



MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Somersworth, NH
June 17, 2019
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by His Honor, the Mayor, Dana S. Hilliard, and upon roll call the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Sprague, and Levasseur. Councilors Witham and Cameron were excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Michaud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 22-19 – Transfer between Departments

No Comments from the public.

Ordinance No. 23-19 – To Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations – Compensation Schedule

No Comments from the public.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve Minutes of the Workshop – Form Based Code, Zoning Ordinance Change Presentation by the City's Consultant, Steve Whitman, from Resilience Planning & Design Inc on June 3, 2019
- Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 3, 2019

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed, 7-0.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

School Board Member Resignation from Kelly Brennan, Member At Large, announced at the School Board Meeting held on May 28, 2019, effective immediately

Resignation was accepted by the City Council.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

- This past weekend was a fun filled weekend in the Hilltop City, as Somersworth celebrated its youth, rich cultural diversity, and commitment to the Hilltoper Spirit. Congratulations to the Somersworth Festival Association for another successful weekend. For 39 years, you have held fast to your commitment to Somersworth. For all of the highs and lows, you have stayed the course with unwavering commitment to our community. I had the pleasure and honor of appearing on the Children's International Stage and co-reading "*Komodo wants to Play Music*"; a book written in both English and Indonesian. I, of course, did the English Part, and butchered some of the Indonesian language associated with the musical instruments that Komodo was playing. But did my best regardless. Thank you, Somersworth Festival Association, for all that you do for our great community and thank you for 39 years of continuing to keep Somersworth on the move.

- The next Mayors Community forum will start in September, giving our officials some time to refresh their batteries. Stay tuned for a listing of the forums this fall.

- As we approach the Council Rules, 7B deadline, "Any Councilor may move to remove any item that Lay on the Table upon receipt of a second and a majority vote of the Council. Items remaining on the table after the expiration date or at the end of the fiscal year shall be dropped."

With that in mind, I would respectfully request this evening that council take the following action in regards to Ordinance 4-19, which has been placed on the table.

Remove Ordinance 4-19 from the table

Refer to the Government Operations Committee and allow them to amend the ordinance with the outlined amendment suggestions.

Upon completion of amending Ordinance 4-19, the Government Operations Committee may report the ordinance out of committee to this body. Then this body can finally debate and take action.

- Under NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Mary Shaw, re-appointment as a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees with a term to expire, July 2024

Richard Brooks, re-appointment as a member of the Historic District Commission with a term to expire July 2022

This respectfully concludes the Mayors report for June 17th, 2019

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Councilor Sprague, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee met on June 17, 2019. The Committee discussed:

- Design and engineering finding for the Veterans' Memorial project, send to council to take action. The Finance Committee supported a Resolution and an Ordinance for a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 from the Cable Fund for the funding of the design and engineering for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park.
- New Fire Station Preliminary Design - Architect Funding. They received 11 that were reviewed by City Staff, which narrowed it down to 5 to be interviewed. PortOne was chosen with a proposal of \$39,100. They are contractors for the Londonderry fire department currently. The Finance Committee supports a Resolution and an Ordinance for a Supplemental Appropriation for the architectural design to be completed by PortOne Architects from Portsmouth, NH in the amount of \$39,100 with the Cable Fund to fund this. Motion Passed 4-0.
- Road Resurfacing, 2 bids were received; Brox and Pike. Alternate roads, Buffumsville road and Lily pond road will not be done.
- Stackpole road bid, Continental to complete the area since they are doing the Sunningdale Project.

Public Safety – Councilor Pepin reported that the committee met on June 12, 2019. The committee discussed:

- Kretschmar stated there is one position open; there were 21 applicants from Great Bay, 6 are interested in Somersworth.
- They will receive the Crime scene van received in 3 months
- Bravo graduates June 20.
- Hoyle, said the department was short one person. Interviewing call fire fighters.
- Chief Hoyle announced his retirement in Feb 2020.
- Robidas gave an EMS update. He has been working on the routes to decrease response time. Responses time is at 4.3 minutes. They have been conducting training on CPR and AED for City Staff. Ambulances will be changing colors as they change over to the new Stewart's Ambulance design.
- Fire department recommendations, the committee has looked into staffing; the report is in the packets. Conclusion is committee recommends putting a full-time secretary and deputy chief on staff as soon as possible, and keep the 4 man shift of 24/7.
- City Manager will be working with staff to review staffing in all departments.
- Fire station recommending an additional service vehicle area, and sufficient area for administrative staff.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Special Committees

Coast Bus Public Forum – Councilor Pepin reported that there was a Coast Bus Public Forum on June 4, 2019. Six residents showed up, mostly from Housing. They expressed concerned about the new routes, and how it will affect them.

JBC – Councilor Pepin reported that the Committee met on June 11, 2019. They discussed the ventilations systems, and the retention pond for the drainage. Funds will be used from the contingency. The project is in full swing.

School Board – Councilor Pepin reported that the Board met on June 11, 2019. It was a light agenda.

Traffic Safety – Councilor Vincent Reported that the Committee has a meeting scheduled for July 17 at 2pm.

City Manager’s Report

TO: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, June 14, 2019

**SUBJECT: City Manager’s Report for Monday, June 17, 2019
City Council Agenda**

6:00 pm: Workshop
COAST Bus Presentation by Rad Nichols, Executive Director

Lay on the Table (Under Section 13 of Agenda)

- A. Ordinance No. 4-19: To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, Historic District.** Attached is a copy of a Memorandum from Director Saunders. It identifies two (2) areas in the Historic District Commission (HDC) draft document that the Council suggested be further evaluated. The Commission has been meeting and working to consider further changes based on these discussions. To that end, the proposed HDC Zoning Ordinance section has been revised as shown in the attached new *red-lined* document. Should the City Council accept the new revisions, a new Public Hearing would need to be scheduled prior to a final vote to adopt.

Unfinished Business (Under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 22-19: Transfer between Departments.** Again, the Finance Committee met on May 30th to review staff's recommendation and voted to support this Transfer. This is an annual housekeeping action item: that is, the City Charter allows the City Manager to transfer funds within a Department, however, it takes Council action to transfer funds between Departments.
- B. Ordinance No. 23-19: To Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules & Regulations – Compensation Schedule.** Again, the Finance Committee met on May 30th and voted to support a 2.5% Cost of Living Increase Allowance (COLA) across-the-board wage adjustment for non-union employees covered under the City's Personnel Rules & Regulations. If approved, this would carry over to provide members of the Water/Wastewater Collective Bargaining (CBA) Unit the same COLA increase to their pay scale.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 38-19: To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to Install an Emergency Back-Up Generator at the Department of Public Works Highway Facility.** Again, the Finance Committee voted 3-1 to support acceptance of the Grant and move forward with their project. My recommendation for funding the City match is to utilize Contingency Funding that will be available in next Fiscal Year's Budget.

City Manager's Items (under section 11 of Agenda)

A. Informational Items

- a. **CIP Fiscal Year 2021-2026.** Enclosed is my Memorandum to City Department Heads on the beginning of our CIP 2021-2026 development process.

Strategic Staffing Plan: Over the last several years, there has been discussion at my level and at the City Council level in regards to our current staffing levels throughout the organization. Comments have included the need for more police officers, highway personnel, recreation staff as well as positions in the Fire Department and other City Offices. Therefore, as we start our CIP planning and review, I have also directed Department Heads to evaluate their Department's present staffing demands as well as forecasting future personnel needs. This Strategic Staffing Plan will not be presented as part of the CIP to the Planning Board or Council; it will take a separate track later as I develop and discuss future fiscal years' budgets with the Council.

- b. **Form Based Code Survey.** Visual Preference Survey (VPS) is a public outreach tool designed to provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in the development of a new Form Based Code for Somersworth's Downtown.

This initiative will include the creation of new “Form-Based Code” land use regulation with a focus on the character and physical form of an area, rather than the use of buildings. The code considers the building features, character, parking, and the public space such as sidewalks and streets. We have the display here at City Hall or visit the Survey at our City Website’s homepage under City News or by way of the red banner.

<https://www.somersworth.com/home/news/somersworth-form-based-code-project-we-need-your-input>.

Attachments

- 1. Department Heads Reports**
- 2. Public Safety Committee Recommendations Memorandum
Re: Fire Department Operations & Staffing**

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Requires Council Approval

Mary Shaw, re-appointment as a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees with a term to expire, July 2024

Richard Brooks, re-appointment as a member of the Historic District Commission with a term to expire July 2022

Nominations will remain open until the July 1, 2019 City Council Meeting.

LAY ON THE TABLE

Ordinance No. 4-19 – To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 14, Historic District

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to remove Ordinance 4-19 from the table. The motion carried, 7-0.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to re-refer Ordinance 4-19 to the Government Operations Committee.

Councilor Vincent asked what Council thinks about this Ordinance and why it hasn’t been removed from the table.

Mayor Hilliard explained that this Ordinance has been with the HDC to make changes as directed by the Council.

Councilor Sprague asked if this Ordinance would die (expire July 1) if it went to committee.


Mayor Hilliard explained it is now the property of the Committee and no longer laid on the table.

Councilor Vincent stated that he respects the committee’s work. When we have something in detail, he doesn’t think it should be rushed. He believes it still needs work. And can be fine tuned.

Motion to re-refer to Government Operations Committee passed, 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

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TRANSFER BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS							

June 3, 2019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, pursuant to Section 7.7 (D) of the City Charter, that the following General Fund unencumbered balance transfer be made:

<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
ELECTED LEADERSHIP		
CITY MANAGEMENT		
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION		
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		
POLICE		
FIRE		
PUBLIC WORKS		45,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES (<i>DEBT SERVICE</i>)		
OTHER EXPENSES (<i>CONTINGENCY</i>)	45,000	
INTERGOVT ASSESSMENTS-COUNTY TAX		
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	_____	_____
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	45,000	45,000

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Dale R. Sprague Martin Pepin Martin P. Dumont, Sr.	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 22-19

History			
First Read Date:	06/03/2019	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	06/17/2019	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	06/17/2019		

Discussion

Ordinance 22-19 will remain in first read until the June 17, 2019 City Council Meeting. Public hearing is scheduled for June 17, 2019.

On June 17, 2019, Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-19.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	-	-
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	-	-
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		7	0
On 06/17/2019 Ordinance 22-19		PASSED	



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **23-19**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS - COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

June 3, 2019

THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT, the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 4 by deleting the Compensation Schedule in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Personnel Rules and Regulations
FY2019-2020 Compensation Schedule
 (2.5% Increase effective July 1, 2019)

GRADE		HIRE	1	2	3	4	5
6	A	23,605.76	24,613.15	25,538.87	26,573.49	27,635.34	28,697.19
	H	11.3489	11.8333	12.2783	12.7757	13.2862	13.7967
7	A	24,749.28	25,675.01	26,818.53	27,880.38	28,887.78	29,241.73
	H	11.8987	12.3438	12.8936	13.4040	13.8884	14.0585
8	A	26,001.73	27,009.13	28,070.98	29,241.73	30,439.72	31,664.93
	H	12.5008	12.9852	13.4957	14.0585	14.6345	15.2235
9	A	27,308.62	28,397.70	29,541.23	30,739.22	31,937.20	33,271.32
	H	13.1291	13.6528	14.2025	14.7785	15.3544	15.9957
10	A	28,642.74	29,786.27	30,929.81	32,236.69	33,461.91	34,904.93
	H	13.7706	14.3203	14.8701	15.4984	16.0874	16.7813
11	A	30,113.00	31,338.21	32,508.96	33,815.87	35,204.42	36,620.23
	H	14.4774	15.0664	15.6293	16.2576	16.9252	17.6059
12	A	31,637.70	32,890.14	34,142.59	35,531.15	36,865.27	38,335.53
	H	15.2104	15.8126	16.4147	17.0822	17.7237	18.4305
13	A	33,216.86	34,523.75	35,939.55	37,409.81	38,852.85	40,486.46
	H	15.9697	16.5979	17.2786	17.9855	18.6793	19.4646
14	A	34,796.03	36,184.59	37,627.63	39,206.79	40,758.73	42,365.12
	H	16.7289	17.3964	18.0901	18.8494	19.5955	20.3679

