



Minutes of City Council Meeting Monday, May 17, 2021

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by His Honor, the Mayor, Dana S. Hilliard and, upon roll call, the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Gerding, Cameron and Paradis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Vincent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. **Ordinance No. 15-21** – To Amend Chapter 7, Solid Waste and Recycling, Section 7.4 – Fees

No comments were made by the Public.

B. **Ordinance No. 16-21** – Supplemental Appropriation for an Amendment to the Wright-Pierce Contract for the Engineering and Design of the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets Projects

No comments were made by the Public.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no opening comments by visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve minutes of the City Council Meeting on May 3, 2021

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve all items in the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 9-0.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Paradis stated last month, New Hampshire saw a record high in home sales and said Somersworth is at high risk for gentrification. She stated the City needs to begin the process of digging deep into housing issues and should garner input for potential anti-gentrification legislation. Paradis stated a regional approach to the housing issue would be best and requested a task force be created as a start to the process.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Presentation by Attorney Katherine Miller, Special Counsel for Cable Franchise Agreements

Ms. Miller presented information to Council regarding cable franchise agreements. She said the current agreement with Comcast is due for renewal, but has a three-year window. Competitor, Atlantic Broad Band would also like to seek a franchise agreement with the City of Somersworth within the next six months. Ms. Miller suggested the City consider both options on the 6-month timeline and also reminded Council of the limited topics of negotiation. Councilor Vincent asked if both companies will be granted the same deal. Ms. Miller said the document would be the same and the financial obligations would be fairly even. Manager Belmore reiterated the point that if a franchise agreement was reached with Atlantic Broadband, the City would then have two franchise agreements (Comcast and Atlantic Broadband). Councilor Witham asked if his assumption was correct that the infrastructure for Atlantic Broadband did not have to be constructed prior to an agreement being reached. Ms. Miller stated Councilor Witham's assumption is correct and that Atlantic Broadband is eager to reach an agreement so they can then begin construction. Manager Belmore stated that in regards to the ascertainment of future cable related needs to meet the deadline for the Federal law, the City of Somersworth is starting the renewal process with Comcast. The recommendation is for the City Council to note on the record that the City is currently in negotiations with two cable companies who plan to provide services to City residents. The Council is now soliciting comments and other information from residents in regards to their cable television needs. Manager Belmore stated the City does not have the ability to regulate phone or internet, though Comcast currently offers those services and it is likely Atlantic Broadband will want to as well. Belmore noted that the City expects to reach agreements with both in the near future. Councilor Paradis and Dumont both voiced their support for competition for cable services in the City.

B. Presentation of Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2020 by Plodzik & Sanderson

Tyler Paine, C.P.A and Mike Campo, C.P.A from Plodzik & Sanderson, P.A gave a presentation on the financial statements from the latest audit of year ending June 30, 2020. Councilor Dumont asked a question regarding a deficit in the NHRS pension plan and a projection of the City's future standing with the plan. Councilor Paradis inquired about the change in net position.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting May 17, 2021

There are times when our nation feels desperate for heroes, for men and women who demonstrate valor, bravery and commitment for the greater good. For 245 years, our nation has prided itself upon the statement "Of liberty and justice for all." The roots of our domestic freedom and justice is bound with those who are willing to protect the rights we all cherish, and adhere to the values of something greater than self. With personal sacrifice and dedication to "Serve and Protect", the members of our Hilltop law enforcement team each day recommit themselves to the oath they took, to keep our 10 square mile community safe and ensure that each citizen promise of "Liberty and Justice for all" will be fulfilled.

Each May, our nation pauses to honor those who answered the final call and sacrifice to protect citizens they might never know. Their personal story ended so that the chapter of the citizens and

nation they love, may continue to be written. In a nation that continues to struggle in regions with the unjust acts of some individuals who have brought dishonor to all who wear the uniform of law enforcement, it is with unwavering commitment that I stand with pride and honor to support our Hilltop Police Department and their mission to “Serve and Protect” as they continue to walk the “Thin Blue Line” each day.

Tonight, we honor the souls of the department that wear the shield symbolizing their mission to protect our society and the democratic values it represents. The Hilltop City honors our departed brother Donald Kowalski who left us on September 4, 1979 at the young age of 24. Officer Kowalski, you will forever be remembered by our great city and your dedication to protecting its “Proud Past” while ensuring its “Bright Future”.

