

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

PORTSMOUTH, NH

TIME: 7:00PM

Councilor Moreau moved to close the Non-Public Sessions and seal the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Tabor and voted.

III. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McEachern called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McEachern, Councilors Tabor, Denton, Moreau, Bagley, Lombardi, Blalock, and Cook

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Kelley

V. INVOCATION

Mayor McEachern asked everyone to join in a moment of silent prayer in memory of Lincoln Soldati who recently lost his 4 ½ year battle with cancer.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGINANCE

Mayor McEachern led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

VIII. RECOGNITIONS AND VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS

(There are no items under this section of the agenda this evening)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Marylou McElwain expressed concern with the intersection at Maplewood Avenue signal turning green while the cross walk light is activated. She said that this is a dangerous situation that needs to be addressed immediately before someone is hurt.

Christopher Burns spoke to the city taking over and preserving the flag pole at 238 Deer Street. He stated the pole needs to be restored and cared for.

Zelita Morgan thanked the City Clerk and her team for their work with the elections. She spoke to the importance of active listening. She addressed the Governance Committee meeting on Monday's in the morning which does not allow for public participation.

Mark Brighton spoke regarding everyone having the right to speak.

Liza Hewitt said David Rheamue sitting on the Zoning Board of Adjustment is a conflict, because his wife sits on the City Council and the Planning Board. She expressed her displeasure with the discussions regarding ADU proposed changes. She said it was 8 ½ minutes of initials and acronyms and feels it deserves more thorough discussion and explanations.

Paige Trace urged the City Council and residents to watch the Land Use Committee discussions regarding proposed land use changes. She said that this is about process and transparency matters when it comes to changes.

Rick Becksted spoke on the Land Use Committee and said it was confusing and numbers were provided with no maps. He said you need to have a map to understand the proposal. He said if the document is not in the agenda it should not be voted upon.

Arthur Clough spoke on quasi-judicial boards and their ability to make decisions. He said that land use board members are being intimidated and this has gone too far.

Petra Huda asked that the City Manager items all be located in the same area of the agenda.

Elizabeth Bratter asked that the ADU be pushed back to the Land Use Committee. She said it was confusing and the acronyms are not listed so the public does not know what they mean. She also requested that the assisted living piece go back for further review.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2022

Councilor Tabor moved to approve and accept the minutes of the August 22, 2022 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Moreau and voted.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND VOTE ON ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

First Reading of Ordinances:

- A. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 12 and Chapter 15 – City’s Building Code

Councilor Cook moved to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Mayor McEachern said he looks forward to hearing from the public on these matters.

Motion passed.

- B. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 5, Article I – Fire Department, Section 5.101 – Personnel and Article IX – Fire Code

Councilor Blalock moved to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Tabor and voted.

- C. First reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IV, Section 1.408 – Cable Television and Communications Commission

Councilor Lombardi moved to pass first reading and schedule a public hearing and second reading at the January 9, 2023 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Councilor Moreau said she supports the changes and would like to see more underground utilities being installed.

Mayor McEachern said we receive many inquiries as to why cell service is so bad.

Motion passed.

Public Hearings/Adoption of Resolutions:

- D. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Appropriating Eight-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant to Pay Costs Associated with the Purchase of an Ambulance and the Payment of Costs Incidental and Related Thereto
- **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Mayor McEachern read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

City Manager Conard said the funds will be used towards purchasing a new ambulance. She stated last year as a way to absorb costs we put aside funding for this and since then we learned the price is \$85,000.00 higher than originally priced.

With no speakers, Mayor McEachern closed the public hearing.

Councilor Moreau moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Second by Councilor Bagley.

On a unanimous roll call vote 8-0, motion passed.

- E. Public Hearing/Adoption of Resolution Appropriating Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) to purchase one Fire Apparatus, and Authorizing a Bond Issue, and/or Notes, of up to Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) to Meet this Appropriation
- **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Mayor McEachern read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

City Manager Conard said this is to replace an aging fire apparatus, and we are looking at July 2024 for delivery with payments not being made until receiving the apparatus.

Councilor Bagley said interest rates are not set until we go to the market.

With no speakers, Mayor McEachern closed the public hearing.

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Councilor Lombardi.

On a unanimous roll call vote 8-0, motion passed.

- F. Public Hearing/Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article IV – Commission and Authorities, Section 1.412 – Public Art Review Committee
- **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Councilor Cook said the Governance Committee brought this forward as a new ordinance and comes from public art guidelines. She stated the reason for the ordinance is that it is more difficult to set up a review committee. She stated currently we need to refer to the City Manager to set up a committee for review and it is difficult to find people to serve. She said we have an ordinance to have a standing public art review committee and follows the guidelines for public art review.

Councilor Tabor said the committee will meet quarterly and provide written reports to the City Council and encourage contributions towards public art.

With no speakers, Mayor McEachern closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook moved to pass second reading and hold third and final reading at the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Moreau and voted.

- G. Public Hearing/Second reading of Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article XVII – Funding of Public Art, Section 1.1704 – Exemption and Section 1.1707 – Funding Accepted
- **PRESENTATION**
 - **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS**
 - **PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS**
 - **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DELIBERATIONS**

Mayor McEachern read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

Councilor Cook said this is the current public art ordinance with minor changes. She stated the first change is to the exemptions section for placement of art. She reviewed the section where it would allow art to be installed in another location and it also addresses donations. Councilor Cook recommended amending Section 1.1704 – Exemption with the removal of the strike through of Section 1.1702.

With no speakers, Mayor McEachern closed the public hearing.

Councilor Cook moved to pass second reading by amending Section 1.1704 – Exemption with the removal of the strike through of Section 1.1702. Seconded by Councilor Blalock and voted.

Councilor Moreau moved to suspend the rules to bring forward Items XIII. A. 2022 Data Collection Presentation by City Assessor, XIII. B. Greater Portsmouth Recovery Ready Community Coalition Presentation, and XIII. C. Email Correspondence. Seconded by Councilor Blalock and voted.

XIII. PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. 2022 Data Collection Presentation by City Assessor

City Assessor Maurice-Lentz provided a brief overview of the 2022 Data Collection process that will begin later this week. She spoke to the need to maintain fair and equitable values, with neighborhoods looked at individually. She advised the Council that notification will be sent through the mail to home owners and allow them time to make an appointment for a review of the property. Assessor Maurice-Lentz said each appraiser would have proper identification when coming out to review the property.

- B. Greater Portsmouth Recovery Ready Community Coalition Presentation – Larry McCullough, Executive Director, Pinetree Institute

Mr. McCullough, Executive Director of the Pinetree Institute provided background information on the initial effort to address the crisis in their early work and having all services work together. He spoke to the summary of results such as housing, employment, access coordination of services and community education and training.

Mr. McCullough stated they're looking to build support for a 2-year implementation phase. He reported to the Council that the Coalition is seeking support from the City of \$60,000.00 per year for 2 years with half coming in January and the remaining amount in July.

Discussion among the Council and Mr. McCullough discussed the services provided and the need to expand the facility over time. Councilor Cook said the tasks are long term for addressing mental health and asked if there has been an effort to work with larger groups for new mental health facilities. Mr. McCullough said they're currently working with Seacoast Mental Health.

Mayor McEachern said we could have a report back for the December 5, 2022 meeting on a path forward to funding and allow public comment on options we have available.

Councilor Denton moved to request a report back from the City Manager on funding options available to meet the request of the Greater Portsmouth Recovery Ready Community Coalition at the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Councilor Bagley requested that this packet of information be forwarded to the task force. City Manager Conard said the task force is meeting tomorrow and she will bring the information forward for their review.

Motion passed.

