



MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Somersworth, NH
July 1, 2019
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Councilor Cameroon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed City Charter Amendment to the Section Entitled, Ward Boundaries (Article 1.4)

No comments

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Maggie Roberge, of High St, stated that she is Trustee of the Cemeteries in the City. She came to give a thank you to the Council. First off for the Moose Plate Grant 2 years ago to restore the gates at the Forest Glade Cemetery. The gates are all done and they look fabulous. Thank you for the grant to hire Ground Root Preservation Group LLC to do a structure evaluation of the Furber Chapel, along with that evaluation came along a slip of paper that states what needs to be done. Subsequent to this we have no applied for another LCHIP Grant to get some of the needed work done. We also applied for another Moose Plate Grant, so that possibly if we get the moose plate grant for \$10,000 and then if we get the LCHIP grant for \$30,000, which would leave us with only asking the City for \$20,000 for one of the projects. We continuously look for grants to help with the chapel because there is a lot of work to do. One of the things we have done over the past couple of years is Sunday afternoons at the Chapel; we have had authors, poets and musicians. On July 28, 2019, we will have "The Three of Us" playing music which will be recorded and played on Channel 22. Also, on July 13, 2019, a workshop will be held in conjunction with the NH Old Graveyard Association on learning how to upright stones and how to clean them without using chemicals. She herself went to a workshop in Hopkinton and was amazed by it. Often people have reached out to the Cemetery Trustees regarding the cemetery by the Mobile Station, which is private cemetery and we cannot touch it. We have sent off letters multiple times in the past. Stacy Giles Dionne, who is the franchise owner for KFC/Taco Bell had that cemetery done. She wants everyone to know that the Forest Glade Cemetery is alive and well.

Councilor Vincent had a question regarding the private cemetery. If a private cemetery wasn't taken care of then another entity can take care of it, was his understanding. Maggie Roberge answered that the State law states that if it is abandoned then yes you can go in, but you must log it and do no harm.

Deputy Mayor Witham thanked Maggie Roberge for all the work she has done and stated that is this the first time he has ever heard of a cemetery being alive and well.

Matt DiNola, a proud citizen of Somersworth for 24 years, made a comment on the special parking overlay district that is on the agenda tonight. He lives on Green St just two houses up from where the overlay ends off of Washington St. He would like to request that the special parking overlay include his parcel, which is next to the Greek Church and what used to be Profile Garage and possibly up to Fayette St.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve Minutes of the City Council Workshop COAST Bus Presentation by Rad Nichols, Executive Director held on June 17, 2019

Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 17, 2019

Letter from Mr. William Connor, Resident of Somersworth

Motion made by Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Vincent to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion made by Councilor Vincent, seconded by Councilor Dumont to remove the letter from Mr. William Connor from the consent calendar and to be read into record. Motion Passed 9-0.

Councilor Sprague stated that he is not against having it read aloud, but would like some consistency moving forward. We need to set the tone and stick with it. Personally he doesn't know why these letters are not read in. He is not a fan of the consent calendar; it is ridiculous we are not in Concord. If a resident sends a letter in it should be read. He knew of a letter was sent in by Mr. Connor around Election time and he wished that letter would have been read in and it wasn't.

Councilor Vincent stated that any letter from any resident should be heard without a doubt.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting June 17, 2019

Honorable members of the Council, I submit to you the Mayors report for July 1st, 2019;

For 243 years, our nation has been the beacon of hope for all those wanting to live free in pursuit of life, liberty, justice, equality and happiness.

Our pursuits will continue to be challenged by obstacles, but with the guiding light of liberty will move us forward just like citizens united with one voice, hand in hand, standing determined to become the America on July 4th, 1776.

Our American journey is ongoing, with all of the joys, hopes, pains and disappointments of growth. With each year we mature, and inch closer to greatness.

For 243 years, we have continued to move in the forward. As we celebrate our birthday, let us take time to pause and observe how far we have come, and let us also keep in perspective the journey which is ahead.

Happy 243rd birthday America; may God forever continue to light the torch of liberty, freedom, justice, equality and hope.

Item 12 Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

- Under nominations, appointments and Elections; **In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments**, the following are being brought forward this evening for a confirmation vote.
- **Mary Shaw** re-appointment as a member of the **Board of Cemetery Trustees** with a term to expire in **July 2024**
- **Richard Brooks** re-appointment as a member of the **Historic District Commission** with a term to expire in **July 2024**

I respectful request that Council confirm the nominees

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Committee met on 7/1/2019 @ 6pm:

- Discussion of Jules Bisson Park Grant application the City had applied for a grant to upgrade the park and that we were awarded the grant. Our discussion was about the City match which is about \$45,000. We do have dedicated funding resources for that in regards to Recreation, so it looks like we can fund that without any additional impact to the budget. It is around a \$90,000 project, which includes new playground equipment and ADA accessibility and a pavilion. Committee members unanimously voted to move forward with this.
- FY20 proposed budget vehicle leases as it is July 1st so starting off with the FY20 budget. City Manager wanted to make sure we are okay with omitting the bid requirements and stick with a targeted purchase so that we can maintain fleet

continuity. Fleet continuity would remain Peterbilt brand for the larger trucks and Ford for the smaller lighter trucks.

