

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019

7:00pm City Council Meeting

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1. Roll Call of Members
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Public Hearings
 - A. Proposed City Charter Amendment to the Section Entitled, Ward Boundaries (Article 1.4)
 4. Comments by Visitors
 5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Workshop COAST Bus Presentation by Rad Nichols, Executive Director held on June 17, 2019
 - B. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 17, 2019
 - C. Letter from Mr. William Connor, Resident of Somersworth
 6. Comments by City Councilors
 7. Communications
 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
 - A. Requires Council Approval
 - a. Mary Shaw, re-appointment as a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees with a term to expire, July 2024
 - b. Richard Brooks, re-appointment as a member of the Historic District Commission with a term to expire July 2022

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

ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 1-20** - Supplemental Appropriation for Conceptual Design Services and a Preliminary Cost Estimate for a New Somersworth Fire Station
- B. **Ordinance No. 2-20** - Supplemental Appropriation for Final Design Services for a Veterans' Memorial at Stein Park
- C. **Ordinance No. 3-20** - To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, by Adding New Section 31, Special Parking Zoning Overlay District

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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

OTHER

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

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

“Hilltop's Past Greatness”

Having heard some intriguing conversations recently about our city's gateway, brings to mind some of its bygone establishments and their greatness, that we all miss and regret as to what took place to erase those beloved places and their importance, by their having giving us some true measure of the “Hilltop's Past Greatness.”

It was fifty years ago and my hair was stubbornly long so my wife says, but fortunately my memory of what beckoned me to take roots and settle in this great city is still intact and fresh. Before the “Big Box circus show, came to town, life was simpler and less taxing and most of the neighborhoods were tightly knitted together thru hard work ethics and religious mannerisms.

My unveiling introduction to Somersworth was in the fall of 1970, as I drove my red 69”Cuda from the “Wescott's Big Dipper” into the city, Beholding, I observed vast stands of tall pine-trees great in vertical dimension and thought to myself what a treasure for this community now and in the future, these abundant forests was natures best effort without a doubt.

All this before the “Big Box circus show, and its shallow promises came to town and took away this and other treasures, for what and how we were so easily deceived.

At this time, for me this city had it all, The “Starway” outdoor theater, Family owned lumber yard. The “Poultry Shop” who made the best chicken pot pies I'd ever tasted, “ The famous “Pearls Bakery” their french pastries were unrivaled, with long lines of customers eager to empty their shelves, Several well stocked hardware stores with helpful owners to assist, Diverse mix of social clubs where anyone could share a drink or meal, war time memory or maybe even dance the night away, Honest auto repair shops, Family owned grocery stores where the local citizenry did most of their weekly shopping, Chic clothing stores with the latest apparel and Diverse places to worship our God.

All of this and so much more before the “Big Box circus show came to town.

I have asked myself could this “Gateway Greatness”, ever be restored and the answer may be, its where so ever the gateway starts and ends and how well-advised we are able to realistically reset this evolutionary pathway that has change our way of life.

William L. Connor (Bill)
41 Pinewood Drive, Somersworth N.H.
Ward Two
Conservative Democrat



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:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Recorded by:

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.

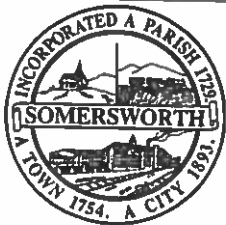
Authorization

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

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.

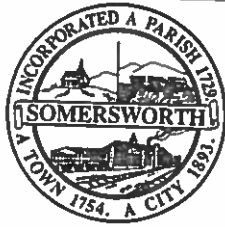
Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

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

Approved:

City Attorney



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

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:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

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.

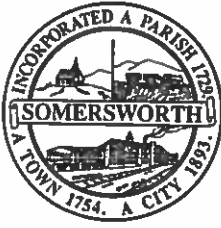
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Approved:

City Attorney



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

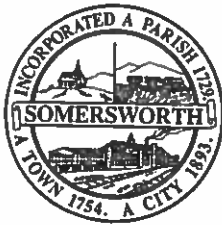
WHEREAS, Ironwood Design Group presented this conceptual design to the Veteran's Park Commission and they support the conceptual design as presented and recommend proceeding with final design services, and

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



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

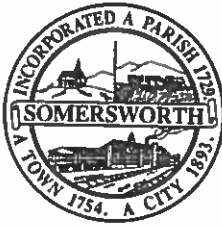
WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to cover expenses associated with providing increased Police patrol services in various areas throughout the City, and

EXPLANATION OF TOTAL PROJECT GRANT BREAKDOWN

NH Dept. of Justice (100%)	=	\$24,972.80
City Match (0%)	=	\$ 0.00
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	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney



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

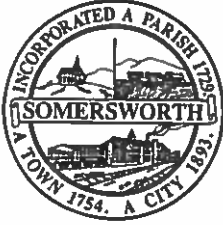
WHEREAS the City prepared and requested bids from qualified contractors for road improvements, and

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	
<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 – 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
	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 \$1,166,312 (One Million One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Twelve 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 \$1,166,312 (One Million One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Twelve dollars) and to take any other actions on behalf of this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

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