To each member of our Hilltopper law enforcement family, know that we respect you, we appreciate you, and we will continue to stand by you. Tonight, we say thank you to all members of our law enforcement community for your unwavering sacrifices. Tonight, we remember those souls who have departed in the line of duty who with honor carried out their mission of “Serve and Protect”.

May the guiding hand of the supreme chief, God, protect you each day as you fulfill your mission.

May those who have departed us forever be honored through your actions of ensuring freedom, liberty and justice for all. As a community let us continue, officers and citizens, to continue to bring our city motto to life each day “Proud Past”, “Bright Future”.

The rose and shield flag proudly waves at citizens places in honor of our brave and dedicated Hilltopper law enforcement officers.

The strength of our community lays in the foundational roots of our Hilltopper spirit. For 292 years, Hilltoppers have continued to celebrate, honor and embrace our differences. We know that each citizen adds to the mosaic of our 10 square mile community adding to our journey of preserving our “Proud Past” while ensuring Somersworth will lead the way with a “Bright Future.”

In the days prior to the English settlers, the Hilltop City was the home of the Penacook and Abenaki who began our journey towards instilling the important values of empathy, understanding and balance between human and nature. Our English forefathers would construct the settlements which would grow into the city of Somersworth we know today.

The roaring of the mills during the Industrial Revolution, with the hope and promise of the American dream would attract immigrants from Quebec, Greece and Ireland who would advance our economy and add the next chapter of Somersworth’s future reputation as New Hampshire’s Welcoming City. It would be during this time period that my great grandfather on my mother’s side, would leave the farms of Quebec and hitchhike to the mills of the Great Falls Manufacturing Company.

His determination and commitment to Somersworth would foster the Gilbert lineage which would continue with me before you here this evening.

This weekend, we again open our Hilltopper history book and continue to write the chapter of our commitment to inclusion and diversity. This weekend we celebrated our Hilltopper Indonesian brother and sisters, and how they continue to build upon the work of those who came before them, who with determination made Somersworth their home. With smiles on our faces, and joy in our heart, we celebrate as the next square is added to the quilt of the Hilltopper spirit, neighbor helping neighbor, through understanding and unwavering commitment to each other.

Let us continue, on the journey that began with the First Nations.

Let us continue on the trail blazed by the English, Irish, French Canadians and Greek.

Let us continue on the next steps which are offered here today by our Indonesian brothers and sisters, the step of coming closer and closer to our American creed of ensuring life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Congratulations, to all members of the ICC and the Hilltopper city, and may God continue to shine his light of grace upon the 10 square mile welcoming City known as Somersworth.

Yesterday our nation marked the beginning of EMS week. Each morning the sunrises upon a grateful 10 square mile Hilltopper community. A community who's health and welfare lays in the hands of the dedicated staff of Stewart's ambulance. Despite the global pandemic, not once did the staff of Stewart's retreat from their oath to serve those in needs. The high-quality service brought forward each day, continues to be a model to all surrounding communities and emulates the Hilltopper spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor".

To our EMS brethren of Stewart's ambulance, thank you for your dedication and sacrifices for each citizen that calls Somersworth home. This EMS week, know that a grateful city, honors you and appreciates all you do.

In honor of the dedicated staff of Stewart's ambulance, the EMS flag is proudly waving at citizen's place.

The recent announcement of the mask guidelines by the CDC prompted a meeting between the City Manager, Deputy Mayor and I to review our internal guidelines. At that meeting we discussed and reviewed all variables and determined for the time being to stay the course with mask wearing at all public meeting and city hall.

This evening we are however announcing one adjustment. At committee and commission meeting where social distancing can be maintained, mask wearing will becoming a choice not requirement. Because social distancing cannot be maintained during council meeting, and we have no way of verifying if members of the public have been vaccinated, for now we will stay the course. We will again review all data on a monthly basis and continue to make adjustments, as we inch closer and closer to normalcy.

This week is a busy week in the nation and Hilltop city as we also take time to honor our often-unsung heroes, members of the public works department. This week marks national public works, a week dedicated to reflecting not only upon the importance of public works employees in our community daily affairs, but the critical role each employee plays within ensuring Somersworth remains "On the Move!"

This week the Hilltop city says thank you, to each member of the Somersworth Public Works department, and honors the broad and vital and dedicated role you play within our community. Tonight, I welcome the Public Works Director to come forward for a presentation.

A heart filled note of appreciation to all members of the Somersworth Fire Department, and all area Fire Departments for the demonstration of professionalism, valor and commitment to citizens during the recent fire on Lyndon Street. Former City Councilor who lives next store to the site of the incident offers his gratitude as well. The full Hilltop community is continual grateful to all members of the department.

Item 12 Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

Under nominations, appointments and Elections; In accordance with Council Rule 17 Appointments, the follow is being brought forward this evening and placed in nomination;

Jeremy Rhodes for Reappointment as member to the Planning Board, with a term to expire May 2024.

In accordance with Council Rule 17, the nomination will remain open until the next regular scheduled meeting;

This respectfully concludes my May 17th, 2021 Mayors Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no reports of standing committees.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

School Board – Councilor Austin said he attended a School Board meeting on May 11. He said the Superintendent recognized various students for their success in the past year and that the School Board is working on year end programs. Austin also said the School Board is weighing the decision to allow outside agencies to utilize their facilities.

City Manager's Report

Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, May 14, 2021

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, May 17, 2021

***6:30 pm: Non-meeting
Re: Union Negotiations***

Communication (under Section 11 of Agenda)

- A. Presentation by Attorney Katherine Miller, Special Counsel for Cable Franchise Agreements.** Attached is a copy of a Memorandum from Attorney Kate Miller that provides a framework in regards to the discussion on the Comcast extension and the newly proposed Atlantic Broadband Franchise Agreement.
- B. Presentation of Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2020 by Plodzik & Sanderson.** Tyler Paine, C.P.A and Mike Campo, C.P.A from Plodzik & Sanderson, P.A. will be presenting the City's Financial Statements.

Unfinished Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinances

- A. **Ordinance No. 15-21: To Amend Chapter 7, Solid Waste and Recycling, Section 7.4 – Fees.** Again, the Finance Committee voted to support a fifteen cent (.15) increase of the City’s municipal solid waste bags, to both the 30-gallon and 15-gallon bags.
- B. **Ordinance No. 16-21: Supplemental Appropriation for an Amendment to the Wright-Pierce Contract for the Engineering and Design of the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets Projects.** Again, the Finance Committee and Public Works & Environment Committee voted to sponsor this Ordinance regarding a Supplemental Appropriation for these Complete Streets project. This would split the total cost of \$197,000 between the water fund and sewer fund, at \$98,500 each. meeting.

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 37-21: To Authorize the City Manager to Amend the Contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH for Engineering and Design Services for the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets Project.** Again, the Public Works & Environment Committee & Finance Committee voted to approve the Amendment to the Wright Pierce contract for the Complete Streets project.

Unfinished Business (under Section 15 of Agenda)

Other

- A. **Vote to Ratify a Tentative Multi-Year Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Firefighters, Local# 2320, IAFF, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.** Attached is a “*Confidential*” Memorandum from our Labor Counsel, Tom Closson, Esq. regarding the negotiated terms of the Tentative Agreement with the Somersworth Firefighters Union. I have also attached a cost analysis.

City Manager’s Items (under section 11 of Agenda)

Informational Items

- a. **Project Updates**
- i. **Continental Paving.** City Rd. resurfacing is due to commence on or about June 1.
 - ii. **SUR.** Cemetery Road Complete Streets is due to start the week of May 24th.
- b. **Meeting Date Reminders**
- **Thursday, May 27**
 - 4:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting
 - **Wednesday, June 2**
 - 10:0 am: Fire Station Building Committee

Special Event
Memorial Day Services - Monday, May 31
See Attached Flyer

Attachments

1. **Department Head Reports**

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations being introduced for a Council Confirmation Vote:

- A. Jeremy Rhodes for Reappointment as member to the Planning Board, with a term to expire May 2024

The nomination will remain open until next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 15-21** – To Amend Chapter 7, Solid Waste and Recycling, Section 7.4 – Fees

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dumont expressed uncertainty on the issue of raising bag prices. Manager Belmore and Councilor Witham both explained the reasoning behind the increase in price. The cost to manufacture and ship the bags has both gone up. Councilor Witham added that the Public Works and Environment Committee and the Finance Committee both reviewed pricing from neighboring towns and found that Somersworth's prices are still considerably lower. Councilor Gerding said while the prices for bags is going up, compost bins should be arriving soon to provide residents with another option for disposing of food waste.

- B. **Ordinance No. 16-21** – Supplemental Appropriation for an Amendment to the Wright-Pierce Contract for the Engineering and Design of the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets Projects

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RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 37-21** – To Authorize the City Manager to Amend the Contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH for Engineering and Design Services for the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets Project

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 37-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

- A. Vote to Ratify Tentative Multi-Year Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Firefighters, Local #2320, IAFF, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023

The vote to ratify the tentative multi-year agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Firefighters, Local #2320, IAFF, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 passed 9-0.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Ed Levasseur, 44 Pleasant Street, voiced his support for increased efforts for the Arts within the City of Somersworth.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin stated his intention to run again for City Councilor for one more term if there is support to do so. He said it has been a pleasure to serve and has a few other things he would like to accomplish and stated he will continue to give 100% if given the opportunity to do so.

Councilor Vincent expressed his discontent with the condition of the Mural on a building in the City and his support for the Arts.

Councilor Dumont expressed his gratitude to the Fire Department and applauded their response to the recent fire on Linden Street. He also thanked the Police, Ambulance, and Public Works department for doing a great job. Dumont said he is also happy to see the POW flag waving at Citizen's Place. He mentioned he saw a lot of dust while passing the dog park and inquired about improving the turf. Dumont said Malley Farm's fields look great, but the structures do not. He also mentioned that the flag located at that park should either be taken down at night or lit up per proper flag procedure. Councilor Dumont echoed comments by Councilor Paradis on current issues with housing and said the Economic Development Committee should be charged with the task of looking into solutions for issues on the topic. He mentioned that the price of building materials has risen drastically recently and that ROI for developers is going down due to this. Councilor Dumont mentioned that the fence at the Forest Glade Cemetery is in disrepair and has concerns of the cleanup of the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Councilor Austin thanked Chief Kramlinger for his efforts in a well-coordinated response to the recent fire on Linden Street. He said he appreciates the Mayor bringing up the topic of mask wearing and that it is becoming a personal choice. He said he hopes people are mindful of their setting and audience when making their decision. Austin mentioned that sometimes the true meaning of Memorial Day can be lost and urges people to remember the holiday is about the lives lost in protecting this Country. He urged people to attend one of the many events going on that day in remembrance of those lives lost.

Councilor Michaud thanked the City's first responders for their recent efforts. He also thanked Director Bobinsky for his work and congratulated him on his recent proclamation. Michaud also thanked the City Manager and City staff and said he always hears how friendly everyone is that works in City Hall. Michaud wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Councilor Gerding said he is very happy with the way our Public Works and Public Safety departments operate. He said he is very excited for the Cemetery Road project to begin and gave a shout out to the ICC (Indonesian Community Connect) for their recent opening.

Councilor Cameron said she is happy that all of our service providers go above and beyond. She also mentioned it was really nice to see a little league game being played on her way over to the meeting as a sign of normalcy. Cameron thanked Councilors Paradis and Dumont for their comments on the

housing issue and also gave a shout out to Patriot Tractor and Truck. She said she felt very welcomed at the recent ICC opening and said Happy Memorial Day to everyone.


Councilor Paradis gave a shout out to little Indonesia and said they will bring a lot to our downtown. She said the turf at the dog park looks great and is looking forward to the benches being installed. Councilor Paradis gave kudos to everyone in Public Safety. She said about 34% of new home sales in New Hampshire have been out of state residents, some avoiding capital gains tax. She hopes Somersworth can get creative to keep residents, specifically seniors, in their homes.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vincent made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk

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|  | City of Somersworth – Ordinance |
| | Ordinance No: 15-21 TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING, SECTION 7.4 - FEES |

May 3, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the Ordinances of the City of Somersworth as amended, be further amended as follows:

Amend Chapter 7, Solid Waste and Recycling, Section 7.4 – Fees, by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Section 7.4 – Fees: Effective July 1, 2021, the retail cost of the bags shall be \$2.15 for a 30-gallon bag and \$1.60 for a 15-gallon bag. Ten cents (.10) from the sale of each bag shall be utilized to subsidize the cost to the City for recycling or for any other cost related to solid waste and recycling collection and disposal. The cost to vendors shall be \$.02 cents less to provide financial incentive for selling the bags.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

| Authorization | |
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| <i>Sponsored by:</i> David A. Witham Donald Austin Martin Pepin Martin Dumont, Sr. Matthew Gerding | <i>Approved:</i> City Attorney |

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 15 - 21

History

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| First Read Date: | 05/03/2021 | Tabled: | |
| Public Hearing: | 05/17/2021 | Removed From Table: | |
| Second Read: | 05/17/2021 | | |

Discussion

05/03/2021


Ordinance No. 15-21 will remain until first read. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

