



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, April 18, 2014

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, April 21, 2014
City Council Agenda

6:00 p.m. - City Council Workshop

Re: Workshop with our Contracted Assessor/Assessing Firm, Corcoran Consulting Associates, Inc., to Discuss the Recommended Real Estate Property Revaluation and Continuing Cycled Inspection Program.

Attached is a memorandum from Wil Corcoran outlining the programs to be discussed.

Lay on the Table (under Section 12 of Agenda)

- A. Ordinance No. 14-14 FY 2014-2015- Budget.** Attached is the revised Ordinance as amended by City Council. The attached memorandum provides a new projected City tax rate estimate and tax cap analysis. I have also provided a Memorandum outlining health insurance premium adjustments that the City Council may want to consider in your deliberations.

Unfinished Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 13-14 Amending Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Tables 4.A.3.9, 4.A.3.10 and 4.A.3 to Permit Chickens in All Residential Districts Provided that Certain Minimum Criteria have been Met. (In Committee).**

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 29-14 To Demolish the Former Police Station and Establish a City Park. (Referred to Committee).** Attached is a proposed Amendment from the Public Works & Environment Committee. Note: These action items will need further City Council action to provide funding should it pass.
- B. Resolution No. 39-14 Vote to Authorize a Comprehensive Study to Examine the Need for the Construction of a New Fire Station.** The City's 2015-2020 CIP document does acknowledge the need for a new fire facility.

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 15-14 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.1.D No Parking Anytime.**
- B. Ordinance No. 16-14 Amend Chapter 13, Police Offenses, Section 3.1.F Time Limited Parking.** These Parking Ordinance Amendments, No. 15-14 & No. 16-14 are temporary amendments to provide added parking options for the duration of the DTN Construction Projects.
- C. Ordinance No. 17-14 Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, by Adding a New Section 31 Backyard Chicken Ordinance.** This Committee recommendation is forwarded to the full City Council from the Public Works & Environment Committee (3-1 vote). City Attorney Walter Mitchell has reviewed the language. He offers one (1) recommendation: in Section 19.31.D, Revocation/Renewal of Permit, item #1, add “or of any violation of conditions of approval”.
- D. Ordinance No. 18-14 Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Section 25, Definitions.**
- E. Ordinance No. 19-14 Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, Table 4.A.5 Principal Uses.** These Committee recommendations are forwarded to the full City Council from the Economic Development Committee (3-0 vote). Ord. No. 18-14 and No. 19-14 are companion Amendments.

Monday, May 5, 2014

I recommend Public Hearings be held prior to the next regular City Council meeting starting at 6:30p.m. moving from one hearing to the next: Ordinances 15-14, 16-14, 17-14, and 18-14.

SAU Superintendent Jeni Mosca requests a meeting with the City Council to discuss a tentative agreement with one of the School Department's Unions prior to a possible vote at the next Council meeting. I would suggest a non-meeting/private meeting with her negotiating team at 6:00p.m.

Other:

- A. Reconsideration of Resolution No. 36-14 Authorizing the City Manager to Sell City Tax Deeded Property at 116-118 Green Street.** Attached is a very preliminary “Draft” letter to solicit Realtor proposals to list and market these tax deeded properties. We would also advertise for proposals. I will delete this property should Council decide not to reconsider or decide not to approve its sale. The other properties have already received City Council approvals.

City Manager's Items (under section 10 of Agenda)

A. Information Items:

- 1. Police Department Grants.** I am pleased to report that the three (3) Highway Safety Grants being awarded to the City for traffic enforcement related efforts (copies are attached):
 - Red Light Running - \$5,148.00
 - DWI/DUI Patrols - \$6,786.00
 - Enforcement Patrols (motor vehicle violations during a set time, either morning or evening) - \$5,148.00

B. Attachments:

- 1. City Attorney Certifications Four (4).
- 2. City Department Monthly Reports.