Mayor McEachern mentioned the efforts of former Councilor Lazenby regarding this matter.

C. Email Correspondence

Councilor Moreau moved to accept and place on file. Seconded by Councilor Bagley and voted.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION

A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

1. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Professional Management Association

City Manager Conard said this is an agreement with Professional Management Association for your review and approval.

Councilor Cook moved to approve the proposed agreement as presented. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Councilor Tabor stated he would support this motion and retention of key staff is critical for the city.

Motion passed.

2. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Portsmouth City Employees – Local #1386A

City Manager said this is an agreement with Local 1386A City Employees for your review and approval.

Councilor Blalock moved to approve the proposed agreement as presented. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Councilor Blalock said it is important to protect and maintain our employees.

Mayor McEachern spoke to the hard work of the Public Works Department during last weekend's Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Motion passed.

3. Request for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots of 880 Woodbury Avenue

City Manager Conard said this had been referred to the Planning Board and the Assessor for review. She reported that the Planning Board voted to restore property to its pre-merger status.

Councilor Moreau moved to restore the property located at 880 Woodbury Avenue to its pre-merger status and direct the City GIS and Assessing staff to update the zoning and tax maps accordingly. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Councilor Moreau stated that there is a map showing these lots and pre-merger status. Mayor McEachern said this is not a judgement call, it is outlined in documents.

Motion passed.

4. Approval of 2023 City Council Meeting Calendar

City Manager Conard said before the Council is the calendar of meetings and work sessions for 2023 for your approval.

Councilor Moreau moved to approve the calendar with the exception of budget work session dates. Seconded by Councilor Tabor.

Councilor Denton moved to amend the motion to consolidate budget review day to Friday, May 12, 2023. Seconded by Councilor Bagley.

Councilor Denton spoke to the merits of his motion that would allow more people to attend or watch on You-Tube.

Councilor Moreau said she would like input from staff on this matter. City Manager Conard said that staff is supportive of having one budget session.

Councilor Cook said there is a prominent event that takes place on May 12, 2023, the TedEx Event and many residents will be attending and therefore miss the budget session.

Councilor Tabor said this is an important job of the Council and gives us time to prepare and ask questions with an interactive participation from departments.

Mayor McEachern said Assistant Mayor Kelley is not here and asked if we could table this matter until the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting.

City Manager Conard said we could adopt the calendar without the budget work session being scheduled.

Councilor Denton withdrew his motion and Councilor Bagley the second to the motion.

Councilor Blalock moved to approve the calendar with the exception of budget work session dates. Seconded by Councilor Denton and voted.

Councilor Denton said he will bring this item under his name for the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting.

5. Drainage Easement for 140 West Road

City Manager Conard spoke to the site approval of the property by the Planning Board.

Councilor Moreau moved to authorize the City Manager to accept and record a Drainage Easement Deed in a substantially similar form to the easement deed from West Road to the West, LLC contained in the agenda packet. Seconded by Councilor Blalock and voted.

6. Temporary Construction License for 93 Pleasant Street

City Manager Conard said this is a license for 93 Pleasant Street and the work is set to begin shortly. She stated the project is seeking to use 1,200 feet of sidewalk from December 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024. She advised the Council that the owner will be required to obtain a license when encumbrances are longer than 30 consecutive working days.

Councilor Moreau moved to authorize the City Manager to execute and accept the temporary construction license for the term of December 1, 2022 to April 30, 2024 as requested. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Discussion followed regarding flaggers and the license required. City Manager Conard reported abutter notifications will be sent and a Construction Mitigation and Management Plan is in place.

Motion passed.

7. Request for Public Arts Trust Funds to be Reallocated to the Bohenko Park Sculpture Garden from the Foundry Place Public Art Project

City Manager Conard said this is a reallocation of funds to the Bohenko Park Sculpture Garden. She reported to the Council that there is \$21,100.00 remaining in the trust and she would like to use those funds for the sculpture garden.

