

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR HILLIARD

As Chair of the Somersworth City Council, I, Dana S. Hilliard, Mayor find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Council have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously watch by way of our local public access Comcast channel 22 or via live streaming available at our City website Somersworth.com.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by His Honor, the Mayor, Dana S. Hilliard and, upon roll call, the following Council members were present: Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Gerding, Cameron and Paradis, who were all by themselves.

Mayor Hilliard announced that City Manager Bob Belmore, Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Scott Smith, and City Clerk Jonathan Slaven were in the Council Chambers.

Joining via Zoom were Director of Planning & Community Development Michelle Mears, Fire Chief George Kramlinger, Director of Public Works Michael Bobinsky, and Police Chief David Kretschmar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Dumont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearing scheduled for this meeting.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no comments by visitors.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on January 4, 2021

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cameron and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCILORS

Councilor Vincent stated his opposition to Ordinance No. 7-21.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. <u>The City Clerk read the following Public Announcement</u>: To Community Members: The City is beginning the process of ascertaining the future Cable TV needs and interests of its residents, businesses and institutions. Please forward any comments regarding Cable TV and our process of considering a renewal of our Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Comcast to the City Council by emailing or mailing your comments to our City Clerk or City Manager. It is important to note that this process only involves Cable TV and does not involve any services related to Comcast's internet or voice lines of business. Comments should be emailed to jslaven@somersworth.com, bbelmore@somersworth.com or mailed to 1 Government Way, Somersworth, NH 03878, Attention: City Clerk.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayors Report for City Council Meeting January 19, 2021

On April 30th 1789 on the balcony of Federal Hall in NYC, then the nation's capital, George Washington was sworn in as the 1st President of the United States. The Ceremony began a 232-year tradition of the open peaceful transition of power, the cornerstone of our democracy. The swearing in of the most powerful position on the planet and leader of the free world occurs in the open air at noon, the time of day with the most light. Its symbolism reinforces our values and expectations upon the government we created, upon the government we are part of and that we control.

The 232 tradition however is not without its blemishes or immune from individuals who believed they are beyond the constraints and dignity of the office. Tomorrow snub by Donald Trump will be the first to occur in 150 years and will add him to the list of three predecessors who saw no need to honor or value the elements of what continues to keep our republic whole and strong.

In 1797 John Adams become the first to embrace ego over county, by skipping the inauguration of the incoming President Thomas Jefferson. Keeping to family values his son John Quincy Adams will then follow his father's footsteps by skipping the ceremony of the incoming President Andrew Jackson. The last Presidential snub would then take place in 1869 when impeached President Andrew Johnson would not attend the swearing in of Ulysses S. Grant after Grant refused to share his carriage with him on the morning of ceremony on their way to the event at the capital. Tomorrow Donald Trump will join Andrew Johnson as not only skipping the event but also adding himself to the list of those who have been impeached by Congress. Trump, will distinguish himself on the list of dishonors for being impeached twice within his short four-year term.

Despite the erosion of dignity, civility and empathy over the last four years, tomorrow the sun will rise on our republic, casting it rays upon the freedom, liberty and hope for every American and citizen of our world who yearns to be free. Tomorrow the pillars of our democracy will once again show its strength and fortified to the world, that we are a nation of free people, that our Constitution and the system of self-determination and self-governing is enacted.

The domestic terrorist who committed the acts of insurrections and sedition with the attacks on our temple of democracy last week may have succeed in inflicting a puncher womb, but the womb will heal. Our nation will withstand this test, our nation will withstand this threat. Our republic, our democracy, our Constitution will continue to live and grow so long as "We the People" hold to our responsibility of breathing breath into it. Our democracy, our values, our hope for freedom, justice and liberty will continue the journey of being bestowed upon all citizens, so long as "We the People" stand by our responsibility of defending and protecting it.

Last week "We the People" learned a valuable historic lesson, the threats to our republic do not just come from enemies of Autocratic and dictators throughout the world, they also come from within. Last week we learned a historic lesson. A lesson that our founders warned us about, and drafted a Constitution to safeguard against. That sometimes, those within power, will seek to hold onto their power at all cost. They will spread lies, commit crimes and pick away at the mortar that holds our nation together. It is our duty, our job, our mission, as citizens of a free nation to continue the work as masons of liberty, to repair when need, and go forth constructing the temple of freedom and the human spirt.

Tomorrow morning the sun will once again rise on the republic it will cast its light upon every citizen, reminding us of what we have created 245 years ago, and the work we still have ahead of us. It will cast its light ending the nightmare of the last four years of our democracy and say farewell to the most morally reprehensible President in American history. America, tomorrow the sun will rise and set forth once again a clear path towards your growth. I pray that the divine light will guide each citizen in the direction of the destiny we promised the world we would travel.

American, tomorrow is once again our chance, our change to build upon the lessons we have learned. Our chance to come closer to fulfilling our creed, our change to prove to the world and ourselves what it means to be an American.

The last seven years our local government has evolved within its practices of governing and its team approach to ensuring Somersworth remains "On the Move".

As a Council be should be proud of progressive approaches we have instated and the openness we continue to practice, with the goal of making our municipal government more efficient. One area we must continue to improve upon is the system we have in place of adopting our annual budget. Despite the fact that we have overhauled our approach making it far more functional then it was seven years ago, there is still room for improvement.

