



Minutes of City Council Meeting Tuesday, June 21, 2022

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Gerding led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance No. 12-22 – Transfer Between Departments

There were no comments.

B. Ordinance No. 13-22 – Supplemental Appropriation for the City's Match for the Rehabilitation of the Eddy Bridge on Salmon Falls Road and the New Dam Bridge on Buffumsville Road

There were no comments.

C. Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program Application (City Ordinance, Chapter 31) from Jeffrey Daniel Hughes, for 142-144 High Street

There were no comments.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Kenneth Gaudreau of 45 Union St. expressed his concern regarding the sidewalk conditions on Union Street, he stated that his wife has to walk on the street with their child in the stroller and is concerned for their safety. Mr. Gaudreau also mentioned that the school enrollment has been going down every year and is wondering if the reason for that is curriculum related.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 6, 2022

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

There were no opening comments by City Councilors.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE

There were none.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting June 21, 2022

The colors of the rainbow flag remind us of how diverse the LGBTQ+ community is, how diverse our nation is. Each color on the flag shines in its only individual way, yet when sewn together become an inseparable entity illuminating the sky for all to see. This month, this PRIDE we celebrate how far we have come, and remind ourselves as a community and nation how far we still must journey.

For until every person within our nation is afforded the rights they were promised on July 4th, 1776, the march of equality will never end. Until every person is treated with the human dignity, they deserve our work will never end. This month let the colors of the rainbow continue to shine, this month let us celebrate the diversity that makes our great party, our state and nation so strong. This month let us celebrate each other and all the fine qualities each of us continue to bring to the quilt we call LIFE.

Happy Pride Somersworth, Happy Pride New Hampshire, Happy Pride America!

This past weekend the Festival Association Celebrated 40 years

40 years of commitment

40 years of celebrating the arts

40 years of celebrating cultural diversity

40 years of celebrating Somersworth

40 years of continuing to improve the home we call Somersworth

40 years ago, the vision began to breath life back into our community.

To celebrate our great past, our heritages and ethnicities that make us strong, and to give the next generation of Hilltoppers an understanding of what makes Somersworth such an amazing community.

The Festival Association has never wavered from their commitment to our community. Nor their mission to bring to life each day our Hilltopper values of “neighbor helping neighbor”.

Today the Association is stronger than ever, ready to continue forward on the mission of honoring our “Proud Past” while investing in our “Bright Future”

Tonight, Somersworth Stand, Stand and yell thank you to the remembers who for the last 40 years have never given up on our home

Stand to show we are “One” one people, one community who together will continue to honor and support each other.

And stand, stand to celebrate you, your family, your neighbors and the City we love, Somersworth.

Thank you, Festival Association, for never giving up on your home, and continue to remind us to celebrate all of the wonderful blessing we have been given.

Congratulations on 40 amazing years

12 Nominations, Appointments and Elections:

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

A. Will Milus for Appointment as a Moderator for Ward 5 with a term to expire June, 2025

In accordance with Council Rule 17 the nominations will remain open until the next regular scheduled meeting.

Also under nominations appointments and elections the following are being brought forward this evening for a conformation vote;

A. Donna Donovan for Appointment as a Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 5 with a term to expire June, 2025

B. Tamara Keegan for Appointment as Selectman for Ward 3 with a term to expire December, 2023

C. George Bald for Appointment as Selectman for Ward 1 with a term to expire December, 2023

D. Woodard Openo for Appointment as a Member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees with a term to expire June, 2027

E. Mary Curtis for Appointment as Selectman for Ward 4 with a term to expire December, 2023

This respectfully concludes my June 21st, 2022 Mayors Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety Committee – Councilor Pepin mentioned that the Committee last met on June 8th and was able to get updates on Stewart’s Ambulance from Paul Robidas. Councilor Pepin stated that Mr. Robidas stated that the response time is about 4 minutes, and that there were 167 calls for service last month. Councilor Pepin also mentioned that it was reported that Frisbee Hospital is diverting the ambulances during the night and also for holidays and weekends which impacts the service time. Councilor Pepin also stated that Gerard Christian from Stewarts Ambulance also attended the meeting to update the Committee on the training that the members of the Senior EMS Leadership, Police Department, Fire Department, and SAU 56 have taken for Active Shooter Incident Training. Mr. Christian also informed the Committee that they received a grant to purchase vests and helmets to be

able to enter the warm zone (the area beyond the active threat) to be able to treat people that need help instead of waiting for the scene to go cold to help people.

Councilor Pepin also mentioned that Police Chief McLin presented the Wellness Uniform Proposal which is a vest uniform design that would redistribute the weight of gear from the belt onto a vest. The vest would be easier to take on and off, it would allow more comfort while sitting, and less wear and tear on the body.

Councilor Pepin stated that the Police Department has been participating in Project Safe Neighborhood and the grant was extended to reach the Ward 5 Playground and the remaining grant funds would be used to do one 4-hour patrol a week to advance community contact and reduce crime. Councilor Pepin also stated that the City of Somersworth was offered to receive all of the grant funds that were expanded to Strafford County for a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP). Chief McLin noted that because of staffing issues they would move forward with an overtime approach for the grant (no matching funds required) to allow the focus on forming relationships with organizations to help provide resources to those in need.

Councilor Pepin stated that another grant was approved for bullet proof vests, and that they replace 6 vests per year.

Councilor Pepin also mentioned that the Committee supported the new officer community badge that will include the City slogan and a silhouette of the Police Department that will be gold and silver.

Councilor Pepin mentioned that Fire Chief Kramlinger toured Pierce Manufacturing the facility that is building the new fire pumper.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

School Board – Councilor Austin stated they last met on June 14th and they went over some updates from the buildings and the goals that they established at the beginning of the year, and mentioned that the school district had a successful year.

Hilltop Mental Health and Wellness Commission – Councilor Austin mentioned they last met on June 15th and discussed what steps they will be taking going forward. Councilor Austin also mentioned they are putting together a presentation for Council, and their next meeting is on July 20th and they will be discussing the next set of goals for the half of the year.

E911 Street Name/ Address Committee – Councilor Pepin mentioned they met on June 21st and discussed a new road near 279 Green Street for a sub-division and the new street is called Valley Lane and the road that goes along side of Stewarts Ambulance was named Patriots Way.

Councilor Pepin also mentioned that Gator Rock was renumbered because of the upcoming change of roads. Councilor Pepin stated that 50 Maple Street is a corner lot and it was suggested to look into the address for the home and the Committee decided to keep it at the address of 50 Maple Street.

Monarch Challenge – Councilor Gerding stated that the Committee has applied for a grant to revive the Ash Street Park, if the grant is awarded that would allow funds to plant pollinator specie plants for the Monarch Butterfly. Councilor Gerding also mentioned that the Somersworth Youth Connection will also be working this summer at Malley Farm to continue the Monarch Challenge.

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, June 17, 2022

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, June 21, 2022 City Council Meeting

Unfinished Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinance

- A. **Ordinance No. 12-22: Transfer Between Departments.**
- B. **Ordinance No. 13-22: Supplemental Appropriation for the City's Match for the Rehabilitation of the Eddy Bridge on Salmon Falls Road and the New Dam Bridge on Buffumsville Road.** I have been informed by our NH DOT project contact that he was in error in thinking these projects had State funding available to move forward. His superiors have taken the position that these bridge projects need to be approved in the State's 10-year Transportation Plan and these projects are not in the present Plan. The NH DOT project leader apologized as he inadvertently thought other State Aid funding buckets would be available for these bridge projects. This funding issue pushes these projects out another couple of years more than we anticipated, therefore the Council should consider defeating this appropriation and the accompanying Resolution actions as the needed funding is sure to change.

Resolution

- A. **Resolution No. 43-22: To Authorize the City to Use Funding from the Municipal and Transportation Fund for the City's Match of the Eddy Bridge and New Dam Bridge Rehabilitation Projects.**
- B. **Resolution No. 44-22: To Authorize the City to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement with the State of New Hampshire for the Eddy Bridge and New Dam Bridge Rehabilitation Projects.**

New Business (under Section 15 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. **Resolution No. 45-22: To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Additional Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Justice for a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant.** Attached is a Memorandum from Chief McLin that was presented to the Public Safety Committee that explains the delay in fully utilizing the Grant funded patrols due to COVID and the opportunity to restart these weekly police patrols in identified hot spots within the City. The Public Safety Committee met on June 8 and voted to support this Grant and to sponsor a Resolution for full Council consideration.

City Manager Belmore added that there would be weekly patrols using these grant funds and would like support for this resolution.

