



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
Office of the City Manager

TO: Acting Mayor Jennifer Soldati and City Council Members

Cc: Mayor Dana Hilliard

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, October 17, 2014

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, October 20, 2014
City Council Agenda

Lay on the Table (under Section 12 of Agenda)

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 6-15 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.3 One Way Streets, Relative to Constitutional Way (Referred to Public Works & Environment Committee).**

Other:

- A. Authorize City Manager to Sign Unutil Agreement to Extend Natural Gas Service to Former Police Department Building.**

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Other:

- A. Vote for Re-adoption of the City of Somersworth Investment Policy.** This is an annual housekeeping action item for the City Council. City staff supports re-adoption without any amendments. Attached is a copy of the City Investment Policy.

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

A. Information Items:

1. **Rail Advisory Committee – RFP for Transportation Consultant.** We received only one (1) proposal at a cost of \$49,281. The Rail Committee did discuss the proposal and decided not to pursue it at this time. As such, I intend to notify the Consultant, Maine Rail Transportation Coalition, LLC that the City will not be moving forward with their proposal.
2. **Solar RFP.** The City received four (4) proposals for a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facility at our closed Superfund landfill site. City Staff conducted preliminary interviews with all four interested parties. Staff is in the process of analyzing the proposals and information received at the interviews.
3. **Downtown Project - Traffic Flow.** At the June 3, 2013 meeting, City Council voted to place an Ordinance change regarding traffic flow on Main Street on hold until the downtown project was completed. The change would have created a one-way section on Main Street, Station Street northerly to Market Street. Attached are those meeting minutes. I need direction from the Council so that I can provide instructions to Severino regarding temporary striping in this section of Main Street should you want any change made now. Also, an Ordinance change will need to be introduced to amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses to complete any permanent traffic flow change.
4. **City Council Workshop.** The School Board has requested a Workshop with the City Council so that Superintendent Jeni Mosca and her staff can provide an update on the Career Technical Center renovation plans. I have suggested a 6:00 p.m. prior to the next regular meeting on Monday, November 10th. Without objection I will advise the School Department that it is a go.
5. **Mast Point Dam Revitalization Project.** I received a phone call on Friday from NH Department of Resources and Economic Development Park & Recreation Division. Bill Gegas congratulated the City regarding his receipt of official confirmation that the Federal Government National Park Service had approved our Grant award of \$28,500 and has cleared us to proceed with the Project.

B. Attachments:

1. Department Head September Monthly Reports.
2. Economic Development Monthly Business e-Newsletter.