

City of Somersworth City Council Meeting Monday, February 1, 2021

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7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- 1. Roll Call of Members
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Hearing
- 4. Comments by Visitors
- Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 19, 2021
- 6. Comments by City Councilors
- 7. Communications
 - A. Executive Director Deborah Evans, Somersworth Housing Authority, Update on Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)
 - B. Letter from New Hampshire Mayors to Commissioner Edelblut, Governor Sununu, President Morse, and Speaker Packard

- C. Legal Opinion (Requested by Mayor Hilliard)
- 8. Presentations of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
- 9. Mayor's Report
- 10. Report of Standing Committees
- 11. Report of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
- 12. Nominations, Appointments and Elections

Mayoral Appointments not Requiring a Council Vote:

Sarah Eckstein for Appointment as a member of the Sustainability Committee, with a term to expire February, 2023.

- 13. Lay on the Table
- 14. Unfinished Business
- 15. New Business

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 11-21 - Supplemental Appropriation to Reconstruct Nadeau Street

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 26-21 A Vote to Support the Creation of Fair and Nonpartisan State and Federal District Maps by the New Hampshire General Court
- B. Resolution No. 27-21 Naming Caiman Drive and Assigning Addresses, if Required
- C. Resolution No. 28-21 Naming Royal Drive and Assigning Addresses, if Required
- D. Resolution No. 29-21 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Road Improvements
- E. Resolution No. 30-21 To Authorize the City to Use Funding from the Municipal and Transportation Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Road Resurfacing Program
- F. Resolution No. 31-21 City Council to Provide Guidance for Budget Preparation for the Use of Fund Balance as Part of the School Department Budget

OTHER

A. Approve Amendments to City Manager's Employment Agreement

- 16. Comments by Visitors
- 17. Closing Comments by Council Members
- 18. Future Agenda Items
- 19. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)
- 20. Adjournment