Councilor Moreau moved to find that the Bohenko Park Sculpture Garden is a public art purpose consistent with the Public Art Ordinance of the City and that the Council approve the reallocation of remaining Foundry Art Funds in the amount of \$21,100.00 from the Public Arts Trust be used for the Bohenko Gateway Park Sculpture Garden. Be it further moved that the City Manager is authorize to take any and all steps necessary to accomplish the reallocation of the forgoing Trust Funds. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Mayor McEachern asked if this is overseen by the Trustees of the Trust Fund. City Manager Conard said it is under the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Motion passed.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request from James Gaudreault, Bryce Harrison and Ian Lubkin , J & B Food Services LLC, d/b/a Cheese Louise to install a Projecting Sign at 76 Congress Street (***Anticipated action – move to approve the aforementioned Projecting Sign License as recommended by the Planning Director, and further, authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement for this request***)

Planning Director's Stipulations

- ***The license shall be approved by the Legal Department as to content and form;***
- ***Any removal or relocation of projecting sign, for any reason, shall be done at to the City; and***
- ***Any disturbance of a sidewalk, street or other public infrastructure resulting from the installation, relocation or removal of the projecting sign, for any reason shall be restored at no cost to the City and shall be subject to review and acceptance by the Department of Public Works***

Councilor Tabor moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Cook and voted.

XIV. MAYOR McEACHERN

1. Approval of Employment Agreement with City Manager Conard

Mayor McEachern said it is his great pleasure to bring forward the Employment Agreement for City Manager Conard for approval.

Councilor Bagley moved to approve the proposed Employment Agreement as presented. Seconded by Councilor Moreau.

Councilor Bagley said City Manager Conard started during the pandemic and her leadership impressed him, as well as her efforts to get to know all employees.

Councilor Blalock said it is a pleasure to work with City Manager Conard. He stated that she has handled adversity with class.

Councilor Denton said one of the best things in 2019 by the City Council was hiring City Manager Conard.

Councilor Moreau thanked City Manager Conard for signing a 5-year contract with the City.

Councilor Tabor said he agrees with all the comments made relative to City Manager Conard.

Mayor McEachern said it has been fun serving with City Manager Conard on the dais and during the pandemic it was a difficult time. He said she listens intently and looks to get action. He said it is her action, follow-up and strategically thinking that impressed him. He stated he is excited for what City Manager Conard will do in the next three to five years and, we are pleased to have her for another five years.

Motion passed.

2. Appointment to be Considered:
- Appointment of David Rheame to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The City Council considered the appointment of David Rheame to the Zoning Board of Adjustment which will be acted upon by the City Council at the December 5, 2022 meeting.

Mayor McEachern said he went through the Zoning Board of Adjustment process and to be a good chair you need to take a step back. He advised the Council that he asked Mr. Rheame to put his name forward.

Councilor Moreau said she will recuse from the vote at the next meeting. She said that having served on separate boards in the past she has asked City Attorney if she could serve on City Council and her husband serve on Zoning Board of Adjustment and she was told that they could.

Councilor Lombardi spoke in support of Mr. Rheume application and appointment. He spoke to the fire on State Street and the effort by many to have the building taken down but the Board of Adjustment handled the issue under Mr. Rheume's leadership and the building remains standing. He said he respects Mr. Rheume and his leadership to the community.

