

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

OCTOBER 17, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

6:45 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 7-12
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO ADDRESS INCREASE IN
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE RETIREMENT RATES

1. Roll Call of Members
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Nomination of Armand “Bo” Beaudet to Serve as Ward 5 City Councilor until the Person Elected on 11/08/11 Takes Office.
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - A. Minutes of 9/26/11 City Council Meeting.
5. Comments by Visitors
6. Communications
7. Presentation of Petitions and Disposal Thereof by Reference or Otherwise
8. Mayor’s Report
9. Reports of Standing Committees
10. Reports of Special Committees, City Officers and City Manager
11. Nominations, Appointments and Elections

12. Lay on Table

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 7-12 Supplemental Appropriation to Address Increase in New Hampshire State Retirement Rates.

13. Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 14-12 To Authorize the City Manager to Determine the Approximate Cost of Demolishing the Hilltop Elementary School Building.

14. New Business

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 15-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease/Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of Two Sidewalk Plows and Associated Equipment.

15. Comments by Visitors

16. Closing Comments by Council Members

17. Future Agenda Items

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

19. Adjournment

NOMINATION OF ARMAND "BO" BEAUDET TO SERVE AS INTERIM WARD 5
CITY COUNCILOR.

- Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 2006 to present.
- Served as an interim Council member from March, 2002 thru September, 2002.

LAY ON

TABLE

ORDINANCE NO. 7-12 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO ADDRESS INCREASE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE RETIREMENT RATES.

Somersworth, NH
September 26, 2011

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 11-12 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$169,252 from Unassigned Fund Balance (surplus) to the Police, Fire, and School Department Sections of the FY 11-12 budget as follows:

Original Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
Police \$ 2,980,376	\$ 33,975	\$ 3,014,351
Fire \$ 1,835,591	\$ 26,696	\$ 1,862,287
School \$24,091,075	\$108,581	\$24,200,556

Approved as to Funding:

Recorded by:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Diane M. DuBois
City Clerk

Background:

This ordinance appropriates Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of addressing the increases in employer rates for Group II Police and Firefighters and Group I Teachers in the New Hampshire State Retirement System.

Introduced by Councilors

Robin Jarvis
Michael X. Watman
Dale Sprague

Approved:

City Attorney

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DETERMINE THE APPROXIMATE COST OF DEMOLISHING THE HILLTOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING.

Somersworth, NH
October 3, 2011

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth has assumed care and control of the former Hilltop Elementary School building and associated property, designated as lot 11 49 0, and

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth desires that said property be utilized in the best interests of the citizens of Somersworth without creating an undue burden upon its taxpayers, and

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth further desires that the property not become either a hazardous or a blighted location by prolonged abandonment, and

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth wishes to gather information to assist in a cost-benefit analysis of various private or public reuse alternatives for the Hilltop Elementary School building and property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager shall obtain informal and approximate cost estimates for the demolition of the Hilltop Elementary School building, removal of the resulting debris, and restoration of the site to a safe condition, suitable for further modification and landscaping.

Introduced by Councilor

Michael X. Watman

Approved:

City Attorney

NEW

BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO SIDEWALK PLOWS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

Somersworth, NH
October 17, 2011

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somersworth adopted Resolution 13-12 authorizing the City Manager to contract for the purchase of two sidewalk plows and associated equipment, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to acquire this equipment utilizing a lease/purchase agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of two sidewalk plows and associated equipment.

Introduced by

Acting Mayor Brian Tapscott
By Request

Approved:

City Attorney



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
Office of the City Manager

TO: Acting Mayor Brian Tapscott and City Council Members
FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager
DATE: Friday, October 14, 2011
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, October 17th, 2011
City Council Agenda

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing on
Ordinance No. 7-12 Supplemental Appropriation to Address
Increase in New Hampshire State Retirement Rates

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

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 7-12 Supplemental Appropriation to Address Increase in New Hampshire State Retirement Rates.** This Ordinance appropriates Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of addressing the increases in employer rates for Group II Police and Firefighters and Group I Teachers in the New Hampshire State Retirement System. Since this Ordinance appropriates from a Revenue Source-Fund Balance, there is no additional effect on the projected tax rate.

Unfinished Business (under Section 12 of the Agenda):

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No 14-12 To Authorize the City Manager to Determine the Approximate Cost of Demolishing the Hilltop Elementary School Building.**

New Business (under Section 13 of the Agenda):

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 15-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Lease/Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of Two Sidewalk Plows and Associated Equipment.** Attached is a memo from Finance Director Scott Smith which outlines the quotes received. The proposed plan would be to use the \$59,000 in insurance reimbursement received and the \$13,500 in this fiscal year's approved budget as a total down payment of \$72,500 for the two sidewalk plows. The estimated annual payments for a five (5) year lease purchase is anticipated to be in the area of \$31,000 for the two purchases.

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

A. Informational Items:

1. **Joint School Board-City Council Meeting.** It has been scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Career Technical Center.