- B. Resolution No. 46-22: To Authorize the City Manager to Apply for a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP) Grant through the New Hampshire Department of Justice and to Accept the Grant Award.** The Public Safety Committee also voted to support this Grant action item and to sponsor a Resolution to this effect. Attached is a Memorandum from Chief McLin that provides further detail regarding the Grant funds being used for Police Officer training and additional overtime that focuses on forming relationships with local Mental Health, Substance Use, Medical and other Community organizations to help provide resources for people in need of recovery services. It also compliments our ACERT (Adverse Child Experience Response Team) initiative.
- C. Resolution No. 47-22: To Authorize the City Manager to Convey the fee to the Land under two discontinued roads to 108 Gator Rock, LLC.** City Attorney advised that discontinuing a road and deeding off the property under the road are two different actions, and the prior Resolution truly doesn't say more, therefore his opinion is that the Council hasn't yet authorized the deeding of Parcels A and B to Gator Rock. Please consider waiving Council Rules so that there isn't any delay in the construction project moving forward.

Other

- A. Vote to Approve the Warranty Period Waiver Request from SUR Construction on the Paving of the Middle/High School Parking Lot.** Attached is a copy of the SUR Construction request to our project engineer. In the request you will read that SUR will meet our bid specifications and their workmanship will not be compromised.
- B. Vote to authorize the Sale of City Surplus Property-per Administrative Code, Chapter 29, Section 8.5, Disposal of City Property.** Attached is a copy of this Section of the City Ordinance as well as information pertaining to the equipment to be sold on GovDeals. We intend to place the equipment for sale at a minimum bid of \$3,500., since we have a company interested in it at this amount. At their June 8th meeting, the Public Safety Committee expressed support of this approach. The equipment is a Washer-Extractor from the Fire Department which will not be offered for sale until the appropriate time in the construction schedule. Attached is a Memorandum from Chief Kramlinger regarding the Washer-Extractor.
- C. Vote to Approve the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program Application (City Ordinance, Chapter 31) from Jeffrey Daniel Hughes for 142-144 High Street.** The Economic Development Committee reviewed this request and supports its full consideration. The property owner has requested the maximum amount of years allowed for tax relief which appears to be up to 5-years. Attached is a copy of the application and a Memorandum from Director Mears as well as our City Ordinance. City Council should identify the specific public benefit/s that will be achieved should the application be approved as well as the year/s of tax relief granted.

City Manager Belmore stated the Tax Relief Incentive Program Application for Jeffrey Daniel Hughes requested the length be 5 years.

- D. Vote to Schedule a Public Hearing on July 5, 2022 on the Proposed City Charter Amendment to the Section Entitled, Ward Boundaries (Article 1.3).** Attached is a

red-lined copy of the proposed Charter Amendment that was endorsed in principle by the Ward Boundaries Review Committee. Director Smith, Director Mears and I reviewed the proposed Amendment for accuracy. Staff will be sending the proposed Amendment to the required State Agencies and to City Attorney for review; and, we will be placing a Public Notice of the Hearing in the Foster's Newspaper.

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

Informational Items

1. **City Website/Email.** As explained in my attached June 15th email to Mayor Hilliard and Councilors, I recommend that the City transition to the following domain name as soon as possible: **SomersworthNH.gov**. This change is essential to improving our internet security practices without incurring any significant costs. Without objection from Council, I will proceed in authorizing this change immediately.

Mayor Dana S. Hilliard stated to move forward without objection.

2. **Former Prince's Garage on Main Street.** At the February 17th Public Works & Environment Committee, Councilors discussed the possibility of assisting the new property owner, David Baker, in seeking an EPA Brownfield's Grant to remove the contaminated soil so that the property can be redeveloped. The Committee gave the green light to examine the possibility of the City taking title to the property, applying for Brownfield's Clean-Up Grant Funding, and then deeding the property back to the owner for redevelopment. Mr. Baker has provided funding to engage the City's Special Counsel, Mark Beliveau, to examine such a path. I continue to work with Attorney Beliveau and will be reporting back to the Committee and the full Council in the near future regarding any proposed next steps in providing this assistance to the property owner. (Section of PW & E Minutes of 2/17/22 is attached)
3. **Grant Funding Application for the Ash Street Park Monarch Butterfly Project.** I have authorized the attached Grant Application submittal that staff prepared for funding to make improvement to the Ash Street Park Monarch Butterfly Habitat Project. The narrative is attached and we will be working on a budget that I suspect will be in the vicinity of \$50,000 +/- . The submittal deadline is July 21, 2022.