GRADE		HIRE	1	2	3	4	5
15	A	36,620.23	38,117.72	39,615.19	41,167.14	42,719.07	44,407.14
	H	17.6059	18.3258	19.0457	19.7919	20.5380	21.3496
16	A	38,362.76	39,887.45	41,493.86	43,318.06	44,924.46	46,803.11
	H	18.4436	19.1766	19.9490	20.8261	21.5983	22.5015
17	A	40,350.32	41,983.94	44,815.54	45,387.31	47,184.29	49,062.94
	H	19.3992	20.1846	21.5459	21.8208	22.6848	23.5880
18	A	42,365.12	44,053.19	45,741.26	47,647.14	49,553.03	51,622.28
	H	20.3679	21.1794	21.9910	22.9072	23.8236	24.8183
19	A	44,407.14	46,231.34	48,137.23	50,124.80	52,057.91	54,181.60
	H	21.3496	22.2266	23.1429	24.0985	25.0278	26.0488
20	A	46,775.88	48,681.76	50,505.97	52,547.99	54,644.47	56,768.16
	H	22.4884	23.4047	24.2817	25.2635	26.2714	27.2924
21	A	49,062.94	50,996.05	53,119.75	55,189.00	57,394.38	59,627.00
	H	23.5880	24.5174	25.5384	26.5333	27.5935	28.6668
22	A	51,595.06	53,582.61	55,733.53	57,857.24	60,307.67	62,703.65
	H	24.8053	25.7608	26.7949	27.8159	28.9941	30.1460
23	A	54,127.15	56,305.31	58,429.01	60,852.21	63,275.40	65,834.74
	H	26.0227	27.0698	28.0908	29.2559	30.4209	31.6513
24	A	56,768.16	59,055.23	61,396.75	63,901.63	66,379.28	69,074.75
	H	27.2924	28.3920	29.5177	30.7219	31.9131	33.2091
25	A	59,627.00	62,104.64	64,500.62	67,168.85	69,918.78	72,668.70
	H	28.6668	29.8579	31.0099	32.2927	33.6148	34.9369
26	A	62,676.41	65,616.92	67,631.71	70,381.64	73,322.15	76,072.07
	H	30.1330	31.5465	32.5152	33.8373	35.2511	36.5731
27	A	65,671.38	68,448.53	71,116.77	74,057.28	77,025.01	79,992.74
	H	31.5728	32.9079	34.1908	35.6044	37.0313	38.4580
28	A	68,993.06	71,797.44	74,520.13	77,542.33	80,727.87	83,913.43
	H	33.1697	34.5180	35.8270	37.2800	38.8115	40.3430
29	A	72,423.66	75,364.16	78,304.67	81,408.54	84,839.14	88,160.82
	H	34.8190	36.2328	37.6465	39.1388	40.7880	42.3850

(2.5% increase of minimum and maximum effective July 1, 2019)

Grade			
25	A	61,042.32	77,804.57
	H	29.3473	37.4060
30	A	77,500.93	94,490.55
	H	37.2601	45.4282
31	A	84,664.88	103,011.40
	H	40.7042	49.5247
32	A	85,457.74	104,117.98
	H	41.0855	50.0567
33	A	89,790.08	109,186.56
	H	43.1684	52.4935
34	A	94,320.64	114,736.49
	H	45.3465	55.1618
35	A	99,049.43	120,428.02
	H	47.6200	57.8980
36	A	104,033.04	126,459.33
	H	50.0158	60.7978
37	A	109,129.94	132,688.84
	H	52.4664	63.7927

This Ordinance will take effect upon adoption.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Dale R. Sprague Martin Pepin Martin P. Dumont, Sr.	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 23-19

History

First Read Date:	06/03/2019	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	06/17/2019	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	06/17/2019		

Discussion


Ordinance 22-19 will remain in first read until the June 17, 2019.

Public Hearing Scheduled for June 17, 2019.

