

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

JANUARY 18, 2011

7:00 P.M.

<p>6:00 P.M. – JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD</p>
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1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - A. Minutes of Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 5-11 held on 12/13/10.
 - B. Minutes of Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 6-11 held on 12/13/10.
 - C. Minutes of City Council Meeting held on 12/13/10.
 - D. Minutes of City Council Meeting held on 1/3/11.
4. Comments by Visitors
5. Communications
 - A. Letter from William Sweeney, Planning Board Chairman.
6. Presentation of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
7. Mayor's Report

8. Reports of Standing Committees
9. Reports of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
10. Nominations, Appointments and Elections
11. Lay on Table
 - A. Ordinance No. 5-11 Amend Chapter 24 by the Addition of Chapter 24-A Entitled Somersworth Housing Code for Rental Multi-Unit Properties.
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 13-11 To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council shall not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Properties Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien.
- B. Resolution No. 14-11 To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council shall not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Property Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien.
- C. Resolution No. 15-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Seek Funding for the Noble Pines Comprehensive Improvement Project as Proposed in the Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Capital Improvements Plan.

Other:

- A. Vote to Ratify the Wage and Working Agreement between the City and the Public Works/Highway Department AFSCME Council 93, Local 863 (Expires June 30, 2011).

B. Vote to Ratify the Agreement between the Somersworth Association of Educators and the Somersworth School Board (Expires June 30, 2012).

14. Comments by Visitors
15. Closing Comments by Council Members
16. Future Agenda Items
17. Nonpublic Session (as necessary, pending roll call vote by Council)
18. Adjournment

SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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January 6, 2011

Re: Nomination of Strafford Regional Planning Commission member.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Please accept this letter as my nomination of Brian Tapscott to represent the City of Somersworth as a member of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. If approved by the City Council, Mr. Tapscott's membership would be filling a vacancy left by George Snyder and his term would expire April 12, 2012.

Thank you,

William Sweeney
Planning Board Chairman

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NEW

BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-11 TO NOTIFY THE CITY TAX COLLECTOR THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL NOT ACCEPT A TAX DEED ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO AN UNREDEEMED TAX LIEN.

Somersworth, NH
January 18, 2011

WHEREAS RSA 80:76 directs the Tax Collector, after 2 years, to execute to the City a deed of the land subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body of a municipality may refuse to accept a tax deed on behalf of the municipality because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks, or for any reason that would be contrary to the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Tax Collector be notified that for those reasons the City shall refuse to accept the tax deeds on property located at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tax Map/Lot</u>
37 Colonial Village	81-37M
43 Colonial Village	81-43M
141 Colonial Village	81-141M
52 Crystal Springs	82-52M
7 Jack & Jill	83-7M
13 Jack & Jill	83-13M
14 Jack & Jill	83-14M
16 Jack & Jill	83-16M
34 Jack & Jill	83-34M
4 Brook Drive	85-16M
109 Sherwood Glen	87-109M
207 Sherwood Glen	87-207M
306 Sherwood Glen	87-306M
407 Sherwood Glen	87-407M
420 Sherwood Glen	87-420M
613 Sherwood Glen	87-613M
4 Ringer Drive	88-2M

Introduced by
Mayor Lincoln Soldati
by request

Approved by:
City Attorney

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Tax Collector be notified that for those reasons the City shall refuse to accept the tax deed on property located at 1 Winter Street, Tax Map/Lot number 11-181A.

Introduced by
Mayor Lincoln Soldati
by request

Approved by:
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE NOBLE PINES COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS PROPOSED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.

Somersworth, NH
January 18, 2011

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth FY2012-2017 Capital Improvements Plan includes proposed improvements for the Noble Pines Recreational Area titled "Noble Pines Comprehensive Improvement" which includes the construction of a water misting (cooling) station area, outdoor pavilion, and skateboard park; and

WHEREAS the Recreation Committee of the Somersworth City Council supported a grant application through the State of New Hampshire Land and Water Conservation program; and

WHEREAS the Recreation Committee of the Somersworth City Council supports seeking additional funding sources for this project by way of Federal or State grants, donations, or any other funding that may be available therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH that the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents or agreements, and take any and all such actions in the best interest of the City, which may be deemed necessary, for any grant application; and to seek donations or any other funding that may be available therefore for the purpose of funding the Noble Pines Comprehensive Improvement Project as Proposed in the Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Capital Improvements Plan.