- Resolution to move forward and accept a Department of Safety grant for upgrades to portable and mobile radios for Fire Department Radios. Basically, it is a \$1000 grant to programming the radios and goes with the interoperability.

- Resolution 5-20 which is to reward our FY20 paving bid to PIKE industries. We discussed all the funding resources for that. Currently, there are 20 roads that we are able to do. We have been able to encumber some money from the FY19 budget, with that we will be able to target an additional road that was on our bid alternate list, which will be Lily Pond Rd.

If we wanted to include Lily Pond Rd we would need to amend the Resolution this evening, he would request a second reading tonight.

- Stackpole Road requesting that we remove that from the PIKE bid list and award that paving to Continental Paving. Continental Paving is doing the work for Falzone Sunningdale Development they were required as part of their project to pave a portion of Stackpole Road. We were going to have PIKE Industries pave either side of that, but we feel we will get a much better product if we move forward with just Continental Paving doing end to end. There is an additional cost of about \$5000 dollars. There is Resolution 4-20 that will be in front of us tonight and he would entertain a motion to suspend rules for to allow for a second read.

- Director Smith recapped the FY19 budget and where we stood. It looks like we will end the year with a surplus of \$300,000-\$350,000, on the City side. One department that went over this year was the Department of Public Works, largely due to solid waste recycling costs.

- Adjourned at about 6:40pm

Government Operations – Committee met on 6/19/2019 @

- Had a discussion about the Administrative Code and the Board of Assessors. In that conversation we anticipate in the near future coming to the Council to get the approval of dissolving the Board of Assessors. For the purpose that we already have a contracted service for the Assessing Department.

- Adjourned at 6:00pm.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Special Committees

JBC – Met on June 25, 2019 @ 8am at the SAU office. We had the architect and construction management update. The steel works was just about completed that day and are just about ready to start putting the decking on, the inside of the offices were gutted out and ready to start framing inside the building. Everything is going well and on track.

School Board – Attended on June 25, 2019 @ 7pm.

- Very light meeting, there looks to be \$72,000 to turn back into General Funds. They gave permission for the Superintendent has to hire the new teachers.

Planning Board – Met on June 19, 2019 @ 6:30pm-

- 100 Tri-City Road was seeking a site plan condition approval use. It was granted but does have some conditions.
- Talked about rezoning parking for the special downtown area.

SAU Withdrawal Committee – Met last week multiple times.

-One was a joint meeting with Rollinsford SAU Withdrawal Committee & Somersworth SAU Withdrawal Committee met. Right now it is looking like Rollinsford would t-up and withdraw from SAU 56 and would then contract with another SAU or explore other options, but that is up to Rollinsford. Somersworth has to make their timeline for it to be ready for the Rollinsford Town Meeting.

City Manager's Report

TO: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, June 28, 2019

**SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, July 1, 2019
City Council Agenda**

New Business (Under Section 15 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 1-20: Supplemental Appropriation for Conceptual Design Services and a Preliminary Cost Estimate for a New Somersworth Fire Station.** The Public Safety Committee met on June 12th and the Finance Committee met on June 19th, both Committees voted to support this Ordinance. I recommend a Public Hearing be scheduled for the next regular City Council meeting on Monday, August 5th.
- B. Ordinance No. 2-20: Supplemental Appropriation for Final Design Services for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park.** The Finance Committee met on June 17th and voted to support this Ordinance. I recommend a Public Hearing be scheduled for the next regular City Council meeting on Monday, August 5th.

Without objection the public hearings will be scheduled for the August 5, 2019 City Council meeting.

- C. Ordinance No: 3-20: To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, by Adding New Section 31, Special Parking Zoning Overlay District.** I recommend a Public Hearing be scheduled for the next regular City Council meeting on Monday, August 5th. Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Director Shanna Saunders. This action item was inadvertently missed several months ago when Council passed Ordinance No. 15-19 regarding downtown

parking. I apologize for this oversight. This Amendment is intended to assist in the revitalization efforts for our Downtown.

Without objection the public hearing will be scheduled for the August 5, 2019 City Council meeting.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 1-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Port One Architects of Portsmouth, NH to Provide Conceptual Design Services and a Preliminary Cost Estimate for a New Somersworth Fire Station to be Funded Through the Cable Fund.** The Public Safety Committee met on June 12th and the Finance Committee met on June 19th and both Committees supported City Staff's recommendation. The City Received eleven (11) proposals for the Fire Station Design, of the 11 firms, five (5) were interviewed, with three (3) making it to the final decision process. Port One Architects was chosen as the best fit for the City. Attached is a copy of their proposal.
- B. Resolution No. 2-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Amend the Contract with Ironwood Design Group of Newmarket, NH to Provide Final Design Services for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park to be Funded Through the Cable Fund.** Attached is Draft copy of the Professional Services Agreement Amendment and the Design Budget Proposal from Ironwood Design Group, Inc.
- C. Resolution No. 3-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Justice for a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant.** I have previously mentioned Chief David Kretschmar attending a national training seminar on Safe Neighborhoods and the notification of this impending award. Attached is a Memorandum from Captain Tim McLin that provides further details in how the extra police patrols will be deployed.
- D. Resolution No. 4-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH for Road Resurfacing Improvements to Stackpole Road.** Attached is a Memorandum from Engineer Gary Lemay that explains the option to utilize Continental Paving for this one (1) road; and removing this road from the Pike bid contract list.
- E. Resolution No. 5-20: To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Pike Industries of Belmont, NH for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Road Resurfacing Improvements.** Attached are Memorandums from Engineer Lemay and Finance Director Scott Smith. Engineer Lemay provides the analysis and recommendation to go with Pike Industries, the lower of the two (2) bids received. Director Smith provides a breakdown of available funding and the needed allocation of funds to complete Water and Sewer work. I recommend City Council consider

Supplemental Appropriations for the Water & Sewer work from these utility funds from available cash on hand.

Other

- A. Vote to Place the Approve Proposed Charter Change Regarding Article 1.3 Ward Boundaries in the City Charter of the City of Somersworth.** Attached is a copy of City Clerk Trish Harris's memo that outlines the Charter Amendment process moving forward should this be approved.
- B. Vote to Waive the Noise Ordinance Chapter 13-D (Noise/Nuisance Control) to allow GMI Asphalt Paving Specialists of Belmont, NH to Complete Parking Lot Improvements for Home Depot Located at 12 Commercial Drive During Night Time Hours to Minimize Disruption of Traffic and Pedestrian Flow from July 8, 2019 through July 12, 2019.** Attached is a letter from Mr. Warren Colby, Owner of GMI Asphalt, the Contractor for Home Depot, requesting the City waive the Noise Ordinance, Chapter 13-D, to allow for nighttime paving operations in order to complete the parking lot improvements. The work is scheduled to begin July 8 through July 12. A copy of City Ordinance, Ch. 12 is also attached.
- C. Vote to Waive Excavation Moratorium for the City to Repair a Catch Basin Located on Winter Street at Linden Street (City Ordinance Ch. 12, Section 12.1, MORATORIUM PERIOD, for roads that have been Overlaid, the Moratorium shall be (3) years).** Attached is an email from Director Mike Bobinsky along with pictures showing the catch basin that needs repair on Winter Street at Linden Street.

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

A. Informational Items

- a. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).** Attached is a copy of the latest project status report from CMA Engineers as well as minutes of Staff's last meeting with our project Engineers.
- b. Former Breton's Cleaners, 1 Winter Street – Brownfield's Grant.** Our Consultant has recently sent a letter on our behalf to the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to request approval to dispose of the contaminated soils as a 'contained out' product. This request is based on the concluded characterization and soil evaluation work. Attached is a copy of the request to NE DES.
- c. Upcoming Events.**

- **Wednesday, July 24, at 10:00 am** - NH State Liquor Store Grand Opening / Route 108
- **Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm** – National Night Out at Jules Bisson Park

Attachments

- 1. Department Heads Reports**
- 2. School Board Vacancy Notice**

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

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Pepin made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Mary Shaw to the Board of Cemetery Trustees. Motion passed 9-0.

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

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Michaud made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Richard Brooks as a member of the Historic District Commission. Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Vincent requested a roll call vote. The appointment is not granted motion failed 5-4. Councilors Dumont, Austin, Witham, Sprague and Cameron all voted in the negative.

LAY ON THE TABLE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **1-20**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SERVICES AND A PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE FOR A NEW SOMERSWORTH FIRE STATION

July 1, 2019

THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT pursuant to Section 7.7(A) of the City Charter:

The annual budget for the City of Somersworth for Fiscal Year 19-20 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$39,100 from the Cable Fund budget as follows:

Original Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
\$ 60,839	\$ 39,100	\$ 99,939

Approved as to Funding:

Recorded by:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Trish Harris
City Clerk

Background:

This Ordinance appropriates funding for a contract with Port One Architects of Portsmouth, NH to provide conceptual design services and a preliminary cost estimate for a Somersworth Fire Station. This is one of two proposed supplemental appropriations from the Cable Fund; the other being for \$25,000, which if both are adopted would amend the Cable Fund budget to \$124,939.

This Ordinance requires a public hearing and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the City Council after the public hearing subject to Section 7.4.1 and .Section 7.7 (A) of the City Charter.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin Pepin
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.
Kenneth S. Vincent
Edward LeVasseur
Nancie Cameron

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 1-20

History

First Read Date:	7/1/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	8/5/2019	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Public Hearing scheduled for August 5, 2019

Ordinance 1-20 will remain in 1st read until the August 5, 2019 meeting.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham *		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / . Ordinance 1-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **2-20**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR A VETERANS' MEMORIAL AT STEIN PARK

July 1, 2019

THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT pursuant to Section 7.7(A) of the City Charter:

The annual budget for the City of Somersworth for Fiscal Year 19-20 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$25,000 from the Cable Fund budget as follows:

Original Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
\$ 60,839	\$ 25,000	\$ 85,839

Approved as to Funding:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Recorded by:

Trish Harris
City Clerk

Background:

This Ordinance appropriates funding for a contract amendment with Ironwood Design Group of Newmarket, NH, to provide final design services for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park. This is one of two proposed supplemental appropriations from the Cable Fund; the other being for \$39,100, which if both are adopted would amend the Cable Fund budget to \$124,939.

