



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Matthew Spencer and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2013

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, March 4, 2013
City Council Agenda

5:30 p.m. State of City Address
Joint Meeting of City Council & School Board

6:30 p.m. Non-Meeting to discuss Labor Relations
(please see attachments)

Unfinished Business (under Section 12 of Agenda)

Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 25-13 City Council of the City of Somersworth Support for Increasing the Road Toll, Increasing the Vehicle Registration Fee, and Establishing the New Hampshire State and Municipal Road and Bridge Account, as Proposed by the New Hampshire Legislature in HB-617.

New Business (under Section 13 of the Agenda):

Ordinances

A. Ordinance No. 10-13 Amend Chapter 19, Zoning Ordinance, by Adding New Section 30 Hilltop School Property Overlay District. This proposed Ordinance was drafted by the Friends of Somersworth with the assistance of Director Sharples. Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Dave Sharples that provides a summary of this proposal. I recommend a Public Hearing prior to next regular meeting on March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Other

- A. Vote on Fact Finder Report dated February 8, 2013, Re: IAFF Local 2320, Firefighters Union and City of Somersworth.** Attached is an executive summary outlining the Fact Finder Report as well as a complete copy of the Report.
- B. Discussion on FY 2014 Regarding an Appropriation to the Non-Capital Reserve Fund Established for the Education of Persons with Disabilities.** This issue was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on February 28th. There was consensus to move it to the full Council for discussion. Attached is a copy of the 2009 Resolution passed by the City Council.

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

A. Informational Items:

- 1. Comcast Cable TV Franchise Renewal Agreement.** I want to remind the Community that a Public Hearing is scheduled prior to the next meeting on March 18th at 6:45 p.m. A copy of the proposed Draft Agreement is on our website www.somersworth.com under "News and Announcements" on our home page.
- 2. Proposed Schedule for Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.** Please consider these dates for review and action on the proposed City Budget for FY 14.
 - **City Manager Proposed Budget**, Presentation, Monday April 1st at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Council Workshop**, Saturday, April 6th at 8:30 a.m.
 - **Public Hearing**, Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
- 3. New City Website.** I am pleased to announce the recent launching of the new City website. "Reaching out to residents and communication with the public continues to be a top priority for the City Council. To achieve this goal, we wanted to create a website that was not only easier to navigate but one that would also showcase the many attributes of our City," stated City Manager Bob Belmore. "We are excited about bringing forward a more appealing and more effective website so that community members can readily access City services and City information."

A. Attachments:

1. Goal Setting Workshop Agenda Packet
2. Library Automation Project Information that Finance Committee approved on Feb. 28, 2013
3. Press Releases (2): Website and RSA 79-E Adoption

Reminder: Goal Setting Session on Saturday, March 9th
8:30 a.m. Coffee
9:00 a.m. Start Workshop