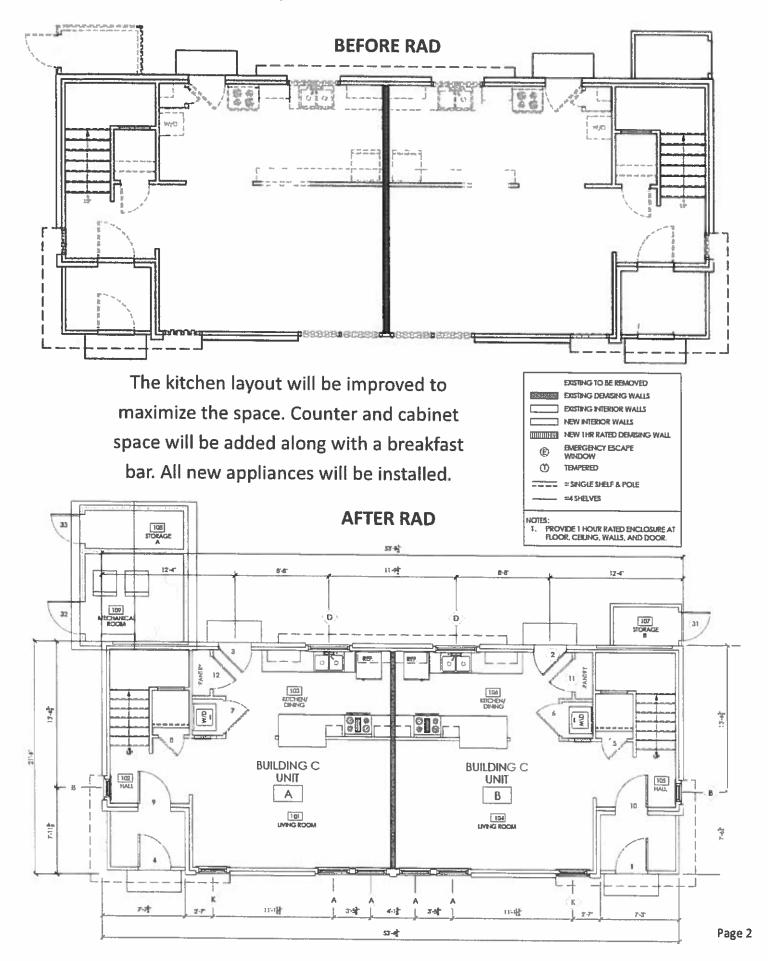


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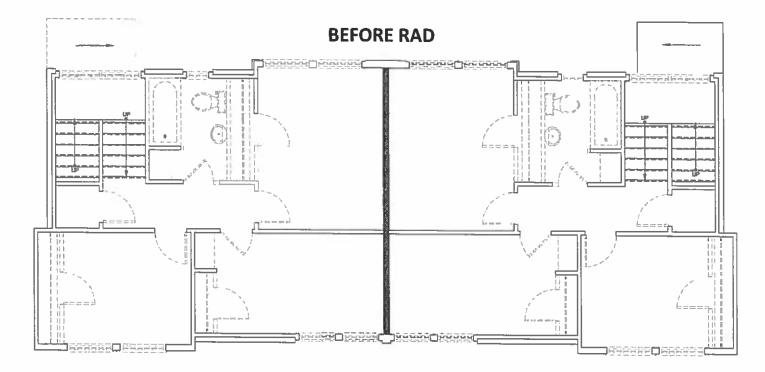
The Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) is a voluntary program run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under RAD, HUD will change the way it provides rental assistance to the property from public housing to a long-term Section 8 assistance contract. The Section 8 program would make it easier for us to access money to repair and improve the property, either now or in the future.

As part of RAD we are gaining funds to updated our public housing units. To do so we will be temporarily housing our residents in vacant public housing units until theirs is complete. The Relocation Plan involves 169 residential units in neighborhoods known as Albert J Nadeau Homes, Filion Terrace and Charpentier Apts in Somersworth. The plan calls for substantial rehab of these units over the course of 24 months. Currently we are scheduled for renovations to begin March 1st at Albert J Nadeau Homes and Filion Terrace with the Charpentier Apts likely begin in 2022.

Property Name	# of Buildings	# of Units/Apartments	Address
Albert J. Nadeau Homes	17 buildings	56 units (6=1 bed, 8=2 bed, 36=3 bed, 6=4 bed)	Bartlett Ave & Verona St, Somersworth, NH 03878
Filion Terrace Development	16 buildings	64 units (8=2 bedroom, 56=1 bedroom)	Washington St. & High St, Somersworth NH 03878
Charpentier Apartments	1 building	49 units all 1 bedroom	28 Franklin St, Somersworth, NH 03878

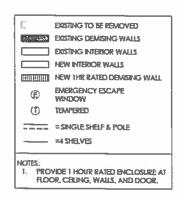


A Nadeau Second Floor— 2 units (A & B) 3 bedrooms

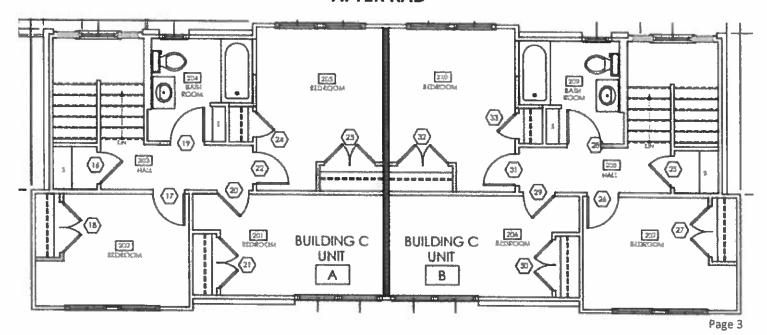


On the second floor the biggest changes are in the bathroom. Everything is being removed and replaced with an improved layout. The sink will now have a vanity to give extra storage.