This Ordinance requires a public hearing and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the City Council after the public hearing subject to Section 7.4.1 and .Section 7.7 (A) of the City Charter.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Martin Pepin
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 2-20

History

First Read Date:	07/01/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	08/05/2019	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Public Hearing scheduled for August 5, 2019

Ordinance 2-20 will remain in 1st read until the August 5, 2019 meeting.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham *		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / . Ordinance 2-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **3-20**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 31, SPECIAL PARKING ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICT

July 1, 2019

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinances, by adding new Section 31:

Section 31 Hilltop School Property (HSP) Zoning Overlay Ordinance

19.31.A Title: This Ordinance shall be known as the “Hilltop School Property (HSP) Zoning Overlay Ordinance” of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire.

19.13.B Authority: Pursuant to the authority granted by RSA 674:17.I., Purposes of Zoning Ordinances, this Ordinance is hereby adopted by the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

19.31.C Purpose: The Downtown Special Parking District encompasses an area of downtown where the build out pattern is traditionally characterized by a high volume of vehicular trips, a dense and connective fabric of buildings and a dynamic, ever-changing mix of uses. This volume of vehicular trips generates high parking demand and is typically characterized by 1-3 hour multipurpose vehicle trips. Sufficient and reasonably convenient parking in the special parking district area should be provided through joint public and private efforts on a block and/or district level.

19.31.D District Boundaries: Special Parking Overlay District boundaries are as follows: Starting at a point where Market Street and Winter Street intersect and including parcel 11-181A, 1 Winter Street and parcel 11-96, 1 Market Street, The Queensbury Mill, the overlay includes all units fronting on the west side of Market Street, the west side of High Street up to Mount Vernon Street, including parcel 11-26, 117 High Street but NOT parcel 10-148, 125 High Street, across High Street to include properties that front on the east side of High Street starting with parcel 10-158, 118 High Street to Constitutional Way, to include all properties that front on Constitutional Way to the corner of Green Street and Washington Street, including all properties that front on Washington Street from the intersection of Washington and Green to Elm Street, NOT including parcel 10-107, 1 Green Street, including all parcels on the east side of Elm Street to Fayette Street. Then from the corner of Fayette and Elm, NOT including parcel 10-07, 14 Fayette St or parcel 10-01 161 Main Street to Main Street and including all parcels that front on Main Street all the way back to Market Street. This should create a polygon. All parcels not already specified above that are within this polygon are included in the Special Parking Overlay District.

19.31.E Applicability: The standards contained herein shall constitute the rules of an overlay zone and shall be superimposed over other zoning districts or portions thereof. The provisions herein shall apply in addition to all other applicable ordinances and regulations.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Martin P. Dumont, Sr. David A. Witham Nancie Cameron Edward LeVasseur	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 3-20

History			
First Read Date:	07/01/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	08/05/2019	Removed from Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to suspend Council rules to read by title only. Motion passed 8-1, Councilor Sprague opposed.

Public Hearing scheduled for August 5, 2019

Ordinance 3-20 will remain in 1st read until the August 5, 2019 meeting.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont *		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Levasseur		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / . Ordinance 3-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **1-20**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH PORT ONE ARCHITECTS OF PORTSMOUTH, NH TO PROVIDE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SERVICES AND A PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE FOR A NEW SOMERSWORTH FIRE STATION TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CABLE FUND

July 1, 2019

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2014, Mayor Dana S. Hilliard announced the formation of the Fire Station Advisory Committee in accordance with Resolution 39-14 to conduct a comprehensive study to examine the need for the construction of a new fire station, and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review the Fire Station Advisory Committee recommended a new facility be constructed, and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Municipal Resources, Inc. of Meredith, NH to conduct an analysis to determine the most advantageous location for the construction of a new Fire Station, and

WHEREAS, the analysis provided by Municipal Resources determined the location of the present Fire Station on Maple Street is the most advantageous, and

WHEREAS, City Staff prepared a request for proposal from qualified consultants to provide a conceptual design and develop preliminary cost estimates to construct a new Fire Station at the location of the current station, and

WHEREAS, City Staff interviewed consultants that responded to the request and recommends awarding the contract to Port One Architects of Portsmouth, NH at a cost not to exceed \$39,100 (Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee reviewed this project with staff and supports this recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Port One Architects of Portsmouth, NH to provide conceptual design services and a preliminary cost estimate for a new Fire Station, funded out of the Cable Fund, at a cost not to exceed \$39,100 (Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred dollars), and to take any other actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

Martin Pepin
David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin P. Dumont Sr.
Kenneth S. Vincent
Edward LeVasseur
Nancie Cameron

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 1-20

History

First Read Date:	07/01/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Resolution 1-20 will remain in 1st read until the August 5, 2019 meeting.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin *		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / . Resolution 1-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **2-20**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH IRONWOOD DESIGN GROUP OF NEWMARKET, NH TO PROVIDE FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR A VETERANS' MEMORIAL AT STEIN PARK TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CABLE FUND

July 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 24-19 to authorize the City Manager to contract with Ironwood Design Group to provide a conceptual design for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park, and

WHEREAS, Ironwood Design Group presented this conceptual design to the Veteran's Park Commission and they support the conceptual design as presented and recommend proceeding with final design services, and

WHEREAS, this recommendation was presented to the Finance Committee and they support the recommendation, and

WHEREAS, final design services include geotechnical engineering and survey of the site, final design plans, and bid documents with bid services at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand dollars),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to amend the contract with Ironwood Design Group of Newmarket, NH to provide final design services for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park, funded through the Cable Fund, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand dollars), and to take any other actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham

Martin Pepin

Martin P. Dumont Sr.