Attachments

1. **City Attorney Certifications Three (3)**
2. **Department Head Monthly Reports**

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION

Nominations being introduced for a Council Confirmation Vote:

- A. Will Milus for Appointment as a Moderator for Ward 5 with a term to expire June, 2025

The above nominations will remain open until the next scheduled Council meeting.

Nominations for a Council Confirmation Vote:

- F. Donna Donovan for Appointment as a Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 5 with a term to expire June, 2025
- G. Tamara Keegan for Appointment as Selectman for Ward 3 with a term to expire December, 2023
- H. George Bald for Appointment as Selectman for Ward 1 with a term to expire December, 2023
- I. Woodard Openo for Appointment as a Member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees with a term to expire June, 2027
- J. Mary Curtis for Appointment as Selectman for Ward 4 with a term to expire December, 2023

Councilor Gerding made a motion to vote on all nominees with one vote to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed by voice vote

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance No. 12-22** – Transfer Between Departments

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont

Discussion:

Councilor Messier recalls the reason for the transfer is because of overtime from having a couple people from the Fire Department out. Councilor Messier also mentioned that he has a concern about taking this shortfall from the Police Department Budget considering they are short staffed as well.

City Manager Belmore stated that there are several position openings and that gives the Police Department those budgeted funds available. Manager Belmore also mentioned that some of the injuries were not work related and some overtime is a result from when the City determined that a 4-man crew should be on 24 hours a day.

Councilor Dumont inquired about the injuries being off duty. Manager Belmore stated that there are a mixture of off duty injuries and on duty injuries through-out the City Departments. Councilor Dumont expressed his concern regarding transferring funds to an already large budget line.

City Manager Belmore stated that this does happen every year to ensure the City is abiding to the City Charter.

Councilor Pepin mentioned that responding to a fire call with less than a 4-man crew is not sufficiently manned for a call for service. Councilor Pepin also mentioned that the departments are responding to more calls, and the City is growing but the departments are not.

City Manager Belmore stated that this is not adding to the budget, that this action is transferring funds already in the budget from one department that has available funds to another department who needs the funds.

Councilor Austin stated that this action is not taking money away from a departments budget that is needed or going to be used, this is taking those available funds and using them where the funds are needed to balance.

Councilor Dumont stated that he is concerned about getting qualified employees to fill the positions needed so this transfer situation is not needed.

The motion passed 5-1 Councilor Messier opposed

- B. **Ordinance No. 13-22** – Supplemental Appropriation for the City’s Match for the Rehabilitation of the Eddy Bridge on Salmon Falls Road and the New Dam Bridge on Buffumsville Road

Councilor Dumont made a motion to DEFEAT Ordinance 13-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed 6-0

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 43-22** – To Authorize the City to Use Funding from the Municipal and Transportation Fund for the City’s Match of the Eddy Bridge and New Dam Bridge Rehabilitation Projects

Councilor Austin made a motion to DEFEAT Resolution No. 43-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed 6-0

- B. **Resolution No. 44-22** – To Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement with the State of New Hampshire for the Eddy Bridge and New Dam Bridge Rehabilitation Projects

Councilor Austin made a motion to DEFEAT Resolution 44-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier

Discussion:

Councilor Gerding inquired about the cost sharing from the State being affected by not passing this Resolution.

City Manager Belmore stated that he does not believe this action will affect the cost sharing.

The motion passed 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 45-22** – To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Additional Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Justice for a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant

Resolution No. 45-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair.

- B. **Resolution No. 46-22** – To Authorize the City Manager to Apply for a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP) Grant through the New Hampshire Department of Justice and to Accept the Grant Award

Resolution No. 46-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair.

- C. **Resolution No. 47-22** – To Authorize the City Manager to Convey the Fee to the Land under Two Discontinued Roads to 108 Gator Rock, LLC

Councilor Gerding made a motion to suspend Council Rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution No. 47-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed by voice vote. Clerk Ramsey performed a second reading of Resolution No. 47-22.

Councilor Messier made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 47-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gerding and passed 6-0

OTHER

- A. Vote to Approve the Warranty Period Waiver Request from SUR Construction on the Paving of the Middle/High School Parking Lot

The vote to Approve the Warranty Period Waiver Request from SUR Construction on the Paving of the Middle/High School Parking Lot passed by voice vote.

- B. Vote to Authorize the Sale of City Surplus Property – per Administrative Code, Chapter 29, Section 8.5, Disposal of City Property

The Vote to Authorize the Sale of City Surplus Property – per Administrative Code, Chapter 29, Section 8.5, Disposal of City Property passed by voice vote

- C. Vote to Approve the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program Application (City Ordinance, Chapter 31) from Jeffrey Daniel Hughes, for 142-144 High Street

Councilor Gerding recused himself from this vote.

Councilor Austin mentioned that this tax incentive is for 5 years, and that this is an economic improvement of a historical building.

The Vote to Approve the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program Application (City Ordinance, Chapter 31) from Jeffrey Daniel Hughes, for 142-144 High Street passed by voice vote

- D. Vote to Schedule a Public Hearing, July 5, 2022 on the Proposed City Charter Amendment to the Section Entitled, Ward Boundaries (Article 1.3)

Councilor Messier inquired about opening the Charter and it being the entire Charter. Mayor Dana S. Hilliard stated that a section can be amended without opening the entire Charter.

The Vote to Schedule a Public Hearing, July 5, 2022 on the Proposed City Charter Amendment to the Section Entitled, Ward Boundaries (Article 1.3) passed by voice vote

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Kenneth Gaudreau of 45 Union St. stated he remembers when you volunteered to be on the Fire Department and does not believe that there are shortages for Police Departments in the surrounding towns and feels that we should pay the Police and Fire Department employees what they deserve because we need them in the community. Mr. Gaudreau also feels that we should take pride in our City and not just under the rainbow flag.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin mentioned that there is a shortage of Police Officers in the Cities around us and with the State Police as well.

Councilor Pepin also stated that the City of Somersworth Festival Association worked very hard as always to put on the Children's Festival. Councilor Pepin stated that they fundraise all year for this event and thanked everyone with the Festival Association, the Public Works Department, and all the volunteers who worked long hours to make this event successful.

Councilor Dumont agrees with Councilor Pepin about the shortage of Police and Fire crews.

Councilor Dumont also mentioned he is very proud of the Monarch Butterfly Challenge.

Councilor Dumont stated he had his social hour and twenty minutes at Market Basket and enjoyed talking and seeing all the nice people.

Councilor Dumont believes that George Bald is a great man and is excited that he is serving as an election official.

Councilor Dumont mentioned that the City has lost another great person that was involved with the Festival Association named Arnie Tarr and told some stories about Arnie.

Councilor Austin stated that you will not find another community like Somersworth, because we are a very welcoming City as well as receptive and diverse.

Councilor Michaud congratulated the Festival Association for 40 years of having the Children's Festival and wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

Councilor Gerding stated that the Monarch's are back and wished everyone a safe and fun 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gerding made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ammy Ramsey, Deputy City Clerk



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: **12-22**

TRANSFER BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS

June 6, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, pursuant to Section 7.7 (D)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, pursuant to Section 7.7 (D) of the City Charter, that the following General Fund unencumbered balance transfer be made:

<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
ELECTED LEADERSHIP		
CITY MANAGEMENT		
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION		
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		
POLICE	50,000	
FIRE		90,000
PUBLIC WORKS		
OTHER EXPENSES (<i>CONTINGENCY</i>)	45,055	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		5,055
INTERGOVT ASSESSMENTS-COUNTY TAX		
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	_____	_____
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	95,055	95,055

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Authorization	
<i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i> David A. Witham Donald Austin Matt Gerding Richard Michaud	<i>Approved:</i> City Attorney

June 21, 2022

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 12-22			
History			
First Read Date:	06/06/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	6/21/2022		

Discussion

06/06/2022

Ordinance No. 12-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair.

06/21/2022

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Discussion:

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Councilor Dumont stated that he is concerned about getting qualified employees to fill the positions needed so this transfer situation is not needed.

The motion passed 5-1 Councilor Messier opposed

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier		X
TOTAL VOTES:			
On 6 /21 /22	Ordinance 12-22	PASSED	FAILED

	<p style="text-align: center;">City of Somersworth – Ordinance</p> <p>Ordinance No: 13-22</p> <p>SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY’S MATCH FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE EDDY BRIDGE ON SALMON FALLS ROAD AND THE NEW DAM BRIDGE ON BUFFUMSVILLE ROAD</p>
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June 6, 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 \$79,600 (Seventy-Nine Thousand Six Hundred dollars) from the Municipal and Transportation Fund to the Capital Outlay Section of the General Fund budget as follows;

Revised Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
\$ 378,498	\$ 79,600	\$ 458,098

Approved as to Funding:

Recorded by:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Jonathan Slaven
City Clerk

Background:

This Ordinance appropriates the funding for the City’s share of an agreement with the State of New Hampshire, to provide a 20% match of the State of New Hampshire’s cost in an agreement with the State of Maine to rehabilitate the Eddy Bridge on Salmon Falls Road and the New Dam Bridge on Buffumsville Road.