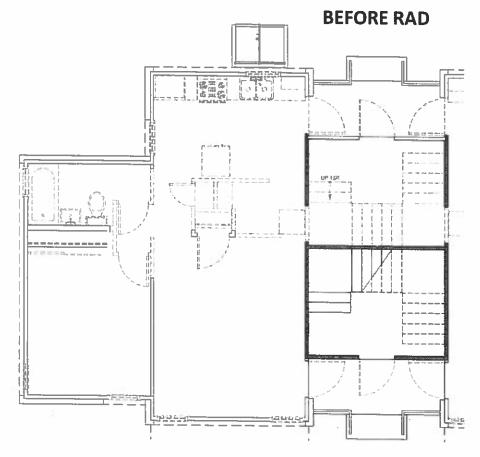
All buildings will have a new roof, windows, doors, and dedicated mechanical room.



AFTER RAD



Filion First Floor— 2 units (A & B) 1 bedroom

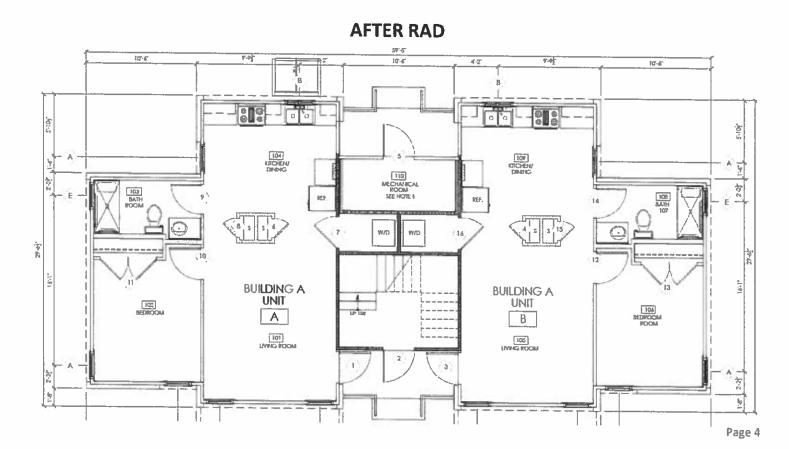


The kitchen layout will be updated to have a more open concept. All appliances are being replaced and washers and dryers will be added to each unit.

The bathroom sink will now have a vanity to give extra storage. The tubs will be removed and replaced with showers and seats.

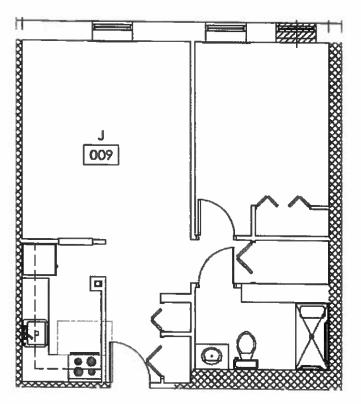
Windows and doors are being replaced.

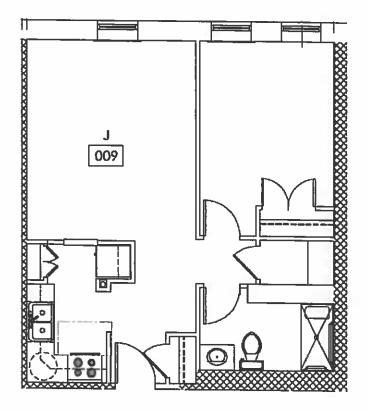
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Charpentier — All 1 bedroom apartments have slightly different configurations

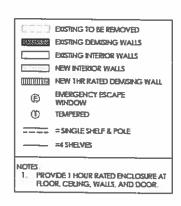
BEFORE & AFTER RAD





The kitchen layout will be improved to maximize the space. A pantry will be added along with a double sink. All new appliances will be installed. Closet doors will be replaced for better access.

Windows that are boarded up will be replaced to allow for more natural light.