One area where a paradigm shift is needed is the time frame and access of funds within the school department. As currently structured and within place, the fiscal year for both the city and school budget ends on July 1st. The annual budgetary cuts that this body often has to make to the school department often cast a shadow upon Council as not being supportive of education. While this mischaracterization has slowly gone way of the dinosaurs, the root of the misconception still fosters.

Each year, the school department must make tough decisions regarding its budget, unlike this council. However, based upon timeline, one can follow how it is common for budgetary cuts to occur only for the school board to turn money over to the city upon the June 30th end of the fiscal year. Last year, although navigating uncommon times, the school district turned over \$850,000 to the city. This year if the figures hold, the city could once again receive close to \$300,000. While this money is welcome return and while it all originates and returns to the same bucket, we must create a system which allows for both sides to mutual benefit from any savings.

This evening I am calling upon the finance committee to begin to explore and bring forth to Council proposals which would create a budgetary process that would allow both the city and school department to benefit from school district end of the year surpluses. The system should formulate a structure that allows the school district access to tap surpluses of a specified amount of cap, to offset cuts that would be equated within a return. The surplus should also benefit the council's commitment to continue to invest in our community at – large and all the departments who serve. I look forward to the work of the finance committee and their proposals which will revolutionize our approach go budgeting.

Still laying upon the table before this body is Ordinance 7-21, adding language and descriptions to the Public Safety committee which allows them to engaging in conversations about progressive safety practices. Ordinance number 7-21 was crafted with a joint partnership with the Chief of Police and carries forward in address public misconceptions in police practices. Its goal is to help restore faith and maintain the level of confidence in all departments whose missions are to keep us safe.

What Ordinance 7-21 does not do is the following:

- Micromanage the police department
- Change the personal structure, forcing the Chief to answer to Council and not the City Manager

• Begin a process of defunding the police department, or hold the police at bay to trendy approaches which could place law enforcement or public safety officials in danger.

• Have the Council determine what is best practices for our department or have non- safety professional determine how safety agencies should continue forth with their mission.

Based upon the work off all parties who have full say in the drafting of this ordinance including, the Mayor's office, the Chief of Police, the Public Safety committee, I respect request that Council remove Ordinance 7-21 from the table and passed as presented and requested by the Public Safety Committee.

This respectfully concludes my January 19, 2021 Mayors Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Public Works and Environment Committee</u> – Councilor Witham stated the Committee met last on January 14, 2021. Ordinance No. 5-21, which was referred back to the Committee, was discussed and compared with the rules governing the zoning of chicken permits. The Committee decided that the Ordinance was best left as is. Councilor Witham also described a project to repair a storm drain line that services the Fremont Street and Franklin Street area; staff has recommended the project be awarded to Vortex. He also stated the City received three bids for road resurfacing work and the low bidder appears to be Continental Paving. He said the Cemetery Road Complete Streets project is approximately 90% designed and should be able to move forward soon with the bid process. In

regards to this project, an alternative bid was discussed to pave the access road off Memorial Drive and looping through the High School/CTC and Middle School parking lots and not the entire parking lot areas. Councilor Witham said the Committee discussed issues with a TAP grant project for improvements to the High Street corridor. The issues include delays with the NHDOT reviewing necessary easements as well as conflicts of interest in having the design engineer also handle the construction/inspection engineering services. He said the Committee also discussed a CMAQ grant project for signal upgrades on High Street. He mentioned City staff has been requesting movement on the project from NHDOT, but are experiencing similar issues to those from the TAP grant project. The Committee also discussed the lack of lighting on Willand Drive when entering from Route 108. He informed Council that Director Bobinsky was tasked with providing pricing options for additional lights. Also discussed were issues surrounding utility poles being installed without proper permits. It was mentioned that if a permit was waived, the City could, perhaps, require the removal of poles by a certain time. The Committee members also agreed to sponsor Resolution No. 25-21, to discharge dedication of a paper road abutting the Somersworth Fire Station. An update on the permit process for Nitrogen discharge into the Great Bay will be provided to the Committee at a later date. Lastly, the Committee discussed the project for upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Plant which is on schedule and on budget.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

<u>Fire Station Building Committee</u> – Councilor Pepin stated the Committee met last on January 6, 2021. The Committee voted 4-0 to support the 2-phase building approach of the new Fire Station and for it to be constructed where it currently is. The Committee also discussed the timeline of when the City would be able to utilize the newly decommissioned National Guard Armory and it was mentioned to possibly use the building for temporary storage.

<u>School Board</u> – Councilor Pepin said the School Board last met on January 12, 2021 where they had a robust conversation surrounding options to allow students back into classrooms and set dates on when that could happen.

<u>E911 Committee</u> – Councilor Pepin said the Committee last met on January 14, 2021. The Committee discussed a soon to be created Resolution to accept Royal Drive. The Committee also discussed conflicts with the name of "Old Indigo Hill Rd" and "Indigo Hill Rd". He said most of "Old Indigo Hill Rd" is in Rollinsford and Rollinsford officials are not interested in changing the name. Councilor Pepin also mentioned delays with the Postal Service in getting addresses changed.