Introduced by
Mayor Lincoln Soldati
Councilors Martin Pepin
Brian Tapscott
David Witham

Approved:

City Attorney



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Lincoln Soldati and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: January 14, 2011

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Tuesday, January 18th, 2011
City Council Agenda

5:30 PM NON-MEETING

Private meeting with School Board and School Superintendent regarding labor negotiations. In addition, City labor negotiations discussion with City Manager. Please see the attached memorandums on both labor issues.

6:00 PM JOINT WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD

Attached are two discussion memorandums regarding two items that are scheduled to be discussed: City Council Budget Workshop Schedule and Capital Reserve Funds.

Communications (under Section 5 of the Agenda):

- A. **Letter from William Sweeney, Planning Board Chairman.** Attached is a copy of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission letter regarding the vacancy to appoint another representative for a term expiring 4/2012.

Lay on Table (under Section 11 of the Agenda):

- A. **Ordinance No. 5-11 Amend Chapter 24 by the Addition of Chapter 24A Entitled Somersworth Housing Code for Rental Multi-Unit Properties.** The Economic Development Committee will be meeting Thursday, January 20th at 3 p.m. to continue their review of this proposed Ordinance.

New Business (under Section 13 of the Agenda):

Resolutions:

- A. **Resolution No. 13-11 To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council shall not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Properties Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien.** If the City executes these deeds, the City will be responsible for lot rental fees, providing property insurance on the units and the consideration of commencing with eviction proceedings. Please note that the tax liens will remain in effect on all these properties so that the City retains the option of accepting these deeds at a future date.

- B. Resolution No. 14-11 To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council shall not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Property Subject to an unredeemed Tax Lien.** This is the former Breton Cleaners contaminated site that is under a NH DES clean up mandate.
- C. Resolution No. 15-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Seek Funding for the Noble Pines Comprehensive Improvement Project as Proposed in the Fiscal Year 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan.** This resolution would allow staff to seek donations and any available grants so that Council can consider approving this project and what impact, if any, it will have in next year's fiscal budget. Funds raised will be kept in a special escrow account fund until Council revisits the project to approve improvements as a whole or in part.

Other:

- A. Vote to Ratify the Wage and Working Agreement between the City and the Public Works/Highway Department AFSCME Council 93, Local 863 (Expires June 30, 2011).**
- B. Vote to Ratify the Agreement between the Somersworth Association of Educators and the Somersworth School Board (Expires June 30, 2012).**

City Manager's Items (under Section 9 of the Agenda):

A. Informational Items:

1. **Budget Update on Fiscal Year 2011.** Attached is a Memorandum and spreadsheet detailing current year-to-date expenditures, projected year-end General Fund expenditures and anticipated revenues. Revenues are in line with overall projections. Overall, Expenditures also appear to be in line with the budget.
2. **Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Negotiations.** As you can see by the attached email from our legal counsel, there has yet to be a response from Comcast on our renewal proposal.
3. **City Council Annual Goal Setting Retreat.** I respectfully ask for Council's direction on whether to schedule an Annual Goal Setting meeting in late February/early March. Please forward any suggestions to me regarding the session, should the consensus is to have one. (Saturdays: February 19, 26 and March 5). Also, I am inclined to hire a consultant to facilitate the session.
4. **City Council Workshop Request.** Please consider a 6:00 p.m. workshop before next regular meeting on Monday, February 7th to discuss an annual cycled inspection program for all City real estate properties.
5. **City Meetings Streaming Live and On-Demand Streaming.** Town Hall Streams has installed equipment so that our meetings broadcast over channel 22 are now available in real time streaming via our website. Attached is the proposal I intend to accept. Our first month is free and if all goes well, I will contract in 6 month terms.