



City of Somersworth
City Council Meetings
Monday, May 18, 2020

Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order # 12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. This meeting will be held via Zoom online platform. The public is asked to submit comments via email to kgagne@somersworth.com or bbelmore@somersworth.com. Comments must be received not later than 4:00 PM the day of the City Council meeting. The meeting can be viewed via the Local Government Cable Access Ch. 22 (Comcast) as well as via live stream at the City's website www.somersworth.com. The public can access the meeting and listen live by telephoning any of the following numbers and then adding webinar I.D # 818 6863 0752:

1 (312) 626-6799 or, 1(646) 558-8656 or, 1 (301) 715-8592 or, 1 (346) 248-7799 or,
1 (669) 900-9128 or, 1 (253) 215-8782

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing
 - A. Ordinance No. 19-20 - To Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 13.3.1-D, No Parking Anytime
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Workshop - CMAQ Grant held on May 4, 2020
 - B. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on May 4, 2020
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

Nominations Requiring Council Confirmation Vote:

- A. Jeremy Degler, Appointment as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire, May 2023.
- B. Scott Orzechowski, Re-Appointment as a Member of the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire, May 2023.
- C. Dale A. Smith-Kenyon, Re-Appointment as a Member of the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire, June 2023.
- D. Angela Ficco, Re-Appointment as a Member of the Conservation Commission, with a term to expire, June 2023.

13. Lay on the Table

14. Unfinished Business

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 19-20 - To Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 13.3.1-D, No Parking Anytime

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 47-20 - To Authorize the City to Use Funding from the City Parks and Parks Facilities Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund as a Portion of the City's Match to a Land and Water Conservation Grant for Improvements to Jules Bisson Park

15. New Business

ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 20-20 - Supplemental Appropriation to Install Fencing and Other Improvements for a Dog Park at Millennium Park

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 48-20 - Vote to Authorize a Bond for Road, Sidewalk, Drainage, Water, Sewer and Other Improvements to Cemetery Road
- B. Resolution No. 49-20 - Vote to Adopt a Policy of Staffing the Fire Department with a Minimum of Four (4) Firefighters on Each Shift

OTHER

- A. City Council to Vote to Authorize the City Manager to be the Designated Signing Authority for the GOFERR Conronavirus Relief Fund Grant Agreement, and any Other Grant Agreements that Provide Relief to the City in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response, and Furthermore, Votes to Accept the GOFERR Conronavirus Relief Fund Grant Subject to the Terms of the Offer and the Rules and Regulations of the Grant Agreement as Promulgated by the State of New Hampshire.

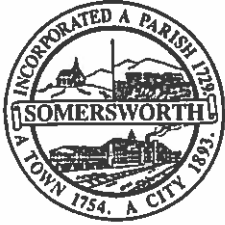
16. Comments by Visitors

17. Closing Comments by Council Members

18. Future Agenda Items

19. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)

20. Adjournment



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 19-20

TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, POLICE OFFENSES, SECTION 13.3.1-D, NO PARKING ANYTIME

May 4, 2020

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 Police Offenses, Section 13. 3.1-D, No Parking Anytime, by adding:

Franklin Street, approximately 100 feet westerly from Green Street, on the south side of the street (to the opposite side of the road from the intersection with Silver Street)

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilor:
David A. Witham

Approved:
City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 19-20

History

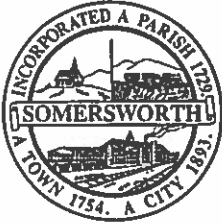
First Read Date:	05/04/2020	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

Ordinance No. 19-20 will remain in first reading until call of chair.

Councilor Witham stated that he understands that it is practice to hold a public Hearing for an Ordinance change, but he explained that this is the intersection that we removed the red blinking light at the four way stop. It has been his observation that the intersection has been compromised with the addition of a multi-unit apartment building on the corner of Green Street and Franklin Street. It has created the need for a tremendous amount of on street parking. Until we can take action on this he just wondered if City Staff could impose a temporary parking restriction in this area that is called out in the Ordinance. City Manager stated that he will discuss this with the Police Chief in regards to a temporary police Ordinance.

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	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Paradis		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / .	Ordinance 19-20	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 20-20

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO INSTALL FENCING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS FOR A DOG PARK AT MILLENNIUM PARK

May 18, 2020

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 \$20,000 from unanticipated City revenue and a transfer from the Cable Fund to the Capital Outlay section of the FY19-20 General Fund budget as follows:

Revised Budget
\$ 537,913

Amendment
\$ 20,000

Revised Budget
\$ 557,913

Approved as to Funding:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Recorded by:

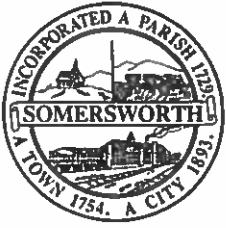
Kelly Gagne
Deputy City Clerk

Background:

This Ordinance appropriates funding to install fencing, signage, and other improvements for use as a dog park at Millennium Park. The funding for this project is provided by a combination of estimated donations received (\$2,000) and a transfer from the Cable Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$18,000.

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	
<i>Sponsored by:</i> David A. Witham Nancie Cameron Donald Austin Richard Michaud Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Martin Pepin Crystal Paradis	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 47-20

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO USE FUNDING FROM THE CITY PARKS AND PARKS FACILITIES REHABILITATION /RECONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS A PORTION OF THE CITY'S MATCH TO A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO JULES BISSON PARK

May 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 28-18 to change the purpose of the Hilltop Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund and establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Improvements, Reconstruction, or Rehabilitation of City Parks and City Park Facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 8-20 to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to make improvements to Jules Bisson Park, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of these improvements is \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand dollars) requiring the City to provide a 50% match in the amount of \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City utilize the Parks and Parks Facilities Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund to provide a portion of the City's match in the amount of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this recommendation and is in support of it, 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 \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand dollars) from the City Parks and Parks Facilities Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund to be used for improvements to Jules Bisson Park.

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



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 48-20

VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A BOND FOR ROAD, SIDEWALK, DRAINAGE, WATER, SEWER AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO CEMETERY ROAD

May 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 18-18 to authorize the City Manager to contract with Wright Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH to provide engineering and design services for various complete streets projects which included Cemetery Road, and

WHEREAS, the engineering and design for the improvements to Cemetery Road are nearing completion, and

WHEREAS, Wright Pierce Engineers has estimated the cost to construct the improvements to Cemetery Road to be \$3,800,000 (Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the project cost includes engineering, contract administration, construction inspection, and construction of road, sidewalk, drainage, water, and sewer improvements to Cemetery Road, as well as other associated ancillary costs (collectively, the "Project"),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 (Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand dollars) is appropriated for the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- (a.) the City Manager is authorized to borrow up to \$3,800,000 (Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand dollars) under the Municipal Finance Act and issue bonds and notes payable within 15 years from their dates, and
- (b.) the City Manager is authorized to issue temporary notes in anticipation of the issue of these bonds or notes, and
- (c.) the City Manager is authorized to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and
- (d.) the estimated useful life of this project is expected to exceed 15 years.

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



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 49-20

VOTE TO ADOPT A POLICY OF STAFFING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) FIREFIGHTERS ON EACH SHIFT

May 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the current policy of the City of Somersworth is to staff a minimum of four (4) firefighters on each night shift and a minimum of three (3) firefighters on each day shift, and

WHEREAS, after review of this policy the recommendation is to increase minimum staffing to four (4) firefighters on all shifts which will benefit the City by improving efficiency and response capability of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to change this policy has been reviewed by the Public Safety Committee and they support this change and further recommend that the City Manager cover any incremental cost increases due to this policy change from the current FY2020 budget and the FY2021 approved budget through City Charter Transfer of Appropriations authorizations outlined in Ch. 7.6 (D) ,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City adopt a policy of staffing the Fire Department with a minimum of four (4) firefighters on each shift, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager shall cover any incremental cost increase due to this policy change from the current budget as outlined in the City Charter, Transfer of Appropriations, Ch. 7.6 (D).

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent Crystal Paradis	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney