



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH
Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, May 15, 2015

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, May 18, 2015
City Council Agenda

Lay on the Table (under Section 12 of Agenda)

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance No. 20-15 FY2015-2016 Budget.** Attached is a copy of the Ordinance as amended, also the revised tax rate estimate (\$.79 cent increase). Presently, the budget as amended is under the tax cap limitation by \$21,500.
- B. Ordinance No. 21-15 Amending Chapter 19 Zoning Ordinance, Section 20, Sign Regulations.** This Ordinance is sponsored by the Finance Committee.

Unfinished Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. 37-15 Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., of Yarmouth, Maine for the Purchase of a Financial Management System.** The Finance Committee recommends passage. The amount requested includes \$25,000 for contingency. Passage of this Resolution will not require funding until the 2016-2017 Budget.

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. Ordinance No. 22-15 Amending Chapter 4, Personnel Rules and Regulations by Amending Section 11.3 Titled "Health Insurance".** Non-Union employees' health insurance contributions would increase by 1.5% on July 1, 2015. By passage of this Ordinance, Water/Wasterwater Union employees would also have their contribution to health insurance premiums increased by this amount.

Other

- A. Vote to Waive City Ordinance, Chapter 12, Moratorium Period for Reconstructed Roads, to Allow the Repair to a Failed Signal Loop for the Left Turn onto Kelwyn Drive.** Pike installed approximately 60 signal loops, unfortunately this one has failed. Pike will need to saw cut the new pavement to install the new wires. The cut lines will be visible to some extent. Attached is a copy of the City Ordinance section regarding the moratorium period.

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

A. Information Items:

- 1. Somersworth Berwick Bridge.** Per my recent email, there is an interest in holding a “Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” to formally recognize the rehabilitation of the Bridge. Invitations would be sent out to Berwick Selectmen/Officials, NH And Maine DOT. Congressional delegation member/s, NH Northcoast Railroad and the Construction Team (VHB & New England Earth). I will move forward with organizing such an event for early June. Please offer suggestions on a date/time.
- 2. Market Street TE Project Christmas Tree.** A tree will be planted as part of the project. The tree will be included as part of the overall holiday decorations plan.

B. Attachments:

1. City Attorney Certification, One (1).
2. Department Head “April” Monthly Reports.
3. Traffic Count Locations from Strafford Regional Planning.