



City of Somersworth
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020

**THIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BLACK BOX THEATER
AT THE SOMERSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER
LOCATED AT 18 CEMETERY ROAD**

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Consent Calendar
 - A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on September 21, 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 a Council Confirmation Vote:
 - A. Richard Brooks, for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, with a term to expire September 2023
 - B. Chris Horton, for Appointment to the Planning Board, with a term to expire September 2023
 - C. Tammy Sneddon, for Appointment to the Trustees of the Trust Fund Committee, with a term to expire September 2023

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13. Lay on the Table

14. Unfinished Business

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 23-20 - To Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules & Regulations, Section 11.3.1, Health/Dental Insurance, Regarding Spouses Employed by the City (Referred to Government Operations Committee 7/13/2020)

B. Ordinance No. 5-21 - To Amend Chapter 19 – Zoning, Definitions, Section 25.B, Agricultural Use (Referred to Public Works & Environment Committee 7/13/2020; remains in Committee)

C. Ordinance No. 7-21 – To Amend Chapter 6 – City Officials, Section 6.6.2.4, Public Safety Committee (Referred to Government Operations Committee 09/21/2020)

15. New Business

OTHER

A. Vote to set polling hours for General Election 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

B. Vote to request the School Board to authorize the use of the Somersworth High School Cafeteria for Ward 3 and the Idlehurst Elementary School Cafeteria for Ward 4 as permanent City polling locations unless or until rescinded

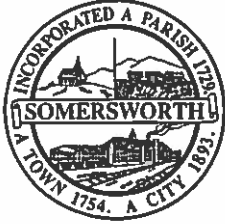
16. Comments by Visitors

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: 23-20

TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, PERSONNEL RULES & REGULATIONS, SECTION 11.3.1, HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE, REGARDING SPOUSES EMPLOYED BY THE CITY

June 15, 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:

1. Amend Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations, Section 11.3.1, Health/Dental Insurance, by adding to the last paragraph:

This benefit shall not be available to any employee whose alternative health insurance is provided through a spouse's plan through either the City or the School District.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

Richard Michaud
Nancie Cameron
Donald Austin
Matt Gerding

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 23-20

History

First Read Date:	6/15/2020	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	07/13/2020	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	07/13/2020		

Discussion

06/15/2020

*Ordinance No. 23-20 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair.
Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.*

07/13/2020

*Mayor Hilliard referred Ordinance No. 23-20 to the Government Operations
Committee 7-13-2020*

08/10/2020

Remains in Committee

09/09/2020

Remains in Committee

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 23-20		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 5-21

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 – ZONING, DEFINITIONS,
SECTION 25.B, AGRICULTURAL USE**

July 13, 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 in Section 25 Definitions:

Section 19.25.B, Agricultural Use, delete the word, “apiculture.”

Section 19.25.B shall read as follows:

AGRICULTURAL USE Land used for agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, horticulture, aquaculture, floriculture, silviculture, animal and poultry husbandry.

This Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> Crystal Paradis Nancie Cameron Matthew Gerding	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 5-21

History

First Read Date:	07/13/2020	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	08/10/2020	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:	08/10/2020		

Discussion

07/13/2020

Ordinance No. 5-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair.

Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

Mayor Hilliard referred Ordinance No. 5-21 to the Public Works & Environment Committee on 7/13/2020.

08/10/2020

Remains in Committee

09/09/2020

Remains in Committee

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 5-21		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 7-21

TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – CITY OFFICIALS, SECTION 6.6.2.4, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 21, 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 City Officials, Section 6.6.2.4, Public Safety Committee, by adding:

In order to maintain our present quality of life, the Committee may also provide assistance in guiding Police, Fire and other emergency operations in delivering services ethically and effectively to ensure the safety and security of the Public, and, Public Trust is not compromised.

This Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by:
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard
Councilor Matthew Gerding

Approved:
City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 7-21

History

First Read Date:	09/21/2020	Tabled:	NA
Public Hearing:	10/05/2020	Removed From Table:	NA
Second Read:			

Discussion

Ordinance No. 7-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

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 7-21		PASSED	FAILED