<u>City Manager's Report</u>

Office of the City Manager

TO:	Mayor Dana S. Hilliard and City Council Members			
FROM:	Robert M. Belmore, City Manager			
DATE:	Friday, January 15, 2021			
SUBJECT:	City Manager's Report for Tuesday, January 19, 2021			
6:30 p.m. Non-meeting Somersworth Association of Clerical and Aides (SACA) Collective Bargaining Agreement				

Lay on the Table (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Ordinances

A. Ordinance No. 7-21: To Amend Chapter 6 – City Officials, Section 6.6.2.4, Public Safety Committee.

Unfinished Business (under Section 14 of Agenda) Ordinances

A. Ordinance No. 5-21: To Amend Chapter 19 – Zoning, Definitions, Section 25.B, Agricultural Use. The Public Works & Environment Committee met on January 14th and voted (This was sent back to the Public Works & Environment Committee for further review.)

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 21-21: To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council Shall Not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Properties Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien. Again, the Finance Committee voted to support Resolution No. 21-21 & Resolution No. 22-21 to the full Council.
- B. Resolution No. 22-21: To Notify the Tax Collector that the City Council Shall Not Accept a Tax Deed on Properties Located on Wexford Lane and Blackwater Road Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien. Again, the recommendation of 'not to accept' is based on the land containing buried debris; i.e., potential contamination clean-up costs.

New Business (under Section 15 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 24-21: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to Accept a Cleanup Grant Award for the Former Somersworth Police Station Located At 5 Main Street, Somersworth, NH. Attached is a copy of the notification letter and Grant Agreement provided by NH Department of Environmental Services Engineer Michael McCluskey regarding the \$97,450 Brownfield's Grant award to clean-up hazardous materials at the former Police Station.
- B. Resolution No. 25-21: A Vote to Release and Discharge a Dedication of Property for a Public Road Associated with a Proposed Subdivision Created in 1975 Abutting the Somersworth Fire Station. Completed survey and deed research disclosed the possible dedication of a public road between the little league field and the fire station, obviously, a public road was never built. City Attorney recommends this action be taken for the protection of the City.

Other

- A. Vote to Ratify the Somersworth Association of Clerical and Aides (SACA) Collective Bargaining Agreement (School Department Union Contract). Attached is a "confidential" copy of the Tentative Agreement details approved by the School Board. Members of their negotiating team will be available to answer any questions.
- B. Discuss the Army National Guard Readiness Center's Decommissioning (requested by Councilor Dumont).

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

A. Informational Items

1. Estimated Tax Cap Impact for FY 2021-2022 Budget. Attached is a copy of the Tax Cap Analysis notice as required by City Council's adopted Policy.

2. Atlantic Broadband. This past week I had discussions with representatives from Atlantic Broadband (see attached letter). This company would like to offer cable services, including high speed internet to the City. Without objection, I will continue these discussions and eventually bring a Draft Franchise Agreement to the City Council through the appropriate Council Standing Committee as directed by Mayor Hilliard. Please note that there may be additional steps that need to be taken before any final vote to Contract with them.

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

3. Stewart's Ambulance Service. Without objection, I would like to begin discussions with Stewart's Ambulance Service in regards to securing a Contract Extension. When concluded, I will bring a Draft Contract Extension to the City Council through the appropriate Council Standing Committee as directed by Mayor Hilliard.

4. Veterans Memorial Plaque – Donor Recognition. Attached is the first Draft of a plaque being designed by the Ironwood Team for placement at City Hall.

Attachments

1. City Attorney Certifications Two (2)

2. Department Head Reports

LAY ON THE TABLE

A. Ordinance No. 7-21 – To amend Chapter 6 – City Officials, Section 6.6.2.4, Public Safety Committee

Councilor Witham made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 7-21 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-21 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin.

Councilor Witham said he appreciated putting this back on the table last meeting in order to ensure Council had the correct version of the Ordinance. He stated that the number of times back and forth from Committee to Council may suggest a lack of appetite to pass this piece of legislation. He spoke about the lack of measurability of the added language. He said ethics, effectiveness, and Public Trust are difficult things to measure and it would be unfair to task the Committee with such a mission. He said we should be embracing national programs for law enforcement accreditation to better help the Somersworth Police Department conform to a national standard.

Councilor Gerding said as someone on the Government Operations Committee, he was taken aback by the opposition to the Ordinance since the Government Operations and Public Safety Committees voted to recommend its adoption. He stated the current description of the Committee's duties are quite vague and the edits help bring clarity.

Councilor Vincent stated Somersworth has professionals at the top of our Police and Fire Departments and we have to be confident in their abilities to manage life safety. He stated he has full faith in the City Manager and does not want to micromanage any department.

Councilor Austin said current discussions within this and other Committees ultimately lead to deciding what is best for the Public. He stated we do not use this type of language to direct any other City Department Heads and does not see the need to do so with our Fire and Police Chiefs.

Councilor Cameron said she believes the opposition to this Ordinance was always there and Council should not micromanage departments. She said this is under the City Manager's control.

Councilor Pepin said when the Ordinance was first brought up, he was troubled because he did not believe the Public Safety Committee was doing anything that needed to be corrected. While most did not see an issue with the added language, many also viewed it as not accomplishing anything productive.

Councilor Dumont thanked Councilor Witham for his comments on law enforcement accreditation. He said it is something that few departments have and is a goal he would support.

Councilor Paradis stated she is in support of the Ordinance and was surprised it has gone back and forth between Council and Committee so many times. She stated that even if we (Public Safety Committee) wanted to micromanage the Police and Fire Departments, we do not have that ability. She appreciates the idea of law enforcement accreditation and said perhaps that idea would not have been brought up at this time had we not been considering the passing of this Ordinance.

Councilor Michaud stated he does not see the language as productive and will mostly likely not be in support of this Ordinance's adoption.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-21 failed 2-7 with Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Witham, and Cameron voting, "No".

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 5-21 - To Amend Chapter 19 – Zoning, Definitions, Section 25.B, Agricultural Use (Referred to Public Works & Environment Committee 7/13/2020)

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5-21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis said she appreciates Public Works and Environment taking another look at this Ordinance and is excited there will be zones allowing bee keeping within the City. <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>

A. **Resolution No. 21-21** – To notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council Shall Not Accept a Tax Deed on Certain Properties Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien

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

B. Resolution No. 22-21 – To Notify the City Tax Collector that the City Council Shall Not Accept a Tax Deed on Properties Located on Wexford Lane and Blackwater Road Subject to an Unredeemed Tax Lien

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

A. **Resolution No. 24-21** - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to Accept a Cleanup Grant Award for the Former Somersworth Police Station Located At 5 Main Street, Somersworth, NH

Councilor Witham made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution No. 24-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote. The City Clerk performed a seconding of Resolution No. 24-21 by title only.

Councilor Witham said this was great news and applauded City staff efforts in seeking out this grant funding.

Councilor Paradis stated she is glad to see progress in further efforts of our downtown revitalization.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

B. Resolution No. 25-21 - A Vote to Release and Discharge a Dedication of Property for a Public Road Associated with a Proposed Subdivision Created in 1975 Abutting the Somersworth Fire Station

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Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

<u>OTHER</u>

- A. Vote to Ratify the Somersworth Association of Clerical and Aides (SACA) Collective Bargaining Agreement (School Department Union Contract)
- * Councilor Austin recused himself from any discussions or vote on this item.

The vote to Ratify the Somersworth Association of Clerical and Aides (SACA) Collective Bargaining Agreement (School Department Union Contract) passed 8-0 by roll call vote. Councilor Austin recused himself.

B. Discuss the Army National Guard Readiness Center's Decommissioning (requested by Councilor Dumont)

Councilor Dumont stated he appreciated the Mayor's creation of the Committee to determine the use of the soon to be decommissioned National Guard Armory Building. He believes that the 2-phase approach to building the new Fire Station is not as good as building the whole building in a single phase and would like to bring the question of utilizing the armory building for the new Fire Station back to Council. He also noted that most fire stations are single-story buildings and following this path could also produce cost savings. He said we should not exclude an opportunity, and building at this location could produce financial savings and potentially reduce response times. Councilor Dumont believes we are not doing our due diligence by leaving this location out of consideration.

Councilor Witham stated the Fire Station Building Committee was tasked with looking into using this site. He said studies to determine buildability and hazmat assessments would need to occur and would cause delays. If those studies found necessary remediation, this would cause even further delays. Councilor Witham noted that construction costs increase at a rate of 5-7% per year. The delays caused by potential remediation would also drive up the cost of the project. He also mentioned that experts have stated there are no savings for building a one story compared to a two-story building.

Councilor Pepin said we have already put a lot of work and money into the current project. He said, given the time the building was built, he finds it hard to believe there would not be any hazardous material remediation necessary and we already have about \$130k invested in the project.

Councilor Vincent said Councilor Dumont brings up good points, but what matters most to him is the money. In regard to response times, he cited the importance of getting to a call safely. He stated a change in the project's current site would have to show significant savings for him to support it.

Councilor Paradis stated there are a lot of other ways to utilize the National Guard building site to better serve the Community.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

There were no closing comments by visitors.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Cameron mentioned an organization called Red's Good Vibes who are a non-profit dedicated to helping the homeless. She said they have a food truck and have shown interest in serving the people who utilize the new warming station on Willand Drive.

Councilor Pepin gave his condolences to a good friend and fellow former Somersworth Fire Fighter, Donald McCabe. He also stated that he finds having the School Board meetings at the Black Box Theater difficult and can hear better via Zoom. He hopes the Council can utilize the Chambers once the necessity for Zoom meetings is no longer.

Councilor Austin said he is looking forward to the dawn of a new day. He recently learned that 30 of the 70 people who tested positive for Covid-19 in Somersworth have ended up in the hospital. He said this statistic serves to only reinforce the need for masks and social distancing.