On June 17, 2019, Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-19.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	-	-
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	-	-
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		7	0
On 06/17/2019 Ordinance 23-19		PASSED	

RESOLUTIONS

	<p align="center">City of Somersworth – Resolution</p>
	<p>Resolution No: 38-19</p> <p>TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT TO INSTALL AN EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY FACILITY</p>

June 3, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has been notified of the award of a New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Grant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is eligible to receive \$43,500 (Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) requiring a local match of \$14,500 (Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to install an emergency back-up generator at the Department of Public Works Highway facility, and

EXPLANATION OF TOTAL PROJECT GRANT BREAKDOWN

NH Dept. of Safety Grant (75%)	=	\$43,500.00
City Match (25%)	=	\$14,500.00
Total Project Award	=	\$58,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Council accepts the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and authorizes the City Manager to execute any documents and agreements necessary for the grant's execution, expend the grant proceeds in accordance with the grant documents, and take any and all other such actions relative to this grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>David A. Witham Martin Pepin Martin P. Dumont, Sr.</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

City of Somersworth – Resolution 38-19

History

First Read Date:	06/03/2019	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	NA	Removed from Table:	NA
Second Read:	06/17/2019		

Discussion

Resolution 38-19 will remain in first read until the June 17, 2019 City Council Meeting.

One June 17, 2019, Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Michaud, made a motion to approve Resolution 38-19.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham	-	-
At Large Councilor	Sprague		X
At Large Councilor	Cameron	-	-
At Large Councilor	Levasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		6	1
On 06/17/2019 Resolution 38-19		PASSED	

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin thanked the helpers for the Children's Festival and the DPW for all of their hard work.

Councilor Vincent thanked and congratulated the Children's Festival Staff. There are not many new members. He would like to see some of the younger generation get involved. He stated that the current fire station looks like a box. It was built in 1976, and it wasn't supposed to look like that; it was supposed to be brick. But because of cost, they build it with Dry stack blocking, at a cost of \$150,000 and it has stood for 43 years. It is a tough building. Now we need a new and better-looking building.

Councilor Dumont said congratulations to the Children's Festival for a fine weekend. It is a lot of work and a tireless effort. He stated that he was recently talking to an elderly individual, and asked "What is the secret to a long life?" His response is to "Keep moving". He thanked the Fire Chief for his service to the community and said, "Hope you change your mind."

Regarding the Coast Bus presentation, it was stated in the presentation that the economic impact to Somersworth was a little over \$2.2mil. If we didn't have Coast, it would be more missed in Somersworth than in other communities. He stated that he doesn't know what the impact to the community would be if we were to have our own trolley system. He stated that he would like to see some discussion on that.

Regarding JBC, a lack of maintenance of responsibilities at the school has caused some of these issues. It was somebody's responsibility to keep that ditch clear. Maintenance and upkeep need to be a priority.

He agrees with the City Manager's report for department heads to look at additional staff members. He believes there is a return on investment.

Councilor Austin said, regarding the Food Truck Festival, it was a nice day, nice to be outside, and he got to talk to a lot of people. He was surprised with the lack of vendors, but a good time was had by all. He was impressed with the event.

For the Children's Festival, 39 years is a long time. Shout out to anyone who wants to volunteer.

He stated that Kelly Brennan resigned a couple of weeks ago during the School Board meeting. She had been a member of that board for a number of years. She was very insightful and had valuable input. They will miss her.

Councilor Michaud thanked the Somersworth Festival Association for their work and wished everyone a Happy and safe 4th of July.

Councilor Sprague stated, regarding the \$2.2mil that the community gets from Coast, the City doesn't see that. Box stores get most of it.

Regarding Form Based Codes, Councilor Sprague stated that Councilor Vincent made a comment at the last Council Meeting, about the Gateway; the downtown area. One of the spots that we are not going to have Form Based Codes is High Street. Our downtown has moved from here to there. We've changed our culture and Form Based Codes can bring it

back a bit. We need to protect High Street. That area may not be part of form based codes but it can be added.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NONPUBLIC SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. 8-0.

Trish Harris, City Clerk

Dana Hilliard, Mayor