City of Berlin

City of Claremont

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City of Laconia

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City of Portsmouth

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City of Somersworth

Commissioner Frank Edelblut Department of Education 21 S Fruit St Concord, NH 03301 Senate President Chuck Morse State House Room 302 107 North Main Street Concord NH 03301

Governor Chris Sununu Office of the Governor 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

Speaker Sherman Packard State House, Room 311 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

January 19, 2020

Dear Commissioner Edelblut, Governor Sununu, President Morse and Speaker Packard,

COVID-19 has put tremendous strain on school districts across the state of New Hampshire, and as districts begin the budgeting process for the next school year, there are three particular areas of concern that we as Mayors and School Board Chairs wanted to bring to your attention in the hopes that the Department of Education and the State of New Hampshire will work with our local governments to ensure that we continue to provide the students of our state with an adequate public education.

As a result of nationwide area eligibility and other waivers expanding access to the Free & Reduced Lunch program, districts across the state have been able to reimagine and expand their school nutrition programs in order to insure that all students have access to healthy meals throughout the pandemic. Unfortunately, the unintended consequences of this increased access to food have resulted in the most significant budgetary shortfall facing many school districts across New Hampshire. Enrollment by eligible families in district's Free & Reduced Lunch Programs have been significantly reduced from previous years, particularly in those communities that have implemented hybrid or remote learning. This reduction is not due to a decrease in need, but rather to an increase in accessibility of free food options and limited in-person interactions between guardians and teachers.

Using the Manchester School District as an example, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, students in Manchester who were eligible for free lunch made up about 49.5% of total enrollment, and those eligible for reduced lunch accounted for about 7.31%. Students were in school and in order to receive free and reduced lunches, their guardians needed to complete an income eligibility form, if they were not directly certified or categorically free.

When COVID-19 forced schools to go remote, in order to ensure that students were getting adequate food and nutrition, the district made sure that every student was able to receive free school lunches, regardless of whether or not their families had filled out the necessary forms, made possible by the nationwide Area Eligibility waivers. Because of this universal access to free school meals, and because while students are learning remotely, there are fewer opportunities to communicate with parents, the Manchester School District has seen a reduction in the number of families and students who have filled out the forms to be eligible for free and reduced lunch.

As of October 31, 2020, free eligible students were 39.99% of enrollment and reduced eligible were 4.49% of enrollment, which will result in approximately a \$3.6 million funding decrease. More rural communities are also seeing decreases in enrollment in the program. As of November 20th, Berlin is facing a loss of over \$316,000 when compared to last year.

Additionally, many of our public schools are seeing an unprecedented decrease in enrollment due to COVID-19, with many parents opting to send their children to private school or to homeschool their children until public schools are able to return to fully in person education safely. As the first vaccines for this virus are being administered to teachers and child care providers between March and May in Phase 2a of the State's vaccination plan, we are hopeful that education – and in turn, enrollment numbers – will look far closer to the 2019/2020 school year, rather than the 2020/2021 school year.

Districts across the state are concerned that since adequacy aid is based on the enrollment of the previous year, if enrollment numbers increase to a pre-pandemic level, that they will be left educating a significant number of students for which they did not receive adequacy aid. For example, Nashua would see a reduction of \$1.6M in adequacy aid in the 2022FY budget if enrollment numbers increase close to pre-pandemic levels for the next school year, as districts are anticipating.

The final financial concern that our school districts are facing, while not related to COVID-19, is a result of the rate increases for State retirement contributions. This downshifting of costs from the State of New Hampshire to local municipalities and school districts will result in considerable budget shortfalls. In Rochester, the teachers rate increase of 18.1% and Employees rate increase of 25.8% means more than a \$1.02 million expenditure at a time when districts are already struggling.

Our districts have been forced to reimagine the way we educate our students during this pandemic, bringing to light clear needs for improvements to our technology infrastructure in our more rural communities, where without access to high speed broadband, students learning remotely have no way to access their education. Even after the pandemic, it is critical that all students in our state have access to high speed internet, regardless of where they live. Without it, the digital divide within education will continue to grow and harm our rural and low-income students most.

