



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, April 3, 2017
City Council Agenda

5:30 p.m. – City Manager Presentation on FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget

6:00 p.m. –Public Hearing on FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing

*Re: Ordinance No. 13-17 Amend Chapter 19 Zoning Ordinance, Section 30E Hilltop School
Property Overlay District*

6:50 p.m. Public Hearing

Re: Ordinance No. 14-17 Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses

Unfinished Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 13-17 Amend Chapter 19 Zoning Ordinance, Section 30E Hilltop School Property Overlay District.** Again, this Ordinance Amendment was discussed and supported by the Economic Development Committee. This is one of the conditions outlined in the Hilltop Purchase & Sales Agreement that will need to be accomplished to finalize the sale.
- B. Ordinance No. 14-17 Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses.** Again, this Ordinance would change the current one-way traffic on Grove Street between Grand and Prospect to two-way traffic.

Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 35-17 To Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Group Net Metering Agreement with NH Solar Garden of Portsmouth, NH to Develop a Solar Project Pursuant to RSA 362-A on the Somersworth Sanitary Landfill on Blackwater Road. Again, the Finance Committee is sponsoring this Resolution for full City Council consideration. If approved, the Council will also need to consider a Resolution in regards to authorizing a PILOT Agreement that will be part of the overall financial plan. Attached is a memorandum from Finance Director Scott Smith that provides some brief details of the financial terms of the potential solar array project such as:

- It is a 20-year land lease with two 5-year options to extend.
- It is a purchase power arrangement, with the cost for power starting at .08 cents with an annual escalation of 1.5%.
- There is an annual land lease of \$7,500 per site (2 sites), which would be \$15,000 total with an annual escalation of 1.5%.
- There is an annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) as part of the agreement starting at \$2,800 per site (2 sites), which would be an initial payment of \$5,600. The intent is that value will be converted into an assessed value which would be subject to the City's annual tax rate.

Again, any PILOT Agreement for this project will require a separate vote by City Council after a Public Hearing, which is required by State law.

Note: There is a copy of an amended version of this Resolution that may be introduced at the meeting. The Amendment makes it clear that it is a 20-year lease with options for additional 5-year terms.

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

A. Ordinance No. 15-17 FY 2017-2018 Budget.

B. Ordinance No. 16-17 Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses, Section 3.4-F, Right Turn Prohibited – High Street onto Station Street.

C. Ordinance No. 17-17 Amending Chapter 13 Police Offenses, Section 3.4-F, Right Turn Prohibited – West High Street onto High Street. Ordinance No. 16-17 and Ordinance No. 17-17 were reviewed at the March 15th Traffic Safety Committee and were voted on to seek Council approval. Attached are location maps that show these intersections.

D. Ordinance No. 18-17 Supplemental Appropriation to Provide Funding for Resolution No. 34-17 Which Will Upgrade the Street Lights Throughout the City of Somersworth and Lights in Certain City Facility Lots to LED Lighting. The City Charter requires a Public Hearing prior to any Council vote on any supplemental appropriation as well as identifying the funding source. This will require 6-Council votes to pass; i.e. a 2/3rds majority vote of the Council. I recommend a Public Hearing prior to the next Council meeting on Monday, April 17th at 6:45 p.m.

City Manager's Items (under section 10 of Agenda)

A. Informational Items

1. **Grant Application.** I have attached a letter that I sent to the NH Division of Historical Resources to apply for funding under the 2017 Moose Plate Grant Program to fund efforts to preserve key elements of the Forest Glade Cemetery. Ms. Amy Dixon, Grants Coordinator, has informed me that the City is eligible to apply. Without objection, I will be working with the Cemetery Trustees to submit a Grant Application for \$10,000 to complete preservation work at the City's Forest Glade Cemetery. Depending on available funding, the plan would include preservation repairs to headstones and chapel fencing.
2. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection.** This regional collection day will be on Saturday, May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Waste Management - Turnkey Landfill, 90 Rochester Neck Road, Rochester. Attached is a flyer with information about what products are considered to be household hazardous waste.

B. Attachments

1. City Attorney Certifications Four (4)