05/17/2021

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dumont expressed uncertainty on the issue of raising bag prices. Manager Belmore and Councilor Witham both explained the reasoning behind the increase in price. The cost to manufacture and ship the bags has both gone up. Councilor Witham added that the Public Works and Environment Committee and the Finance Committee both reviewed pricing from neighboring towns and found that Somersworth's prices are still considerably lower. Councilor Gerding said while the prices for bags is going up, compost bins should be arriving soon to provide residents with another option for disposing of food waste.

| Voting Record | | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ward 1 Councilor | Pepin | X | |
| Ward 2 Councilor | Vincent | X | |
| Ward 3 Councilor | Dumont | X | |
| Ward 4 Councilor | Austin | X | |
| Ward 5 Councilor | Michaud | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Witham | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Gerding | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Cameron | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Paradis | X | |
| TOTAL VOTES: | | 9 | 0 |
| On 05/17/2021 | Ordinance 15-21 | PASSED | FAILED |

|  | City of Somersworth – Ordinance |
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| | <p>Ordinance No: 16-21</p> <p>SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE WRIGHT-PIERCE CONTRACT FOR THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF THE MAIN STREET AND CONSTITUTIONAL WAY COMPLETE STREETS PROJECTS</p> |

May 3, 2021

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 20-21 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$98,500 (Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars) from the Water Fund budget, and

Appropriate \$98,500 (Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars) from the Sewer Fund budget,

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| Water Fund Original Budget \$ 2,178,516 | Amendment \$ 98,500 | Revised Water Fund Budget \$ 2,277,016 |
| Sewer Fund Original Budget \$ 2,343,470 | Amendment \$ 98,500 | Revised Sewer Fund Budget \$ 2,441,970 |

Approved as to Funding:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Recorded by:

Jonathan Slaven
City Clerk

Background:

This Ordinance appropriates funding to amend the current Wright-Pierce contract for engineering and design services for the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets projects.

This Ordinance requires a public hearing and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the City Council after the public hearing subject to Section 7.4.1 and Section 7.7 (A) of the City Charter.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

| Authorization | |
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| <i>Sponsored by:</i> David A. Witham Martin Dumont, Sr. Martin Pepin Donald Austin Matt Gerding | <i>Approved:</i> City Attorney |

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 16-21

| History | | | |
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| First Read Date: | 05/03/2021 | Tabled: | |
| Public Hearing: | 05/17/2021 | Removed From Table: | |
| Second Read: | 05/17/2021 | | |

Discussion

05/03/2021

Ordinance No. 16-21 will remain until first read. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

05/17/2021

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

| Voting Record | | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ward 1 Councilor | Pepin | X | |
| Ward 2 Councilor | Vincent | X | |
| Ward 3 Councilor | Dumont | X | |
| Ward 4 Councilor | Austin | X | |
| Ward 5 Councilor | Michaud | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Witham | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Gerding | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Cameron | X | |
| At Large Councilor | Paradis | X | |
| TOTAL VOTES: | | 9 | 0 |
| On 05/17/2021 | Ordinance 16-21 | PASSED | FAILED |



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **37-21**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE ENGINEERS OF PORTSMOUTH, NH FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE MAIN STREET AND CONSTITUTIONAL WAY COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

May 3, 2021

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 18-18 authorizing the City Manager to contract with Wright-Pierce Engineers to provide engineering services for various complete streets projects including Main Street and Constitutional Way; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that these projects may be eligible for Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested a proposal from Wright/Pierce for any additional funding required to get the engineering and design complete so the project is “shovel ready” this year in an effort to increase the opportunity to obtain Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, Wright-Pierce Engineers has provided the City a quote in the amount of \$197,000 (One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee reviewed this quote with City staff and recommends amending the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee reviewed this quote with City staff and recommends amending the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to amend the contract for engineering and design service for the Main Street and Constitutional Way Complete Streets projects with Wright-Pierce Engineers by \$197,000 (One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand dollars) and take any and all other such actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:

David A. Witham
Martin P. Dumont, Sr.
Martin Pepin
Donald Austin
Matt Gerding

Approved:

City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 37-21

History

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| First Read Date: | 05/03/2021 | Tabled: | |
| Public Hearing: | | Removed from Table: | |
| Second Read: | 05/17/2021 | | |

Discussion

05/03/2021

Resolution No. 37-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair.

05/17/2021

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 37-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 9-0.

| Voting Record | | YES | NO |
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