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 2-20

History

First Read Date:	07/01/2019	Tabled:	
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Discussion

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Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
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At Large Councilor	Sprague		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / . Resolution 2-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **3-20**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT**

July 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has been notified of the award of a New Hampshire Department of Justice Grant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is eligible to receive \$24,972.80 (Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two dollars and eighty cents) requiring no local match, and

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to cover expenses associated with providing increased Police patrol services in various areas throughout the City, and

EXPLANATION OF TOTAL PROJECT GRANT BREAKDOWN

NH Dept. of Justice (100%)	=	\$24,972.80
<u>City Match (0%)</u>	=	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Project Award	=	\$24,972.80

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized 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	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Martin Pepin Richard Michaud Edward LeVasseur	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 3-20

History

First Read Date:	07/01/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	N/A	Removed From Table:	
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Discussion

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Pepin made a motion to be read by title only. Motion passed 8-1, Councilor Sprague opposed.

Councilor LeVasseur asked to have his name added as a sponsor to Resolution 3-20.

Councilor Sprague asked why we are reading all of these by title only; they are not like doing the budget when it is 327 page document. These are one page and if you're watching at home you want to know what we are voting on.

Councilor Dumont responded that he made that motion duly because it is a grant situation with no cost to the City at all. He thought that within the title it explains what it is.

Councilor Pepin stated that the reason why he asked to suspend the rules on Ordinance 3-20 was because there was a lot to the Ordinance. It is not to try and hide anything from anybody.

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Pepin made a motion to suspend Council rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution 3-20. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Cameron, seconded by Councilor Michaud made a motion to move for the adoption of Resolution 3-20. Motion passed 9-0.

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 *	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	
On 07/01/2019 Resolution 3-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **4-20**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT
WITH CONTINENTAL PAVING OF LONDONDERRY, NH
FOR ROAD RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO
STACKPOLE ROAD**

July 1, 2019

WHEREAS the City prepared and requested bids from qualified contractors for road improvements, and

WHEREAS, Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH did not submit a proposal, however, the City is aware that Continental Paving is under contract with a third party to make road improvements to a portion of Stackpole Road as a requirement of a subdivision development commonly referred to as the Sunningdale Development , and

WHEREAS, due to efficiencies and overall paving continuity it is in the best interest of the City to have a single contractor repair the entire length of the road,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH for road improvements to Stackpole Road at a cost not to exceed \$130,500 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred dollars) and to take any other actions on behalf of this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin Pepin
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 4-20

History			
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Second Read:	07/01/2019		

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Vincent made a motion to suspend Council rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution 4-20. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to move for the adoption of Resolution 4-20. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Sprague stated for the record and for all Councilors to know Continental Paving is going to be paving the middle portion of Stackpole Rd. City Staff was asked to reach out to Continental Paving to see if they could match the prices that were put forth specifically by PIKE. It is a \$5000.00 difference with Continental Paving being higher. He has no problem with that, it is going to be easier for us to have the road succeed and be great for a long period of time as one unit and also deteriorate all at the same time. Historically, their mix that exceeds the state spec. He is really comfortable with the \$5000 which exceeds the price from PIKE.

Deputy Mayor Witham echoes the words of Councilor Sprague and believes that we will get a better outcome.

Discussion			
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 *	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 07/01/2019	Resolution 4-20	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **5-20**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH PIKE INDUSTRIES OF BELMONT, NH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ROAD RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS

July 1, 2019

WHEREAS the City prepared and requested bids from qualified contractors for road improvements to the following roads;

ASH ST	KINGS LN
BRICK ST	RIVER ST
CENTRAL ST	RITA RD
CHESLEY AVE	SCHOOL ST
CLEMENT RD	SECOND ST
CREST DR	SPRING ST
DOWN ST	SPRUCE ST
FIRST ST	SUMMER ST
FRANKLIN ST	THIRD ST
INDIGO HILL RD	UNION ST
LILY POND RD	WATER ST, and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the results of the bids received and recommends contracting with Pike Industries of Belmont, NH to make these road improvements at a cost not to exceed \$1,315,393 (One Million Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee for the City of Somersworth has reviewed the recommendation by staff to award the contract to Pike Industries, and supports the recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Pike Industries of Belmont, NH for road improvements to the aforementioned roads at a cost not to exceed \$1,315,393 (One Million Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars) ,and to take any other actions on behalf of this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin Pepin
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 5-20

History

First Read Date:	07/01/2019	Tabled:	
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Second Read:	07/01/2019		

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Vincent made a motion to suspend Council rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution 5-20. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Dumont made a motion to amend Resolution 5-20 by adding Lily Pond Rd in paragraph one, change the amount in the second paragraph from \$1,166,312.00 to \$1,315,393.00 and change the amount in the fourth paragraph from \$1,166,312.00 to \$1,315,393.000. Motion passed 9-0.