Councilor Paradis reiterated the need for social distancing and masks. She also mentioned a reported positive case from the Cumberland Farm staff on High Street. She said there is no contact tracing being done and wanted to mention it in case anyone had been there recently. Councilor Paradis stated she found the recent violence at the National Capitol Building extremely disturbing, but it made her recognize the bravery of the Somersworth Police Department and wanted to let them know how much the City appreciates them. She also said she misses hearing from the Public and would like to see live Public comment return. Mayor Hilliard clarified two points from Councilor Paradis' closing statement. He stated that appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions are done through the Mayor's office and people are always welcome to apply. He further stated that while we are currently not encouraging people to attend meetings in person, City Hall is not locked and the Council Chamber doors are open. The Public has been encouraged to submit comments prior to the meetings to be read into the record. He noted that comments received after the stated deadline have also been accepted and included.

Councilor Witham said that with the recent passing of Ray Doyon and Donald McCabe the City has lost two great members of the Community and offered his condolences to both of their families.

Councilor Vincent said that Councilor Pepin's words regarding Donald McCabe were great. Mr. McCabe was a great man and raised a great family.

Councilor Dumont stated he appreciated the video showing the process of the repairs to the storm line on Fremont/Franklin and said they were enlightening and thanked staff for forwarding it. He said he hopes Council can return to the Chambers after Zoom is no longer needed. Councilor Dumont also stated that the School District's teachers have not been treated with the respect they deserve. He said that science says that students are safer in school and does not know why teachers are not included in the front-line vaccination phase.

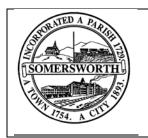
ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Witham made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 9-0 by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk

Dana S. Hilliard, Mayor



City of Somersworth – Ordinance

Ordinance No: 7-21

TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 – CITY OFFICIALS, SECTION 6.6.2.4, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 21, 2020

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:

Remove Section 6.6.2.4 in entirely and replace with:

Section 6.6.2.4 Public Safety Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to consider matters relating to Police and Fire services and other emergency response needs of the City, as well as other matters referred to it. In order to be proactive and to continuously improve our quality of life, the Committee may also provide recommendations and guidance for Police, Fire, and other emergency operations in delivering services ethically and effectively to ensure the safety and security of the Public; and Public Trust is not compromised.

This Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

Authorization

Sponsored by:
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard
Councilor Matthew GerdingApproved:
City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 7-21

History				
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Discussion

Ordinance No. 7-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair.

10/05/2020

Councilor Witham moved to refer Ordinance No. 7-21 to the Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Vincent and passed 8-0 by voice vote.

10/19/2020

Councilor Paradis made a motion to approve amendments to Ordinance No. 7-21 as endorsed by the Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by voice vote.

Councilor Witham made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 9-0 by voice vote.

01/04/2021

Councilor Paradis made a motion to take Ordinance No. 7-21 off the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gerding and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-21. The motion was seconded by councilor Pepin.

Councilor Witham stated he thought this Ordinance had been referred back to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Pepin stated that the Public Safety Committee voted to support the Ordinance before them this evening at the October 13, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting. The Mayor called for a brief recess to confer with the City Manager regarding questions raised regarding amendment to the initial introduced Ordinance amendment and regarding any public hearing held. The meeting was called back to order and a brief discussion took place.

Councilor Witham made a motion to table Ordinance No. 7-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 6-3 by roll call vote with Councilors Pepin, Gerding, and Paradis voting "No".

01/19/2021

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Councilor Austin said current discussions within this and other Committees ultimately lead to deciding what is best for the Public. He stated we do not use this type of language to direct any other City Department Heads and does not see the need to do so with our Fire and Police Chiefs.

Councilor Cameron said she believes the opposition to this Ordinance was always there and Council should not micromanage departments. She said this is under the City Manager's control.

Councilor Pepin said when the Ordinance was first brought up, he was troubled because he did not believe the Public Safety Committee was doing anything that needed to be corrected. While most did not see an issue with the added language, many also viewed it as not accomplishing anything productive.

Councilor Dumont thanked Councilor Witham for his comments on law enforcement accreditation. He said it is something that few departments have and is a goal he would support.

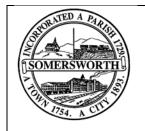
Councilor Paradis stated she is in support of the Ordinance and was surprised it has gone back and forth between Council and Committee so many times. She stated that even if we (Public Safety Committee) wanted to micromanage the Police and Fire Departments, we do not have that ability. She appreciates the idea of law enforcement accreditation and said perhaps that idea would not have been brought up at this time had we not been considering the passing of this Ordinance.

Councilor Michaud stated he does not see the language as productive and will mostly likely not be in support of this Ordinance's adoption.

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7-21 failed 2-7 with Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Witham, and Cameron voting, "No".

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin		Х
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent		Х
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont		Х
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin		Х
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud		Х
At Large Councilor	Witham		Х
At Large Councilor	Gerding	Х	
At Large Councilor	Cameron		Х
At Large Councilor	Paradis	Х	
	TOTAL VOTES:	2	7
On 01/19/2021	Ordinance 7-21	PASSED	FAILED

City of Somersworth – Ordinance



Ordinance No: 5-21

TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 – ZONING, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 25.B, AGRICULTURAL USE

July 13, 2020

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 in Section 25 Definitions:

