



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Matthew Spencer and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager 

DATE: Friday, January 3, 2014

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Wednesday, January 8, 2014
City Council Agenda

6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

Resolution No. 21-14 Bond for Road & Utility Improvements

I have attached copies of three (3) PowerPoint slides that will be part of a brief presentation given by Finance Director Scott Smith regarding the City's General Fund Debt Service obligations.

Old Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Resolutions:

- A. **Resolution No. 21-14 Bond for Road and Utility Improvements for a Portion of High Street from the Sinclair Avenue Intersection Location to the Dover City Line and Road and Utility Improvements to Tri City Road.** I have attached a duplicate copy of information provided to you in the last meeting packet. Interim Public Works Director, Carol Murray and City Engineer, Joe Ducharme are planning to be present to answer any project questions.

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

- A. **Resolution No. 22-14 Proclamation Declaring January Diversity Month in the City of Somersworth.**
- B. **Resolution No. 23-14 Authorizing the City Manager to Sell City Tax Deeded Property at 43 Colonial Village, 207 Sherwood Glen, and 613 Sherwood Glen.** These properties are manufactured housing units that I would advertise for sale through a sealed bid process in the first instance.

- C. **Resolution No. 24-14 Amend Council Rules and Regulations, Section 4.A, City Clerk, Regarding Electronic Recordings of City Council and Other Such Special Meetings.**
- D. **Resolution No. 25-14 Amend Council Rules and Regulations, Section 17, Appointments.**

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

A. Information Items:

1. **TE Grant Project.** Attached is a memorandum from Director Sharples that provides the welcomed news of Station Street being added to the Downtown Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant work. This will provide new sidewalks and curbing to Station Street. Respectfully, City Council should now consider funding for other improvements to this Street such as road resurfacing and streetscaping as well as approving the expansion of the present TE Grant onto Station Street. This discussion might be good to have during the upcoming workshop session with HTA Engineers.
2. **Canal Street Railroad Crossing.** I was recently contacted by a representative of the Railroad, Mr. David Campbell, informing me that this Railroad crossing will see improvements as part of the recent Tiger Grant rail project work.
3. **City Council Workshops.**
 - Joint Council-School Board Session at the Career Technical Center on January 21st, at 5:30 pm regarding the tax cap process.
 - City Council Session on February 3rd at 5:30 pm with HTA Engineers to discuss Downtown Project.
 - City Council Session to receive a presentation on the Landfill Solar Energy Feasibility Study. Staff has reached out to the EPA funded consultant to find out if they could attend a session on Tuesday, February 18th or Monday, March 3rd with a proposed 5:30 pm starting time.

B. Attachments:

1. City Attorney Certification (1)

City – General Fund Debt Service

- Authorized - Issued \$4,000,000 Downtown Improvements Project Bond – a portion to be paid by General, Water, and Sewer Funds
- Authorized – Unissued \$490,000 Bond to be used for Downtown Improvements and Somersworth/Berwick Bridge Project
- Expiring Debt – (1998) \$1,000,000 Road Improvement Bond FY14, (2000) \$475,000 Plaza Upgrade FY15, (2005) \$1,500,000 Capital Improvement Bond FY16, (2001) \$1,200,000 Landfill/City Hall FY17
- Under consideration - \$1,100,000 Road Improvement Bond – approximately \$1,000,000 paid by General Fund balance Water and Sewer Funds.

Estimated Debt Service Impact on tax rate through FY18

	FY 13-14 Adopted Budget	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 17-18
Actual Authorized	\$ 897,508	\$967,613	\$972,711	\$773,676	\$665,730
Road Bond under consideration	\$ 15,000	\$130,000	\$127,000		
Est. Tax rate Impact of Total Debt Service	\$ 1.06	\$1.16	\$1.30	\$1.06	\$ 0.93

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