Councilor Sprague discussed that after the Brox billing had been completed there was an excess of \$111,000 or there about to help cover this and also there was \$38,000 from the Transportation Fund that we had, that is how we are making up the difference. There was also Buffumsville Rd that we wanted to do but we had to take that off the list. If we have an excess from our budget last year maybe we could do Buffumsville Rd, but he does understand putting it back into the General Fund.

Councilor Witham stated that he loved the idea of adding Lily Pond Rd for a variety of reasons. Within the last 12 months that road has just sort of exploded and become very, very bad. The difference is \$149,081.

Councilor Vincent stated that he really likes the way that the streets have all been put in connection so that when you are paving Union St you can take on Central St and Kings Ln to make it a surface that goes down all directions. As far as Lily Pond Rd goes it is definitely needed.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Cameron made a motion to move for the adoption of Resolution 5-20 as amended. Motion passed 9-0.

Discussion

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 *	X	
At Large Councilor	Sprague	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	X	
At Large Councilor	LeVasseur	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		9	0
On 07/01/2019	Resolution 5-20	PASSED	FAILED

OTHER

Vote to Approve Proposed Charter Amendment Regarding Article 1.3 Ward Boundaries in the City Charter of the City of Somersworth

Councilor Dumont stated that after looking at this amendment he realized the driver behind this is the most recent Supreme Court ruling had somewhat of an effect on this because they ruled against this making changes at the National level. This reminds him of the straws and plastic things that the State of New Hampshire shot that down as well. He will vote for this, if that is what the rest of the body thinks but he thinks this is vote that is not really effective.

Charter amendment passed 9-0.

Vote to Waive the Noise Ordinance Chapter 13-D (Noise/Nuisance Control) to allow GMI Asphalt Paving Specialists of Belmont, NH to Complete Parking Lot Improvements for Home Depot Located at 12 Commercial Drive During Night Time Hours to Minimize Disruption of Traffic and Pedestrian Flow from July 8, 2019 through July 12, 2019

Councilor Sprague stated that he has some questions for City staff; he wanted to know if this is going to take the full four (4) days they requested or is this just a window time frame they gave. The reason he asked that is because are we just talking about paving or also hammering out manhole covers or what is being done.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Austin made a motion to allow Director of Public Works & Utilities Director Bobinsky to speak. Motion passed 9-0.

Director Bobinsky stepped up to the podium and stated that this request is for the contractor to do a mill and overlay, so they are going to remove the asphalt. There may be some structures that are within the parking lot itself. But we understand it is the full four (4) days' needed to get the work done.

Director Bobinsky stated that we are also verifying the limits to the entrance road right in front of the parking lot as it approaches Commercial Dr. He didn't have that information tonight but will verify. The night work as we understand it is just because of the customers and foot traffic.

Councilor Sprague stated that with the milling being loud Bernier St and Mid-Way Park will be affected. He gets it and realizes how much easier it is to do the work during less busy hours. Again, referencing the letter here we are bending over for the big box store circus to save them money.

Councilor Witham stressed to Director Bobinsky that if we move to waive this Ordinance tonight please communicate to GMI that the side of the lot closest to Bernier St maybe do that first at an hour that is maybe better and more conducive due to the noise from milling as that can be loud.

Councilor Sprague asked who owns the road going into Home Depot. Director Bobinsky answered that he knows we own up until you can take a right onto Handle St. and then the opposite side is Commercial St.

Councilor Sprague would have loved for them to say we will pave the City road up until the intersection if you allow us to do this work at night. In the future during talks he would love to get something from these big box stores as a trade for putting our Citizens at a bad night's sleep would be much appreciated at negotiating purposes.

Motion passed 8-1, Councilor Sprague opposed.

Vote to Waive Excavation Moratorium for the City to Repair a Catch Basin Located on Winter Street at Linden Street (City Ordinance Ch. 12, Section 12.1, MORATORIUM PERIOD, for Roads that Have Been Overlayed, the Moratorium Shall be (3) Years)

Motion passed 9-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin stated he doesn't normally comment about stuff he hears on TV or radio that doesn't pertain to this City, but this one he has to comment about. A town voted to have the Pledge of the Allegiance removed from the beginning of their meetings. That bothers him because we do it here, and is very, very important. He understands that times have changed that when he was a kid he used to have Christmas decorations throughout the City, monuments are being taken down from civil war. They are part of our history just because of some of the things they did wrong. They shouldn't be eliminated; they should be up there as a reminder for us to do better at times. He also remembers a time where his mother in law and father in law would come back from a trip and he would go pick them up from the airport and you could walk right up to the terminal where they are coming off the plane, today you can't do that. 9/11 happened and now things are getting tightened up that you have to show your ID. His wife just had her Real ID license renewed and had to show several documents to be able use that to get onto an airplane. Then he looks at our southern border where they just want to open up the border and let everybody in. He also heard on the news that they are giving the addresses out of border patrol people so that they can go protest on them. He doesn't know where this Country is going, he knows one thing if we all keep on going the way we are being divided, we are going to defeat ourselves. It bothers him that we get to the point that we take it out on other people so badly and have no respect at all. When our military came back from Vietnam they were spit upon. When they come back from the war from 9/11 we cheer them on, it is like the Russian roulette. He doesn't know what we are going to do at the southern border, he doesn't have an answer. He believes in some type of border patrol but he needs to see someone in the capital start making decisions to take the relief off these border patrol officers. Politicians are creating this issue and ruining this Country. It bothers him that we have people that can't respect the flag to take 5 minutes to turn around and say the Pledge of Allegiance. They took it away from our students in school and they are taking away our country.