	ACCESSORY USES	DISTRICT		
		PERMITTED		PROHIBITED
			EXCEPTION	
1.	Construction site mobile office. ¹	A, B, C/l, MY, H^{7}		
		HMD^7 , I, R-1, R-1		
		1A,R-2, R-2A, R-		
		3, R/B, R/C,		
		R/O,MH		
2.	Accessory building such as a private garage,			
	storage/tool shed, playhouse, greenhouse,	⁷ ,I, R-1,R-1A,R-2,		
	swimming pool or similar structures accessory to	R-2A, R-3, R/B,		
	a dwelling, business or industry. ²	R/C, R/O.MH		
3.	Clubhouse, community center, laundry room,	B,MY ⁹ , HMD ⁷ , R-		A,C/I, I,R-1,
	non-commercial recreational facilities, such as			R-1A,R/O
	swimming pools and tennis courts, provided	R/C, MH		
	primarily for the residents of a mobile home park			
	or condominium/apartment complex.			
4	Outdoor storage, maintenance and utility areas	T	C/l	A,B,MY ⁹ ,HM
Τ.	and facilities. ³	L		D^{7} ,R-1,
				R-1A,R-2,R-
				2A,R-
				3,R/B,R/C,R/
				0,MH
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5	Darking of representional such islag 4			Л
5.	Parking of recreational vehicles. ⁴	A,HMD ⁷ R-1,R-1A,R-2,R-	B,C/I,MY,I,N H	VI
		2A,R-	11	
		3,R/B,R/C,R/O		
6.	Factory seconds store.	B,C/I,I,MY	A,HMD ⁷ ,R-	-
			1,R-1A,R-2,I	<u>-</u>
			2A,R-	,
			3,R/B,R/C,R	/
		10	O,MH	
7.	Parking & transfer of commercial vehicles larger	C/I, I, MY ¹³	A,HMD ⁷ ,B,F	
	than 2 axle trucks, vans, vehicles or trailers		1,R-1A,R-2,I	X -
	exceeding 30 feet, vehicles or equipment		2A,R-	
	weighing in excess of 18,000 lbs. gross weight		3,R/B,R/C,R	/
	intended.		O,MH,	
8.	Produce, Christmas tree and other seasonal	C/I,R/C, MY ⁹	A,B,HMD ⁷ ,I	
	stands.		R-1,R-1A,R-	2,
			R-2A,R-3	
			R/B,R/O,MH	[
9.	Keeping of livestock or swine.	A	B,C/I,MY,HI	М
			D ⁷ ,I,R-1,R-	
			1A,R-2,	
			R-2A,R-	
			3,R/B,	
			R/C,R/O,MI	Н
10	Backyard chickens. ¹⁴	A,HMD,MY,R-	B,C/I,CN,I,N	1
		1,R-2,	H,R/C	
		R-2A, R-	· · -	
		3,R/B,R/O		
11	Storage of more than one unregistered and	C/L I	B,MY,HMD	7
11	uninspected by the State and/or the City motor		R-1,	,
	vehicle.		R-1A,R-2,R-	
			2A,R-	
			3,R/B,R/C,R	/
			O,MH	
			R-	
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			B,R/C,R/O,N	1
			Н	
12	Home occupation. ⁵	A,MY,R-1,R-	B,C/I,I	
	-	1A,R-2,R-2A, R-		
		3, R/B, R/C,		
		R/O,MH		
		R/O,MH		

13	Child care home. ⁶	A,MY,R-1,R- 1A,R-2, R-2A,R- 3,R/B,R/C, R/O,MH		B,C/I,MY,I
14	Group child care home. ⁶	A,HMD ³ ,R-3, R/B,R/C,R/O	R-1,R-1A, R-2,R-2A,	B,C/I,MY,I,M H
15	Storage boxes or spaces trailers used as storage for non-hazardous materials by the commercial or industrial use that occupies the property. ⁷			A,HMD ³ ,R-1, R-1A,R-2,R- 2A,R- 3,R/B,R/C,R/ O,MH, MY ⁴
16	Framed-Covered Structures. ⁸	A,B,C/I,MY,HM D,I, R-1,R-1A,R-2,R- 2A, R-3,R/B,R/C, R/O,MH		
17	Outdoor Wood-fired Hydronic Heaters (OWHH). ¹⁰	A,B,C/I,CN,MY, HMD,I,R-1,R- 1A,R-2,R-2A,R- 3,R//B,R/C,R/O, MH		
18	Contractor's Office/Storage Yard ¹¹	C/I, I, R/C ¹²		A,B,CN,MY, HMD, MH,R,R-1,R- 1A,R-2,R- 2A,R-3,R- B,R-O
19	Apiculture/ Beekeeping ¹⁵	A, R1, R1A, and HMD		B,CN,MY, MH,R-2,R- 2A,R-3,R- B,R-O,CI, R/C, Rec

¹⁵Amended XX/2020. Beekeeping is subject to the following provisions:

a) An annual permit shall be required to keep beehives under this provision. An application for such permit shall be submitted to the Department of Development Services for review by the Director of Planning and Community Development (or designee) for Zoning compliance. There shall be a \$10 permit fee at the time the completed application is filed. Applications to renew the certificate of use shall be due by January 1st following the date of approval of the

certificate of use and then by every January 1st thereafter for so long as the beekeeping continues.

b) Number of Bee Hives allowed: Below is a chart that specifies how many bee hives are allowed on the property based on lot size.