3. Appointments to be Voted:
 - Appointment of Stewart Sheppard to the Conservation Commission
 - Appointment of Brian Gibb as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission
 - Appointment of Assistant Mayor Kelley to the DOT Public Advisory Committee for Route 1 Bypass
 - Appointment of Marylou McElwain to the DOT Public Advisory Committee for Route 1 Bypass
 - Appointment of Anne Weidman as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission
 - Appointment of Charles Doleac to the Task Force to Study Private/Public Historical Archive
 - Appointment of Kristen Peterson to the Task Force to Study Private/Public Historical Archive
 - Appointment of Emma Stratton to the Task Force to Study Private/Public Historical Archive
 - Appointment of Thomas Watson to the Task Force to Study Private/Public Historical Archive
 - Appointment of Lawrence Yerdon to the Task Force to Study Private/Public Historical Archive

Councilor Moreau moved to appoint Stewart Sheppard as a regular member until April 1, 2024 and Brian Gibb as an Alternate member until April 1, 2025 to the Conservation Commission; appointment of Assistant Mayor Kelley and Marylou McElwain to the DOT Public Advisory Committee for Route 1 Bypass; appointment of Anne Weidman as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission until October 1, 2026; appointments of Charles Doleac, Kristen Peterson, Emma Stratton, Thomas Watson and Lawrence Yerdon to the Task Force to Study Private/Public Historical Archive. Seconded by Councilor Lombardi and voted.

4. Vintage Christmas Shuttle

Mayor McEachern announced that a Vintage Christmas Shuttle will be running a downtown loop on weekends beginning Saturday, December 3, 2022 through Saturday, December 18, 2022.

XV. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. COUNCILOR TABOR

1. Community Power Survey Planned for December

Councilor Tabor announced that a survey regarding Community Power is planned for December but it may be delayed until January due to the holidays.

B. COUNCILOR DENTON

1. Amend All Veterans Tax Credit

Councilor Denton thanked the City Council for increasing the Disabled Tax Credit, which will also help disabled veterans.

Councilor Denton moved to draft a resolution increasing the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit from \$500.00 to \$750.00 be brought back with any necessary changes to the City Council for readoption before March 31, 2023. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Councilor Denton explained the tax credit and said if you served during the time of deployment you would qualify for the tax credit. He stated both tax credits need to be reauthorized before March 31, 2023. He said \$750.00 is his suggestion. He indicated this will be sent to staff for review and be brought back to the Council for adoption.

Motion passed.

Councilor Denton moved to draft a resolution expanding the All Veterans Tax Credit eligibility to those that currently serve be brought back with any necessary changes to the City Council for readoption before March 31, 2023. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Councilor Denton explained that enabling legislation has changed and now it is tied to optional tax credit and changes to all that currently serve, or if you served 90 days. He stated that this needs to be adopted.

Councilor Bagley said he researched this and less than 1% are currently serving. He said many of us think the percentage is higher than it is.

Motion passed.

C. COUNCILOR MOREAU

1. Phase 2 ADU and Assisted Living Amendments

Councilor Moreau moved to refer Phase 2 ADU amendments to the Planning Board for recommendations and bring recommended amendments back to the City Council for first reading. Seconded by Councilor Blalock.

Councilor Moreau reported the permit signs will be placed on the property and that direct abutters will be mailed notices. She stated there will be a hand book created for home owners with a checklist. She said public hearings and work sessions by the Planning Board before coming back to the City Council for a public hearing as well.

Councilor Bagley thanked the Land Use Committee for their work on this. He said he would not support amendments as written as it creates many new requirements for materials. He stated that there are unreasonable parking requirements and that this is bias to people that do not want ADU's in the City. Councilor Bagley said we need to build and encourage ADU's for people to remain in their homes. He said it creates affordable housing that we cannot replicate from neighborhoods. He suggested conducting a work session on this matter. He said we are too concerned with aesthetics and parking. He stated it costs \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to bring an application forward that might be denied. He said we need to lower those costs.

Councilor Lombardi said this is a step towards one of our major goals. He said asking a person to build an ADU that is compatible with the existing structure is a step in the right direction.

Councilor Blalock and Councilor Moreau said the Board of Adjustment has had a number of meetings on lowering the costs of the application because it is too high.

Councilor Tabor said ADU's are the best way to add density and create affordable housing. He asked about architecture design for ADU's.

