



Minutes of City Council Meeting Monday, May 2, 2022

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Acting Mayor, David A. Witham and, upon roll call, the following Council members were present: Pepin, Vincent, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Gerding, Cameron, and Messier.

Mayor Hilliard and Councilor Dumont was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Cameron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Mayor Witham asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of Maggie Roberge's passing.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Ordinance No. 10-22** – Supplemental Appropriation for Additional Funding Needed for the Replacement of a Culvert on Rocky Hill Road

There were no public comments.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no opening comments from visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on April 18, 2022
- B. Letter from Sean O'Brien

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve all items in the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed by Voice Vote.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Vincent stated he had the pleasure of attending the Fishing Derby at the Lions Club this weekend and it was a great event. He stated he also spoke with some constituents on Cemetery Road who are not happy with the work done on Cemetery Road. Councilor Vincent also stated his disapproval with the engineering of the project.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE

There were none.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no reports of Standing Committees.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Mayor's Monarch Challenge – Councilor Gerding said for those who have seeds for their pollinator gardens, now is a good time to plant them.

Planning Board – Councilor Vincent attended the latest Planning Board meeting where a 4-home subdivision was approved on Bernier St. Also approved was a drive-thru car wash at the former Benoit Ambulance, a lot line adjustment at 151 Indigo Hill Rd., warehouse and truck bays at Palmer Gas, and Emory Tractor at Rt. 108 and Enterprise Drive.

Hilltop Mental Health and Wellness – Councilor Austin stated he attended the meeting on April 20th and had a full panel discussion on what Somersworth would look like if it had full access to services. The discussion was filmed by students and will be on channel 22 and 95 and other online media outlets. Austin also mentioned the Mental Health Summit which they hope to schedule the end of June.

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, April 29, 2022

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, May 2, 2022 City Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. Council Workshop

Re: Superfund Legal Counsel, Mark Beliveau, Esquire and Gareth Orsmond, Esquire
Attached is a Memorandum from Mark Beliveau, Esquire our Superfund Legal Counsel with Updates on the Status of the Operation and Maintenance of our Superfund Sanitary Landfill

Unfinished Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinance

- A. **Ordinance No. 10-22: Supplemental Appropriation for Additional Funding Needed for the Replacement of a Culvert on Rocky Hill Road.** Again, the Finance Committee met on April 11th and voted to support this Supplemental Appropriation.

New Business (under Section 15 of Agenda)

Other

- A. **Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Firefighters, Local # 2320, IAFF.**
- B. **Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Police, Local # 19, NEPBA.**
- C. **Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Public Administrators Association, SPAA.**
- D. **Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Water/Wastewater Employees Association.**

Attached is a copy of the four (4) proposed Union Agreements that would add the Juneteenth Federal Holiday to the present recognized Holidays in each Collective Bargaining Agreements. *Manager Belmore stated he was asked by a few of the unions to consider the holiday which Council has already approved for non-union personnel. The holiday is to be treated like other holidays within each individual collective bargaining agreement.*

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

Informational Items

1. **New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) 2019 Assessment Review.** Attached is a copy of the NHDRA Assessment Review Letter addressed to the City Council. The Department determined that the City achieved substantial compliance with applicable assessing statutes and rules. Our next Assessment Review is scheduled for 2024.
2. **Police Department Bulletproof Vests Grant Application.** Attached is a Memorandum from Chief McLin regarding the need for replacement of twenty (20) bulletproof vests for our police officers. Without objection, I will be authorizing an application for Grant funding through the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership program for the 50% Grant funding opportunity.
3. **Land And Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Recreation Grant.** Attached is a copy of our "Intent to Apply" for a Land/Water Conservation Fund local assistance program Grant to continue improvements at the Jules Bison Park. This was submitted to the State on the deadline of April 29, 2022.

Reminder

Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. – City Council Workshop Re: National Guard Reuse Commission Report: SRPC Staff and Consultants via Zoom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

- A. **Ordinance No. 10-22** – Supplemental Appropriation for Additional Funding Needed for the Replacement of a Culvert on Rocky Hill Road

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-22 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Austin and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

- A. Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Firefighters, Local # 2320, IAFF

The vote to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement passed by voice vote.

- B. Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Police, Local # 19, NEPBA

The vote to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement passed by voice vote.

- C. Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Somersworth Public Administrators Association, SPAA

The vote to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement passed by voice vote.

- D. Vote to Ratify a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Somersworth and Water/Wastewater Employees Association

The vote to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement passed by voice vote.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no closing comments by visitors.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin did not have any closing comments.

Councilor Vincent stated he knew Maggie Roberge very well and liked her a lot. He sent his condolences to her family and friends.

Councilor Austin stated Maggie Roberge will be missed greatly. He also recognized National Teacher's Week.

Councilor Michaud sent his condolences to the Roberge family for their loss. He said the loss of Maggie is a big one to the City. He also reminded residents that there are still plots available at the Community garden.

Councilor Gerding sent his condolences to the Roberge family. He said there are often times other Councilors do the same for others who have passed and many times he has not had the opportunity

to meet them. He said there are not many people who did not know Maggie who was quite a force while also being so kind. She always started the conversation with a compliment.

Councilor Cameron sent her condolences to the Roberge family. Maggie will be sorely missed. She also thanked the teachers in Somersworth in recognition of teachers' week.

Councilor Messier did not have any closing comments.

Councilor Witham echoed the other comments regarding Maggie Roberge. He said he usually gets few phone calls from constituents, but he would frequently speak with her and she always was quick to give a compliment. She had a lot of wit and cared deeply about her Community. He added that her funeral will be next Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Austin made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michaud and passed 8-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **10-22**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A CULVERT ON ROCKY HILL ROAD

April 18, 2022

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 21-22 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$222,863 (Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three dollars) from the Cable Fund to the Capital Outlay Section of the General Fund (G/F) budget, and

Appropriate \$65,795 (Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five dollars) from the Water Fund budget, and

Appropriate \$9,405 (Nine Thousand Four Hundred Five dollars) from the Sewer Fund budget as follows:

G/F Capital Outlay Budget
\$ 155,635

Amendment
\$ 222,863

Revised G/F Capital Outlay
\$ 378,498

Water Fund Original Budget
\$ 2,398,316

Amendment
\$ 65,795

Revised Water Fund Budget
\$ 2,464,111

Sewer Fund Original Budget
\$ 2,531,410

Amendment
\$ 9,405

Revised Sewer Fund Budget
\$ 2,540,815

Approved as to Funding:
Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Recorded by:
Jonathan Slaven
City Clerk

Background:

This ordinance appropriates additional funding to replace a culvert and portions of a water and sewer main on Rocky Hill Road adjacent to Winter Street.

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.

Authorization

Sponsored by Councilors:
David A. Witham
Donald Austin
Matt Gerding

Approved:
City Attorney

May 2, 2022

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 10-22

History

First Read Date:	04/18/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:	05/02/2022	Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	05/02/2022		

Discussion

04/18/2022

Ordinance No. 10-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled for next City Council meeting.

05/02/2022

Councilor Pepin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-22 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Austin and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	X	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	Excused	
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	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:		8	0
On 05/02/2022	Ordinance 10-22	PASSED	FAILED

