



Minutes of the Budget Presentation  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 5, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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**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.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

The following Council members were present via Zoom: Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Gerding, Cameron, and Paradis.

Councilor Dumont was excused.

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, Director of Public Works Michael Bobinsky, SAU 56 Superintendent Robert Gadomski, SAU 56 Business Administrator Katie Krauss.

**The presentation commenced at 6:00 p.m.**

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mayor Hilliard opened the meeting and introduced City Manager Robert Belmore and SAU 56 Superintendent Robert Gadomski for a presentation of the Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.

City Manager Belmore thanked the City Department Heads, Staff, and Finance Director Scott Smith for their assistance in developing this Proposed Budget in accordance with the City Charter. Belmore gave a presentation on the City portion of the Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget highlighting and explaining various changes. Belmore encouraged those with questions regarding the Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022 to reach out to him and he would be happy to answer those questions in depth. He also noted the Proposed Budget in its entirety can be found by navigating to Somersworth.com and clicking "City News". Manager Belmore then turned the presentation over to Dr. Gadomski for the School portion of the Proposed Budget.

Superintendent Robert Gadomski gave a presentation on the School Department portion of the Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget.

\*The presentation is attached.

Mayor Hilliard thanked both City Manager Belmore and Superintendent Gadomski. He mentioned there is a Public Hearing this evening for Ordinance No. 13-21 FY 2021-2022 which has had two readings and is currently placed upon the table. He noted Councilor Dumont will be absent from this evening's Council meeting and respectfully requested leaving Ordinance No. 13-21 on the table. Mayor Hilliard also requested full attendance of the City Council at the Special Budget meeting on Monday, April 12 as he is confident we will be able to wrap up our work and approve the FY 2021-2022 Budget. He urged those with specific questions on the budget to direct them to Manager Belmore and Superintendent Gadomski.

*Mayor Hilliard stated Council will remain in recess until the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. this evening.*

**The budget presentation adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk