

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
AGENDA FOR MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

5:30 p.m. – State of the City Address

7:00pm City Council Meeting

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearings
 - A. **Ordinance No. 15-19** - To Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinances, Section 21, Requiring Paved Parking Spaces for Residential Use and Deleting Parking Requirement in the Historic Moderate Density District
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on February 19, 2019
 - B. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on February 19, 2019
 - C. Letter from William L. Connor
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. Mayoral Appointments:
 - a. Sarah McGraw, reappointment as a member of the Sustainability Committee with a term to expire, October 2020
 - b. Ward Boundaries Review Committee
 - i. Martin Pepin
 - ii. Martin P. Dumont, Sr.
 - iii. David A. Witham
 - iv. Richard R. Michaud

13. Lay on the Table

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

14. Unfinished Business

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15. New Business

ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 16-19** - To Amend Chapter 7, Solid Waste and Recycling, Section 7.4 – Fees

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

02/27/2019

To: The City of Somersworth New Hampshire.
Honorable Mayor & City Council Membership & City Manager.
Subj: Citizens Comments concerning the City Budget for 2019 – 2020.

First, let me say that am unable to offer any new solutions to the current and alarming fiscal revenue shortfalls and their stated reasoning, being brought before us this year during the final review of the cities proposed budget.

As many individuals have already come forward to the podium to offer words of genuine concern, personal opinions, along with dire words of warning should certain line items are to be cut from the SAU56 budget, or have us suffer the consequences of not including them in this final budget.

I would however offer my brief opinion of what is significant in terms of importance in the operation of our school district and our city's operational management.

1. The establishment of the new School board & City council Commission is a quantum step forward in bringing about a SAU56 budget, that meets the essential needs and scrutinizes the unrealistic wish-list desires. Confrontation between these two entities has now been eliminated to everyone's benefit.

This commission has exhibited an atmosphere of cooperation and harmony in arriving at a position of new found comfort when dealing with the SAU56 budgets architecture and its reality.

As in the past I have spoken before council about the schools and the critical need to keep these facilities and their supporting equipment in a top notch operating condition, coupled with a scheduled master plan of action for maintenance and upgrades where required.

With the recent successful facility upgrades and the ongoing maintenance practices it appears that this strategy is in place and working fine.

2. The City side of the budget comes under the professional management of our City Manager and his staff with few areas of concern. Revenue enhancement is always the lead topic for projects being able to move forward or stalled by the lack of it.

This organizations ability to shift its priorities and focus on the multitude of important issues is the hallmark for this organization. The city manager has historically followed an action plan with a strategy using technical and administrative skills that has been proven successful in increasing revenue and ensuring financial viability.

In closing, am sure our newly elected State Representatives and the long-term State Senators are receiving daily messages from their constituents, expressing their concerns about receiving less state aid and how its effecting their local school districts budgets. A note of concern is that the overseeing committees in Concord may be overwhelmed by this state aid deficiency quandary and have yet been unable to find a long term solution. In the meantime, we would can only hope for a remedy soon from these dedicated individuals.

Am very confident that those whom the public has elected will make the appropriate final decisions, including overriding the tax cap if necessary, to pass the city budget in the best interest of all.

Respectfully,
William L. Connor (Bill)
41 Pinewood Drive
Ward Two
Conservative Democrat.

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 15-19

History

First Read Date:	02/19/2019	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	03/04/2019	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	03/04/2019		

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 15-19	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 15-19

TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, ZONING ORDINANCES, SECTION 21, REQUIRING PAVED PARKING SPACES FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND DELETING PARKING REQUIREMENT IN THE HISTORIC MODERATE DENSITY DISTRICT

February 19, 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, Section 21, Circulation & Parking Regulations, by:

1. Add 'paved' to section 19.21.A. The section will read as follows:

19.21.A.1. In all districts permitting residential uses, except where otherwise dictated below, a minimum of two (2) paved parking spaces per dwelling unit shall be provided on the lot which they are required to serve.

2. Delete Section 19.21.A.2. in its entirety.

3. Renumber Section 19.21.A accordingly.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by:

Martin P. Dumont, Sr.
Richard R. Michaud
Martin Pepin

Approved:

City Attorney



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 16-19

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING,
SECTION 7.4 - FEES**

March 4, 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 7, Solid Waste and Recycling, Section 7.4 – Fees, by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 7.4 – Fees: Effective July 1, 2019, the retail cost of the bags shall be \$2.00 for a 30-gallon bag and \$1.45 for a 15-gallon bag. Ten cents (.10) from the sale of each bag shall be utilized to subsidize the cost to the City for recycling or for any other cost related to solid waste and recycling collection and disposal. The cost to vendors shall be \$.02 cents less to provide financial incentive for selling the bags.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by:
David A. Witham

Approved:
City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 16-19

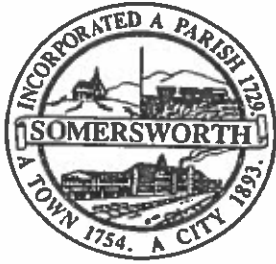
History

First Read Date:	03/04/2019	Tabled:	
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Second Read:			

Discussion

Background: The total increase in the cost of each size of bag is fifteen cents (.15). Five cents (.05) of this increase will cover the cost of a new distribution program where bags will be shipped directly to vendors by the City's bag supplier. Ten cents (.10) of the increase will be utilized to subsidize the cost to the City for recycling or for any other cost related to solid waste and recycling collection and disposal, and will raise approximately \$25,000 for that activity.

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 *		
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TOTAL VOTES:			
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City of Somersworth
Boards, Commissions & Committee Application

Instructions: Please complete all information.

Name: Sarah McGraw

Telephone: 603 236 1019 Email: sarah.mary89@gmail.com

Residence Address: 36 Market St Apt 4 Somersworth NH 05828

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Resident of Somersworth for 4 Years Ward 1

Registered Voter: Yes No

Education Level: BS Environmental/Conservation Studies

Please list any organizations, groups, or other committees you are involved in:
Conservation Commission

I am interested in serving on the following Board, Commission or Committee (s):
Sustainability (renewal)

My Background or Interests are: Solid waste, Recycling,
Sustainability, communications,

over



I have served on the following Committee (s) in the past: Sustainability
Conservation Commission

Would you be able to commit to attending all meetings? Yes No

By submitting this Application you understand that:

1. This application is for consideration and does not mean you will necessarily be appointed to this Board/Commission; and
2. 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: 2/24/19

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