An accessible and properly funded public education is critical for the children of New Hampshire, and right now, our schools are communicating significant concerns. We hope that the Department of Education, Executive and Legislature takes into account these anticipated revenue shortfalls as they are allocating funding, particularly as it relates to COVID-19 and adequacy funding for the 2021/2022 school year.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Board of Education Chair Louise Valliere, Berlin
Mayor Charlene Lovett, Claremont
School Board Chair Frank Sprague, Claremont
Mayor Jim Bouley, Concord
School Board President Jim Richards, Concord
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George Hansel, Mayor of Keene
Board of Education Chair George Downing, Keene

Mayor Andrew Hosmer, Laconia
School Board Chair & Mayor Joyce Craig,
Manchester
Mayor Jim Donchess, Nashua
Mayor Rick Beckstead, Portsmouth
Mayor Caroline McCarley, Rochester
Mayor Dana Hilliard, Somersworth
School Board Chair Matt Hanlon, Somersworth

Bob Belmore

From: Walter Mitchell <walter@mitchellmunigroup.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2020 9:42 AM

To: Bob Belmore

Subject: Request for Legal Opinion by Mayor re: possible job change from School District to SAU

Good Morning, Bob -

In August, 2013, our office provided you with a legal opinion which was prompted by a request by then Councilor Hilliard, who was considering a run for election as Mayor. Our conclusion at that time was that there was nothing that prevented Mr. Hilliard from running for or holding the office of Mayor, despite the fact that he was an employee of the City's School District. The detail of that explanation can be found in my email to you dated August 23, 2013. Mr. Hilliard was successful in his bid for Mayor, and continues to hold that office.

Now, with appropriate caution, the Mayor raises another, similar, question, prompted by the possibility that he may be changing jobs. There is the possibility of his being selected to work for SAU #56, in a job still to be formally titled but with responsibilities similar to that of an Assistant Superintendent. If he is selected for that employment, he would hope to also continue to serve as Mayor for another term or two.

Normally a SAU is considered a separate legal entity (legally distinct from the city or its school district) formed under the provisions of RSA 194-C. However, in the case of a single district SAU (like SAU #56), there is language in RSA 194-C:3 stating that a single district school administrative unit shall be "considered the same as a single school district". While this language does not appear to have been included in this statute for a purpose relevant to the question raised by the Mayor, it does somewhat complicate the analysis.

The bottom line, however, is that even if the effect of the above language is to, in these circumstances, make the School District and the single district SAU the same legal entity, the same analysis explained in 2013 would apply, producing the same result.

Therefore, it does not appear that making the hoped for job change would create any impediment to Mr. Hilliard continuing to serve as Mayor.

Please let me know if there are further questions.

Walter

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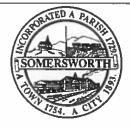


City of Somersworth Boards, Commissions & Committee Application

Instructions: Please complete all information.
Name: Sarah Eckstein
Telephone: 917-418-4065 Email: Sarah meckstein@gmail.com
Residence Address: 3 Royal Drive, Apt 411, Samersworth
Mailing Address (if different):
Resident of Somersworth for 4 Years Ward 4
Registered Voter: Yes In process No
Education Level: Bachelors of Science
Please list any organizations, groups, or other committees you are involved in: Conservation Committee of Somers worth Sieva Clivata H I correctly work as a Senior Arrayst at Unisys Will fine I am interested in serving on the following Board, Commission or Committee (s):
Chair of the Sustainability committee
My Background or Interests are:
· I've worked as a third-party energy efficiency consultant for
electric and gas rate payer programs
· I've led and facilitated Stakeholder meetings
• I've helped hold design charethes for businesses, iocal communities, towns. • I've helped develop and Shape master plans + tracked metrics
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along the way o My interest is helping the city of somers worth to develop implement and evaluate their sustainability goals and continue to make improvements along the way.
thought ful in purchasing products and supporting businesses that take steps to reduce their carbon

I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: Presently on the
Conservation Committee
Would you be able to commit to attending all meetings? Yes No
By submitting this Application you understand that:
 This application is for consideration and does not mean you will necessarily be appointed to this Board/Commission; and
The Mayor will review your application, may contact you, check your references, and determine any potential conflict of interests; and
3. This application will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.
4. Application will be kept on file for one (1) year from date of receipt. Signature: Date: 1/19/7/
Please submit application to:

Please submit application to: City Clerk's Office City Hall, One Government Way Somersworth, NH 03878



City of Somersworth - Ordinance

Ordinance No: 11-21

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO RECONSTRUCT NADEAU STREET

February 1, 2021

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 21 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$92,452 (Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Two dollars) from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to the Capital Outlay section of the FY20-21 General Fund budget as follows:

Revised Budget

Amendment

Revised Budget

\$ 404,700

\$ 92,452

\$ 497,152

Approved as to Funding:

Recorded by:

Scott A. Smith

Jonathan Slaven

Director of Finance and Administration

City Clerk

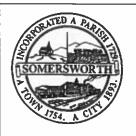
Background:

This Ordinance appropriates funding to reconstruct Nadeau Street and bring it up to City standards. In accordance with Resolution 8-21 the City will contribute \$15,000 toward this project, and the total cost of the project less the \$15,000 contribution will be prorated and assessed equally against each of the three abutting properties through a betterment assessment.

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.

This Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

Authorization		
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:	
David A. Witham	Approved: City Attorney	
Donald Austin		
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.		
Martin Pepin		



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No:

26-21

A VOTE TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF FAIR AND NONPARTISAN STATE AND FEDERAL DISTRICT MAPS BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GENERAL COURT

February 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census was conducted in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire General Court is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state of New Hampshire for state and federal elected positions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is also obligated to redistrict the voting wards for elected positions within the City of Somersworth; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire General Court conducted the 2010 census redistricting in a non-public, private session which did not provide transparency in the creation of the district maps; and

WHEREAS, the public was not able to view the proposed redistricting maps for state and federal offices at public hearings when the maps were most recently drawn in 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, redistricting maps created in non-public private sessions by politicians within the New Hampshire General Court may allow for more gerrymandered, partisan district maps.

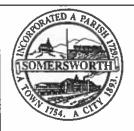
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somersworth, that the City of Somersworth expresses its strong support for redistricting within the State of New Hampshire to be fair, nonpartisan, and ensure effective representation of all citizens; and furthermore, district maps shall not be gerrymandered to favor a political party or candidate and the process of redistricting is encouraged to be transparent and open to public input during all stages of development; and furthermore, the City of Somersworth calls upon its elected State Legislators to uphold these fair redistricting principles for federal and state election districts, and adhere to these fair redistricting principles when creating City redistricting maps; and furthermore, The City of Somersworth encourages its elected State Legislators to consider the formation of a nonpartisan, independent commission to study and work to create potential district maps.

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History			
First Read Date:	02/1/2021	Tabled:	
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Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	- 101	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Paradis		
	TOTAL VOTES:		
On //	Resolution 26-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth - Resolution

Resolution No:

27-21

NAMING CAIMAN DRIVE AND ASSIGNING ADDRESSES, IF REQUIRED

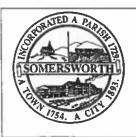
February 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the following road be named and addresses assigned, if required;

NAME:	CAIMAN DRIVE
Reasons Explanations:	1.Name Requested by Developer, Palmer Gas
	2. E-911 Street Name and Address Committee approved on January 15, 2021
	3. This road extends southerly from the west end of Gator Rock Road ending in a Cul-desac

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT this action is in accordance with RSA 231:133; RSA 231:133-a; RSA 106-H; State of NH, Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Communications Addressing Standards, and Chapter 19, Section 23, City of Somersworth Ordinances; and that this action does not constitute acceptance of the above-named road by the Somersworth City Council.