Councilor Moreau said a balancing out for ADU's are single family neighborhoods to look like the buildings go together even though density has been increased. She said a major issue was parking and put it into the ADU.

Councilor Cook thanked the Land Use Committee for all their hard work. She asked why we are strict about parking in a neighborhood that has ample parking available.

Discussion followed among the City Council and Planning Director Zendt regarding standards for new construction that would need to go to the Planning Board. Councilor Bagley said he feels we are not streamlining the code, it is more cumbersome.

Motion passed. Councilor Bagley and Councilor Cook voted opposed.

D. COUNCILOR BAGLEY

1. Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Action Sheet and Minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting (*Tabled at the October 24, 2022 City Council meeting*)

Councilor Bagley moved to postpone until the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Blalock and voted.

2. Holiday Parking Enforcement

Councilor Bagley moved to establish Holiday Parking Enforcement from Saturday, December 17, 2022 through Monday, December 26, 2022 for payment of parking. Time limits would still be in effect. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Councilor Bagley announced that people would not be required during these dates to pay for parking. He said if you pay for parking you do not get a refund. He suggested that City Council put a notice in the newspaper, newsletter and on the website.

Mayor McEachern said we should put signs on the meters announcing that Holiday Parking is in effect December 17th through December 26th.

City Manager Conard said she will speak with the Parking Director on this matter and messaging for the Holiday Parking.

Mayor McEachern said he would expect signs on meters that people can see.

Councilor Bagley said we are trying to thread the needle and still get turn over during the day.

City Manager Conard said we could provide a report back on this matter.

Councilor Tabor said if it is going to be free parking we should say it is free parking. He stated if we are concerned over revenue loss, maybe we do 7 days rather than 10 days. He asked if we could show free parking on the meter display or place signs on the meters.

Councilor Lombardi said this has been taking place for many years and everyone is aware of it in the City. He said it would be ideal to make this public for everyone.

Mayor McEachern said it is a marketing opportunity and businesses would like to promote this more than in the past. We need to get the benefit of public relations, we want to do this but we need to make people aware of the free parking.

Councilor Blalock said he does not want to mislead people.

The City Council agreed to bring this item back at the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting under Councilor Bagley's name.

XVI. APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS

- A. NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources/Division of Historical Resources
Moose Plate Conservation Grant for Repair of North Cemetery Wall - \$20,000.00

Councilor Lombardi moved to approve and accept the grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources in the amount of \$20,000.00. Seconded by Councilor Blalock and voted.

- B. InvestNH Municipal Planning and Zoning Housing Opportunity Grant - \$82,000.00

Councilor Moreau moved to accept the InvestNH Housing Opportunity Grant funding and authorize staff to enter into a formal grant agreement. Seconded by Councilor Cook.

Councilor Moreau thanked Planning Director Zendt for putting this together and obtaining this grant in a short amount of time.

Motion passed.

- C. Donation to the Annual Tree Planting from Robert Grantham & Cynthia Nix for future planting of trees - \$5,000.00

Councilor Lombardi moved to approve and accept the donation from Robert Grantham and Cynthia Nix for Annual Tree Planning - \$5,000.00. Seconded by Councilor Cook and voted.

XVII. CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. McIntyre Update

City Manager Conard reported last week the City and the Development Team of Redgate Kane did receive some cost estimates from three firms that were mutually agreed upon. She stated they are now as a team, evaluating those numbers and how they impact the project, as the community plan. She stated they will keep the City Council and public apprised of that work as information comes forward. She also stated the City Council and public should know the next check-in with the General Services Administration is scheduled for next Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS INCLUDING BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

City Manager Conard reported that 293 people participated in Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday. She stated we include the Town of Greenland and Town of Newington in that effort and we had representation from all communities.

Councilor Blalock announced that a Public Input Session on the Recreation Needs Study will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at Community Campus beginning at 6:00 p.m.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m., Councilor Tabor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Moreau and voted.



KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK