570	23-00549	T & M ASSOCIATES	9,531.45
T-17-00-000-000-211	23-00549	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS	9,551.45 60.00
1-11-00-000-000-211	23-00021	ANNUAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS	00.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the public meeting and go into executive session.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Kevin Sluka, RMC