Councilor Vincent stated that one of his constituents called him by the name of Mr. Dinola, in regards to the special parking overlay that we are looking at in the downtown area. He

contacted the Economic Development Department and he has really good faith in them and we will be discussing this matter more in the next couple of weeks. It is his concern to get his property added into the new special parking overlay. He had a chance to visit the Fire Station recently he met up with the Chief and looked at the new vehicle at the Fire Station, formally known as the air van. It may still be known as the air van, but what a very nice vehicle. He says that because back in the 80's when he started as a fire fighter, Lieutenant Pepin at the time we got this old bread truck. We called it the "Rockin Robin" and you put heavy air bottles in it that were like 4500 pound cylinders, it rocked when going down the road but it served its purpose for the firefighters and first responders at the time. It was nice to have because it was one of the first air service units in the area through the mutual aid system. This new unit which is a rehab, it has a special area for the firefighters to come in, for EMS to check their vitals; it has an area in the back for the bottles. He gave kudos to the Fire Chief and the City Councilors who elected to vote for that vehicle.

Councilor Dumont thanked Councilor Pepin for his comments regarding how we treated Veteran's in the past. He spoke of the fact that everyone gets a trophy these days. If they are all going to get a trophy they may want to take up watching the Red Sox game this past weekend in London was an embarrassment. He had the opportunity this past week on Friday to attend his Grandson's graduation from the naval boot camp facility in Great Lakes, Illinois. It was a moving experience because 52 years ago he was in the same drill hall graduating from boot camp. Four hundred and ninety one (491) young people in our country stepped up and volunteered their services. There are comments out there that shoot down some of the young people with a lack of vision and lack of commitment. These people commit minimally four years of their life dedicated to provide us some of the same things that are given to us that we forget about and we take advantage of. Additionally, he had the opportunity to speak to one individual who was in boot camp and based on his plan after boot camp and what the Government has done for him was overly impressive he wanted to share it with us. This individual had no real special training except for a couple years of college graduating from the BMW auto mechanics school who was an excellent student and athlete. Moving forward with his negotiations he thought a life of being a nuclear technician would be something of real interest to him and a life on a submarine. After he was accepted he received a sign up bonus of \$64,000. More importantly this young man now has a schedule to go to 25 weeks of an A school. Upon graduation from that A school he will pick up another little bonus. It is not paid to him right away because he has to go to another school and that school is 6 months long, then another school that is 6 months long. In order for him to do all of this he has to commit 6 years of his life to the US Navy. When he completes this the Navy will allow him to walk out of the gates and go to college full time to complete his engineering degree in nuclear engineering. When he completes that degree he then comes back into the regular active Navy and gets awarded \$100,000 bonus and then serves another two year program, for a total of 8 years if he successful completes everything and a lot of bonus money. Having himself been part of that 60's boot camp and the reputation of sailors, he can say he always remembers the say from Virginia Beach "Dogs and Sailors off the grass" that is how the military persons were perceived. He shares this with us because it's easy to say that is how it was that is the way it should be. But the reality today is that these young people are much more motivated and more have more vision than I ever thought they would be or could be. He is very proud of his Grandson and equally as proud of the 491 candidates that earned the right to be called a sailor. It was interesting in how they treated them in boot camp, we have all seen the movies with the drill sergeants, but in this boot camp

day and age cell phones are not an acceptable to have on your person. Also, no matter your age you are not allowed to drink. He found that contrary to all the naval celebrations that he attended. Such as the shell back initiation when we crossed the equator, it is a day of humiliation if you are on shore when it is over then the alcohol is free flowing, but if you are out at sea there are other things that are humiliating that you have to go through to earn the right to be called a shell back. It was a trip down memory lane for his wife and him it was a fantastic trip to Chicago, he has a newfound respect to this generation. He spoke of a nice steak house they went to as a celebration; his Grandson was wearing his uniform as they walked in people stopped, stood up and applauded. That left tears in his eyes and was well received. He was very happy for him and his fellow shipmates.

Councilor Austin was disappointed that the state budget didn't get signed last week. In that state budget there was an opportunity for Somersworth and many other communities in the state to get some additional funding, both for education and City operations. As it stands right now none of that is happening, in fact not only will we not get the additional funding we'll get less funding than we got last year. Whoever is involved in those negotiations continues to recognize the need for communities to get that additional money and now those negotiations will happen out of the public eye. 4th of July is this week and wanted to wish a safe and happy 4th. Please be careful with the fireworks and sparklers, we see way too many accidents every year that are from the result of fireworks. After listening to comments before him there is one phrase that keeps echoing in his head is that "freedom is not free."

Councilor Witham stated he was disappointed with the Governor vetoing the budget. He sees the anguish that we put into the budget in these chambers every year, and much of that anguish is around the educational side where this budget would have helped that tremendously. If we think we have struggles here drive north here in the state. Berlin, NH, which is our northern most City, had a very difficult budget this season passing it just a few weeks ago. It was contingent upon the state passing its budget. With this veto they are probably looking at additional teacher, firefighter, public works and police officer layoffs. It is going to hit them incredibly hard. A community that has already closed all of its elementary schools, they have parsed out their elementary students to middle and high school rooms that are vacant there. Talk about a dire situation. I don't want to say the state was blind, but they sure didn't look in the right direction. It is shameful to see what has gone on there. He does understand about the continuing Resolution for 90 days, but he doesn't have a tremendous amount of optimization.

Councilor Sprague thanked Bill Connor for writing the letter and to Councilor Vincent for removing that from the table. He thinks a lot of his letter stemmed from talks about the gateway to the City. How we just helped out Home Depot to make it easier for them to do a paving project, which is great because they have done a lot for the community by taking valuable land and moving the fabric of our downtown to we don't know where. He spoke of Memory lane mentioned in the letter naming Pearl's, the drive-in theatre across from Tri City, Hilltop Fun Center and Week's Traffic Circle. He reminisced about the once empty field, that Walmart sits on now, driving snowmobiles across it. The fabric of our downtown has shifted and changed because no longer can hardware and more be successful selling how many screws when you can go into Walmart and pay half that. We really need to look at adding that area to the form based codes. These box stores are not going to last forever, the internet is taking over. He doesn't go in there unless he really has to he can't stand it. Our

whole core has moved to that area. Ned's Fish Market would never ever be allowed to exist under the current codes and Ordinances. Every Friday night everyone got Ned's, I am glad he didn't change his oil all the time because the fish and chicken tasted like each other. He remembers going to school at the Green St Complex 2 and the hardest recess he had was smelling the ventilation that coming out onto the playground. Tag day when he was in little league, now you go to the box stores, he wanted Ned's and he knew if he sat out there he was going to bring me out french fries or chicken nuggets at some point. He spoke of Hebert's Market where one of the pharmacies is now, also Boulanger's Egg Market where you would go in and get fresh eggs. He sees our youth not having that consistency that we had growing up. He thinks the big box stores are going to be ripped down in the next 10-20 years, and we don't know when that will happen. With those large parcels of land you could start a new town center. Barrington is starting to do it now. Their downtown was always Christmas Dove and Calef's, Calef's East and Calef's West. They did not allow that Irving to just go in and do whatever they wanted they had stipulations. They really want to keep their fabric of downtown and he is excited to see what they come up with.

Councilor Cameron thanked Councilor Pepin for his remarks and she thinks he said a lot of what most of us feel. Congratulated Councilor Dumont's family and Grandson for his graduation. Speaking of July 4th fireworks and being safe not just for the kids but also pets too. In regard to Councilor Sprague's comments as he talks about the big box stores she hates to admit that she works for one, but she does. We are well aware that times have changed the future and how things are going. We see it in the stores now as times change everyone is going to more internet sales. She agrees that big box stores will not be around in the next 20 years, it'll be based more on internet sales such as Amazon.

Councilor LeVasseur apologized for not having comments at the last few meetings. He took time to find a home, found the home and then had to make necessary repairs which took up a lot of his time. The fabric of the Community has changed over time through those changes employers have left. GE, which once employed 3000 people in our downtown are supported some of those stores that were mentioned, the way we shop in general has changed. He thinks we still have an opportunity to restore the heart of our community which is here in downtown. He thinks following through with these form base codes will assist in doing that. He also thinks that passing this parking reform will help to do that, and create a more walkable, bike able, livable downtown. We need to focus our efforts in the next coming years into restoring the heart of our downtown. Throughout the region we are seeing a lot of development taking place. It is particularly interesting that Dover didn't have a hard time finding a developer to build a mix use building in their parking lot, but here we have been struggling to find someone to do a building across the street. We need to take a little bit more of a holistic approach at the downtown and efforts that we can make to improve it. We need to make it more viable for large and small developers. He wanted to touch on Councilor Pepin's comments. He wanted to offer sort of a different perspective. He read from a Facebook headline that read, "Inside secret border patrol Facebook group where agents joked about migrant's deaths and posted sexist memes about Alexandria Ocasio Cortez," He thinks that as a country we have lost our moral compass he thinks that we need to take the time to reflect on who we are as a nation, who we are as a community. Somersworth was one that was built with immigrants. We are a community of immigrants a community of different shapes, sizes, sexual preferences and religious backgrounds. He believes that what provides us the strength that's what makes us the best community on the seacoast. Be it 10 square

miles it is the people within those 10 square miles that has kept me here. That is what drew me to live in this City. That gives him the fire to continue to do my best to make it a place I know that it can be. When we talk about our southern border and we talk about immigrants we need to talk about 21st century solutions. We need to be appointing more judges to hear asylum claims, we need to provide technologies needed along with resources so that we can secure our ports of entry. This is a topic very close to him; he would go as far to say that we need to abolish ICE hearing of the things that they have done to detainees it's very troubling. When we saw those images recently of the father and his child drown on the shores that is here in America. This isn't a third world country, this is something we need to really reflect as a nation and come up with 21st century solutions. Lastly, all are welcome here in Somersworth.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONPUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to adjourn passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk

David Witham, Deputy Mayor