NUMBER OF BEE HIVES IN RELATION TO LOT SIZE			
Lot /Acreage	Number of Hives		
1/4 acre or less (1/4 acre = 10,890 sq. ft., roughly 50 ft. x 215 ft.)	2 hives		
more than $1/4$ acre, less than $1/2$ acre $(1/2 \text{ acre} = 21,780 \text{ sq. ft., roughly 100 ft. x 218 ft.})$	4 hives		
more than $1/2$ acre, less than 1 acre (1 acre = 43,560 sq. ft., roughly 150 ft. x 290 ft.)	6 hives		
1 acre or more	8 hives		

- c) Bee Hive placement: Hives shall be located in the side or rear yard area and shall be at least 20 feet from the property line. Hives shall not be located in any front yard area. These provisions shall not apply to lots located in the Agricultural (A) district.
- d) One sign is required if a hive is located on a vacant lot, the name, mailing address and phone number of the beekeeper shall be clearly read from the street. The sign shall not exceed one square foot in area, shall not be lit, and non-reflecting materials shall be used.
- e) Commercial use is prohibited, unless approved as a Home Occupation. Commercial use is defined but not limited to the selling of bees or bee products.

Authorization	
Sponsored by Councilors:	Approved:
Crystal Paradis	City Attorney
Nancie Cameron	
Matthew Gerding	

City of Somersworth – Ordinance 5-21

History			
First Read Date:	07/13/2020	Tabled:	11/16/2020
Public Hearing:	08/10/2020	Removed from Table:	12/14/2020
Second Read:	08/10/2020		

Discussion

07/13/2020

Ordinance No. 5-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair. Public Hearing scheduled at the call of the Chair.

Mayor Hilliard referred Ordinance No. 5-21 to the Public Works & Environment Committee on 7/13/2020.

10/19/2020 *Remains in Committee*

11/16/2020

Councilor Witham made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 5-21 in line with the red-line version before Council this evening. The motion was seconded by Councilor Austin and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Councilor Paradis requested a map of the districts where hives are permitted.

Councilor Gerding made a motion to further amend Ordinance No. 5-21 to replace the word "colony" with "hive" in section b. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Councilor Witham made a motion to table Ordinance No. 5-21. The motion was seconded by councilor Paradis and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

12/14/2020

Councilor Witham made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 5-21 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 5-21 under Section 19 and add MY, R2, R2A, R3, R/B, R/O. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham.

Councilor Witham inquired with Councilor Paradis about the additions of districts. Councilor Paradis stated she would like to see bee keeping allowed in the same districts as chickens. Councilor Paradis inquired about a reason those particular districts were not included. City Manager Bellmore stated that the Committee were not in favor of including districts with multi-family homes and the Committee did their best to address that concern and mimic the Chicken Ordinance as best they could. Discussion continued concerning what districts were listed.

Councilor Witham made a motion to refer Ordinance No. 5-21 back to Public Works & Environment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

01/04/2021 Ordinance No. 5-21 remains in Committee.

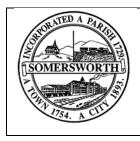
01/19/2021

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5-21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Paradis said she appreciates Public Works and Environment taking another look at this Ordinance and is excited there will be zones allowing bee keeping within the City.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	Х	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	Х	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	Х	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	Х	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	Х	
At Large Councilor	Witham	Х	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	Х	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	Х	

At Large Councilor	Paradis	X	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 01/19/2021	Ordinance 5-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth – Resolution

Resolution No: 21-21

TO NOTIFY THE CITY TAX COLLECTOR THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL NOT ACCEPT A TAX DEED ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO AN UNREDEEMED TAX LIEN

January 4, 2021

WHEREAS RSA 80:76 directs the Tax Collector, after 2 years, to execute to the City a deed of the land subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed, and

WHEREAS the Governing Body of a municipality may refuse to accept a tax deed on behalf of the municipality because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks, or for any reason that would be contrary to the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Tax Collector be notified that for those reasons the City shall refuse to accept the tax deeds on property located at the following locations:

Location	Tax Map/Lot
90 Colonial Village	81-90M
37 Crystal Springs Way	82-12M
92 Crystal Springs Way	82-36M
73 Crystal Springs Way	82-49M
65 Crystal Springs Way	82-57M
28 Dudley Court	83-35M
124 Sherwood Glen	87-124M
207 Sherwood Glen	87-207M
208 Sherwood Glen	87-208M
409 Sherwood Glen	87-409M
629 Sherwood Glen	87-629M
703 Sherwood Glen	87-703M

Authorization	
Sponsored by:	Approved:
Councilors:	City Attorney

City of Somersworth – Resolution 21-21

History			
First Read Date:	01/04/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	01/19/2021		

Discussion

01/04/2021

Councilor Witham made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a first reading of Resolution No. 21-21 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dumont and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

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

01/19/2021

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

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	Х	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	Х	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	Х	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	Х	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	Х	
At Large Councilor	Witham	Х	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	Х	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	Х	

At Large Councilor	Paradis	Х	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 01/19/2021	Resolution 21-21	PASSED	FAILED