Authorization	
Sponsored by: Councilor Martin Pepin	Approved: City Attorney



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No:

28-21

NAMING ROYAL DRIVE AND ASSIGNING ADDRESSES, IF REQUIRED

February 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the following road be named and addresses assigned, if required;

NAME:	ROYAL DRIVE
Reasons Explanations:	1.Name Requested by Developer, Flatley Corp.
	2. E-911 Street Name and Address Committee approved on January 15, 2021
±	3. This road begins at the east end o Tri-City Road and is the entrance to the "Thomas Apartments" complex

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT this action is in accordance with RSA 231:133; RSA 231:133-a; RSA 106-H; State of NH, Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Communications Addressing Standards, and Chapter 19, Section 23, City of Somersworth Ordinances; and that this action does not constitute acceptance of the above-named road by the Somersworth City Council.

Authorization		- 27
Sponsored by: Councilor Martin Pepin	Approved: City Attorney	



City of Somersworth - Resolution

Resolution No:

29-21

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH CONTINENTAL PAVING OF LONDONDERRY, NH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

February 1, 2021

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

Drew Road
Edmund Street
Fox Court
Laurier Street
Lemelin Court
Rowland Street
Shady Lane
Wilson Street
Locke Avenue

Portland Street
South Street
Ben Rich Drive
Lil-Nor Avenue
Pinkham Street
Primrose Lane
Midway Park
Bartlett Avenue
Cass Street, AND

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned roads, the City requested a bid for the reconstruction of Nadeau Street, the cost of which is \$85,752 (Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two dollars), such amount will be included with the total contract costs for all the road work, and will be assessed to the abutting property owners through a 10 year betterment assessment less a \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand dollars) City contribution, and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the results of the bids received and recommends contracting with Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH to make these road improvements at a cost of \$1,054,771 (One Million Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee for the City of Somersworth has reviewed the recommendation by staff to award the contract to Continental Paving, 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 Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH for road improvements to the aforementioned roads at a cost of \$1,054,771 (One Million Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One 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 Witham Donald Austin Martin Pepin Martin Dumont, Sr.		Approved: City Attorney	
	City of Somers	worth – Resolution 29-21	
History			
First Read Date:	02/1/2021	Tabled:	
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Voting Record		YES	NO
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Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	-	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Paradis		
	TOTAL VOTES:		
On //	Resolution 29-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth - Resolution

Resolution No:

30-21

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO USE FUNDING FROM THE MUNICIPAL AND TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

February 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the annual road resurfacing program, and

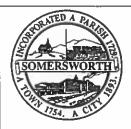
WHEREAS, additional funding is required to complete the road resurfacing program as bid out, and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to utilize \$190,000 (One Hundred Ninety Thousand dollars) from the Municipal and Transportation Fund to be used for this year's road resurfacing program, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is designated as agents to expend these funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City may utilize \$190,000 (One Hundred Ninety Thousand dollars) from the Municipal and Transportation Fund for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 road resurfacing program.

Authorization		
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:	
David A. Witham	Approved: City Attorney	
Donald Austin	_	
Martin Pepin		
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.		



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City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No:

31-21

CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR BUDGET PREPARATION FOR THE USE OF FUND BALANCE AS PART OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

February 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the School Department/School Board is required to prepare an annual budget for consideration and action by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, each year the School Department's annual budget may provide unexpended funds/ surplus funds that will lapse to the City's fund balance; and

WHEREAS, during the annual budget development of the School Department/School Board's budget conditions may be such that all or a portion of any such anticipated surplus within the current budget would be advantageous to use as a revenue source in the upcoming budget, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee unanimously recommends adoption/ratification of the following considerations, to be reviewed annually by the City Council:

- 1. The School Department/School Board will report each February to the City Manager the estimated amount of surplus, if any, that will lapse to the City's General Fund as result of current unexpended budget funds.
- 2. The School Department/School Board will develop an amount, if any, of the estimated surplus that they recommend be used as a revenue source in the ensuing budget.
- 3. Once the City Manager receives the aforementioned information, the City Council will deliberate and take action on the amount, if any, that may be used as a revenue source in the ensuing School Department/School Board budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the guidance and considerations for budget preparation as outlined be adopted upon passage of this Resolution.

Authorization		
Sponsored by Councilors: David A. Witham Donald Austin	Approved: City Attorney	
Martin Pepin Martin P. Dumont, Sr.		