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	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>David A. Witham Donald Austin Matt Gerding Richard Michaud Denis Messier Martin Pepin Kenneth Vincent Martin P. Dumont, Sr.</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

June 21, 2022

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 13-22

History

First Read Date:	06/06/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	06/21/2022		

Discussion


06/06/2022

Ordinance No. 13-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair.

06/21/2022

Councilor Dumont made a motion to DEFEAT Ordinance 13-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed 6-0

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:			
On	6 /21/22	Ordinance 13-22	PASSED
			FAILED

	<p style="text-align: center;">City of Somersworth – Resolution</p> <p>Resolution No: 43-22</p> <p>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO USE FUNDING FROM THE MUNICIPAL AND TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR THE CITY’S MATCH OF THE EDDY BRIDGE AND NEW DAM BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECTS</p>
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June 6, 2022

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has finalized design and estimated the cost for the rehabilitation of the Eddy Bridge on Salmon Falls Road and the New Dam Bridge on Buffumsville Road; and

WHEREAS, these projects are intended to be funded and constructed via an agreement between the State of New Hampshire and the State of Maine, each providing a 50% match, and a subsequent agreement between the State of New Hampshire and the City of Somersworth whereby the City of Somersworth will provide 20% of the State of New Hampshire’s match of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized funding in the amount of \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand dollars) as the City’s match for the rehabilitation of the Eddy Bridge, however, based on current estimates, requires an additional \$33,000 (Thirty-Three Thousand dollars) to complete the City’s match; and

WHEREAS, the City requires \$46,500 (Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to provide the City’s match for the New Dam rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to utilize \$79,500 (Seventy-Nine Thousand Five-Hundred dollars) from the Municipal and Transportation Fund to be used as the City’s match for these two bridge rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is designated as agents to expend these funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City may utilize \$79,500 (Seventy-Nine Thousand Five-Hundred dollars) from the Municipal and Transportation Fund to provide the City’s match for the Eddy Bridge and New Dam Bridge rehabilitation projects.

Authorization	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>David A. Witham Donald Austin Matt Gerding Richard Michaud Denis Messier Martin Pepin Kenneth Vincent Martin P. Dumont, Sr.</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

City of Somersworth – Resolution 43-22

History

First Read Date:	6/6/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	6/21/2022		

Discussion


06/06/2022

Resolution No. 43-22 will remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.

06/21/2022

Councilor Dumont made a motion to DEFEAT Resolution 43-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed 6-0

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:			
On 6/21/2022	Resolution 43-22	PASSED	FAILED

	<p style="text-align: center;">City of Somersworth – Resolution</p> <p>Resolution No: 44-22</p> <p>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE EDDY BRIDGE AND NEW DAM BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECTS</p>
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June 6, 2022

WHEREAS, the State of Maine and the State of New Hampshire intend on executing a cost sharing agreement for the rehabilitation of the Eddy Bridge on Salmon Falls Road and the New Dam Bridge on Buffumsville Road; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth will participate in these projects by entering into a cost sharing agreement with the State of New Hampshire to provide a 20% match of the State of New Hampshire's cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute a cost sharing agreement with the State of New Hampshire for the Eddy Bridge and New Dam Bridge rehabilitation projects and to take any further actions necessary for this project determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>David A. Witham Donald Austin Matt Gerding Richard Michaud Denis Messier Martin Pepin Kenneth Vincent Martin P. Dumont, Sr.</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

June 21, 2022

City of Somersworth – Resolution 44-22

History

First Read Date:	6/6/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	6/21/2022		

Discussion

06/06/2022

Resolution No. 44-22 will remain in first reading until the call of the Chair.

06/21/2022

Councilor Austin made a motion to DEFEAT Resolution 44-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier


Discussion:

Councilor Gerding inquired about the cost sharing from the State being affected by not passing this Resolution.

City Manager Belmore stated that he does not believe this action will affect the cost sharing.

The motion passed 6-0

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:			
On 6/21/2022	Resolution 44-22	PASSED	FAILED

	<p style="text-align: center;">City of Somersworth – Resolution</p> <p>Resolution No: 45 - 22</p> <p>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDITIONAL GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT</p>
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June 21, 2022

WHEREAS, the Somersworth City Council adopted Resolution 3-20 on July 1, 2019 to enter into a grant agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Justice for a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has been notified there are additional funds available for this grant and has been awarded additional funding for the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is eligible to receive \$6,332 (Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two dollars) requiring no local match; and

WHEREAS, the Grant will allow the City of Somersworth to cover expenses associated with providing increased Police patrol services in various areas throughout the City; and

EXPLANATION OF TOTAL PROJECT GRANT BREAKDOWN

NH Dept. of Justice (100%)	=	\$6,332
City Match (0%)	=	\$ 0
Total Project Award	=	\$6,332

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute any documents and agreements necessary for the Grant's execution, expend the Grant proceeds in accordance with the Grant documents, and take any and all other such actions relative to this Grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent Nancie Cameron Denis Messier</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

City of Somersworth – Resolution 45 - 22

History


First Read Date:	6/21/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/21/2022

Resolution No. 45-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / Resolution 45-22		PASSED	FAILED

	<p style="text-align: center;">City of Somersworth – Resolution</p> <p>Resolution No: 46 - 22</p> <p>TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SITE-BASED PROGRAM (COSSAP) GRANT THROUGH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD</p>
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June 21, 2022

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Department of Justice (NHDOJ) is providing grant funding for training and overtime pay for Police Departments under the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) which is designed to enhance and expand the prevention, enforcement, and treatment of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the NHDOJ is working with seven communities throughout the State on the program grant and would like to work with an eighth community located in Strafford County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth is being considered and could apply for a three-year grant in the amount of \$105,438 (One Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight dollars) with no local match; and

EXPLANATION OF TOTAL PROJECT GRANT BREAKDOWN

NH Dept. of Justice (100%)	=	\$105,438
<u>City Match (0%)</u>	=	<u>0</u>
Total Project Award	=	\$105,438

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to apply for a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant through the New Hampshire Department of Justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH that if the Grant is awarded to the City, the City Manager is authorized to accept the Grant and execute any documents and agreements necessary for the Grant's execution, expend the Grant proceeds in accordance with the Grant documents, and take any and all other such actions relative to this Grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization	
<p><i>Sponsored by Councilors:</i></p> <p>Martin Pepin Kenneth S. Vincent Nancie Cameron Denis Messier</p>	<p><i>Approved:</i></p> <p>City Attorney</p>

City of Somersworth – Resolution 46 - 22

History

First Read Date:	6/21/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/21/2022

Resolution No. 46-22 will remain in first reading until call of the Chair.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding		
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier		
TOTAL VOTES:			
On / / Resolution 46-22		PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: **47-22**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY THE FEE TO THE LAND UNDER TWO DISCONTINUED ROADS TO 108 GATOR ROCK, LLC

June 21, 2022

WHEREAS, by Resolution 9-22 adopted on September 20, 2021; the City of Somersworth voted to discontinue two public ways known as Caiman Drive and Seamore Drive, and

WHEREAS, the City owns the fee to the land under these discontinued roads by virtue of a deed from Lionel R. Labonte recorded in the Strafford County Registry of Deeds at Book 4068, Page 64; and

WHEREAS, the City no longer has a public use for this land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT in accordance with RSA 47:5, the City Manager is authorized to convey the fee to the land under the discontinued roads to 108 Gator Rock, LLC on such terms and conditions as determined to be in the best interest of the City, and the City Manager is authorized to execute any and all documents required for the conveyance.

Authorization

Sponsored by:
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved:
City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 47-22

History

First Read Date:	6/21/2022	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:			

Discussion

06/21/2022

Councilor Gerding made a motion to suspend Council Rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution No. 47-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Messier and passed by voice vote. Clerk Ramsey performed a second reading of Resolution No. 47-22.

Councilor Messier made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 47-22. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gerding and passed 6-0

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	X	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	X	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	X	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	X	
At Large Councilor	Witham		
At Large Councilor	Gerding	X	
At Large Councilor	Cameron		
At Large Councilor	Messier	X	
TOTAL VOTES:			
On 6/21/2022	Resolution 47-22	PASSED	FAILED