SOMERSWORTH

City of Somersworth – Resolution		
Resolution No: 22-21		
TO NOTIFY THE CITY TAX COLLECTOR THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL NOT ACCEPT A TAX DEED ON PROPERTIES LOCATED ON WEXFORD LANE AND BLACKWATER ROAD SUBJECT TO AN UNREDEEMED TAX LIEN		

January 4, 2021

WHEREAS RSA 80:76 directs the Tax Collector, after 2 years, to execute to the City a deed of the land subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed, and

WHEREAS the Governing Body of a municipality may refuse to accept a tax deed on behalf of the municipality because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks, or for any reason that would be contrary to the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Tax Collector be notified that for those reasons the City shall refuse to accept the tax deeds on property located at the following locations:

Location	Tax Map/Lot	
5 Wexford Lane	35-12A	
7 Wexford Lane	35-12B	

Note – It is believed that these properties contain contaminated soils and /or buried debris and an uninhabitable mobile home.

Authorization

Sponsored by:

Approved:

Councilors:	City Attorney
David A. Witham	
Donald Austin	
Martin Pepin	
Martin P. Dumont	

City of Somersworth - Resolution 22-21

History			
First Read Date:	01/04/2020	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed From Table:	
Second Read:	01/19/2020		

Discussion

01/04/2021

Councilor Witham made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a first reading of Resolution No. 22-21 by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 22-21 will remain in first read until the call of the Chair.

01/19/2021

Councilor Austin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-21 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	Х	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	Х	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	Х	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	Х	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	Х	
At Large Councilor	Witham	Х	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	Х	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	Х	

At Large Councilor	Paradis	Х	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 01/19/2021	Resolution 22-21	PASSED	FAILED

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SOMERSWORTH 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Resolution No: 24-21
	AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF
	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT A CLEANUP GRANT AWARD FOR THE FORMER SOMERSWORTH POLICE STATION
	LOCATED AT 5 MAIN STREET, SOMERSWORTH, NH

January 19, 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth has received notification of a cleanup grant award of \$97,450 (Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) from New Hampshire's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for the purpose of funding the remediation of the former Somersworth Police Station located at 5 Main Street, and

WHEREAS, this grant funded remediation work will include eligible activities required to properly remove and dispose of any hazardous building materials within the existing onsite building,

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 acceptance and execution, and take any and all other such actions relative to this grant determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Authorization			
Sponsored by:	Approved:		
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard	City Attorney		
Councilors:			
David A. Witham			
Donald Austin			
Kenneth S. Vincent			
Richard R. Michaud			
Nancie Cameron			

Martin Pepin Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Matthew Gerding Crystal Paradis

City of Somersworth – Resolution 24-21

History			
First Read Date:	01/19/2020	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:	01/19/2020		

Discussion

Councilor Witham made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution No. 24-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paradis and passed 9-0 by roll call vote. City Clerk performed a seconding of Resolution No. 24-21 by title only.

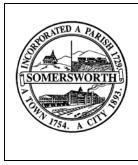
Councilor Witham said this was great news and applauded City staff efforts in seeking out this grant funding.

Councilor Paradis stated she is glad to see progress in further efforts of our downtown revitalization.

Councilor Paradis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	Х	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	Х	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	Х	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	Х	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	Х	
At Large Councilor	Witham	Х	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	Х	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	Х	
At Large Councilor	Paradis	Х	

	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 01/19/2021	Resolution 24-21	PASSED	FAILED



City of Somersworth - Resolution

Resolution No: 25-21

A VOTE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE A DEDICATION OF PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC ROAD ASSOCIATED WITH A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION CREATED IN 1975 ABUTTING THE SOMERSWORTH FIRE STATION

January 19, 2021

WHEREAS, the Somersworth Planning Board approved a subdivision plan on August 27, 1975 that reflected a dedication of property intended for the creation of a public road, and

WHEREAS, the parcel of property that contains the dedicated road strip was conveyed to the City in October, 1975, and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of building and expanding the Somersworth Fire Station that may expand into this dedicated road strip and would like to release and discharge any such dedication to avoid any confusion to the actual intended use of this property in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Council votes to release and discharge any dedication of property for public road use.

Authorization			
Sponsored by:	Approved:		
Councilors: David A. Witham Kenneth S. Vincent	City Attorney		

Martin Pepin Martin P. Dumont Sr. Matt Gerding

City of Somersworth – Resolution 25-21

History			
First Read Date:	01/19/2021	Tabled:	
Public Hearing:		Removed from Table:	
Second Read:	01/19/2021		

Discussion

01/19/2021

Councilor Witham made a motion to waive Council rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution No. 25-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote. The City Clerk performed a second reading of Resolution No. 25-21 by title only.

Councilor Witham made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-21. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 9-0 by roll call vote.

Voting Record		YES	NO
Ward 1 Councilor	Pepin	Х	
Ward 2 Councilor	Vincent	Х	
Ward 3 Councilor	Dumont	Х	
Ward 4 Councilor	Austin	Х	
Ward 5 Councilor	Michaud	Х	
At Large Councilor	Witham	Х	
At Large Councilor	Gerding	Х	
At Large Councilor	Cameron	Х	

At Large Councilor	Paradis	Х	
	TOTAL VOTES:	9	0
On 01/19/2021	Resolution 25-21	PASSED	FAILED