



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 200A
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael Seymour called the meeting to order at the above date and time.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

Councilor Robert Hamel led the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Reynolds called the roll with the following Councilors present: Councilors Doyle, Lahey, Lipman, Baer, Hamel and Bolduc. Also present City Manager Scott Myers and Finance Director Donna Woodaman.

Mayor Seymour took a moment to recognize the passing of Executive Councilor Ray Burton. Councilor Burton was always a supporter of the City and he will be greatly missed.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR & COUNCILORS ELECT

City Clerk Reynolds executed the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Edward Engler and Councilors-Elect Ava Doyle, David Bownes, Henry Lipman, Brenda Baer, Robert Hamel and Armand Bolduc.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular and Non-Public Minutes of October 28, 2013

*Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the regular and non-public meeting minutes of October 28, 2013. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.***

CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:

Mayor Seymour moved the appointment to the Planning Board to the Consent and Action Calendar.

1. Request by Laconia Kiwanis Club to raise funds at Rotary Park on August 24, 2014

*Councilor Hamel moved to approve the request by Laconia Kiwanis Club to raise funds at Rotary Park on August 24, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Request by Lakes Region Salvation Army to raise funds at Opechee Cove on November 23, 2013 for the Salvation Army Turkey Plunge

*Councilor Lipman moved to approve the request by the Lakes Region Salvation Army to raise funds at Opechee Cove on November 23, 2013 for the Salvation Army Turkey Plunge. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.***

3. Request by New Hampshire Lake Association to raise funds at Endicott Rock Park on August 3, 2014

*Councilor Doyle moved to approve the request by the New Hampshire Lake Association to raise funds at Endicott Rock Park on August 3, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

4. Temporary Traffic Order 2013-17 Frozen 5K Race

*Councilor Bolduc moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2013-17 Frozen 5K Race. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.***

5. Appointment to the Planning Board

*Councilor Bolduc moved to appoint Hamilton McLean as an alternate member of the Planning Board for a 3-year term expiring in 2016. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.***

MAYORS PROCLAMATION AND RECOGNITION

Mayor Seymour recognized the Laconia High School Varsity Cheerleaders as the Division III Fall Coed Spirit Competition as Southern New Hampshire University on November 10, 2013. A proclamation was read naming November 13, 2013 as Laconia High School Varsity Cheer Appreciation Day. Each team member and coach was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: NONE

INTERVIEWS:

1. Luke Powell seeking reappointment to the WOW Trail Maintenance Advisory Committee

Mr. Powell was unable to attend this evening but did forward his request to the Council.

*Councilor Hamel moved to reappoint Luke Powell to the WOW Trail Maintenance Advisory Committee. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. The declaration of City-owned property of Lexington Drive (Parcel #375-324-4) as surplus

City Manager Myers explained that this is a commercial lot that was gifted to the City several years ago in the development of the industrial park. The declaration does not necessarily indicate there has been an offer for purchase of the property.

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. with reading of the notice of public hearing posted in the November 1, 2013 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, City Hall, the Gail Memorial Library and the Laconia Community Center.

With no members of the public wishing to speak Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

2. Acceptance of a QZAB for Laconia High School Renovations in the amount of \$1.828 million

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. with the reading of the notice of public hearing posted in the November 1, 2013 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, City Hall, the Gail Memorial Library and the Laconia Community Center.

City Manager Myers advised that the City has received this option in connection with the Huot Technical Career Center project. This bond would be utilized to fund life safety repairs and other technical repairs at Laconia High School.

With no members of the public wishing to speak Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Seymour commented that there was a very nice turnout at the Veteran's Day Ceremony yesterday.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE: (Lipman, Hamel, Baer)**
 - a) WOW Trail Fund
 - b) Special Item Budget Requests Procedural Review
 - c) Huot Center
 - d) Downtown TIF Financing

No report on any item in committee

2. **PUBLIC SAFETY: (Baer, Doyle, Lahey)**
 - a) Fair St./Court St. traffic problems and accidents

No report on any item in committee

3. **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ORDINANCES: (Doyle, Bolduc, Lahey)**
 - a) Energy Committee
 - b) Vending and Licensing Fees
 - c) Chapt. 119, Building Construction regarding signed architectural plans for residential units

No report on any item in committee

4. **PUBLIC WORKS: (Bolduc, Baer, Lahey)**
 - a) Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Vehicles and Traffic/Parking on Sublawns
 - b) Proposed ordinance regarding vehicles over 18,000 lbs. and engines idling between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m.
 - c) Proposed ordinance regarding large vehicles parked on City streets and sidewalks
 - d) Downtown TIF Infrastructure Proposal

No report on any item in committee

5. LAND & BUILDINGS: (Hamel, Lipman ,Bolduc)

a) Repair & maintenance of City Buildings

No report on any item in committee

LIAISON REPORTS: NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Myers reviewed the Recycling Report, Project Updates and Financial & Operational Trends Report (see attached).

Councilor Baer asked if there are any conversations being had with Bestway regarding rates. City Manager Myers replied that they have been very good working with the City through the enforcement and outreach process of this. The City is currently in a contract until September 30, 2014 with Bestway and it will be going out to bid in the spring. There have been conversations with Casella Waste, the purchaser of Bestway Disposal, regarding the collection of recycling and the tonnage of trash that is being collected.

City Manager Myers noted that Smith Track is completed and open to the public until the snow covers the ground.

Councilor Hamel asked how the date of the impact fee expiration is being tracked. City Manager Myers explained that this is being tracked to avoid having the fees returned to the developer.

Councilor Hamel asked if each individual project has its own five (5) year cycle. City Manager Myers replied that this is the case and each project is based on the Certificate of Occupancy being issued.

Councilor Lipman asked if with the Fire Department, in respect to the additional personnel added with the SAFER Grant, could be tracked and added to the reports. City Manager Myers replied that he is working on this and should have it for next month's report.

City Manager Myers advised the Council that the work has begun to change the boiler at City Hall to natural gas with the gas line being brought in from Beacon Street East. This will result in some disruption in the lower parking lot at City Hall but will only last a few days.

City Manager Myers advised the Council that the Main Street Bridge Project has been approved in the final stages by the State of NH. The bid process will begin with work beginning in the spring.

Councilor Hamel stated that several years ago Oak Street was repaved and the gas company cut into the road within the allotted five (5) year "no cut" time set forth by the City and asked if the City could looked into having the pavement corrected. City Manager Myers replied that he will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Warrant

*Councilor Lipman moved to approve the Sewer Warrant as presented. Seconded by Councilor Doyle.
Motion passed unanimously.*

2. Proposal to change the name of Primrose Drive South to Aavid Drive

City Manager Myers explained that over the summer Aavid Thermalloy has come to the Council and announced that they were relocating their corporate offices to the City. Shortly after the request was made to change the name of Primrose Drive South to reflect the "Aavid" notation. The abutters were notified by certified mail on November 1, 2013 that the Council would be taking this item up and the City has received response from Amatex Corporation and Baron Machine regarding this proposal. Both documents will be attached as part of the official meeting minutes.

Norm Soucy, Vice President and General Manager of Aavid Thermalloy addressed the Council. Mr. Soucy congratulated the Mayor and Council Elect and stated that he looked forward to working with them in the future. With the relocation, 50 employees were relocated to the City as well as renovations being done to promote employee wellness in the facility. The City has been very welcoming to Aavid. With the move to the City Mr. Soucy feels that Aavid has added significant value to the City with support to lodging, local eateries and shops through the traffic they bring to the City. Mr. Soucy added that Aavid acknowledges the concern for cost and time that would be needed by the neighboring businesses to make this change, if approved, and would be willing to cover reasonable costs and commit resources to assist in the changes.

Brian Byrne, Chief Financial Officer of Aavid Thermalloy, reiterated that Aavid is a City corporation and they intend to stay and grow within the community. Aavid recognizes the flexibility needed for this transition and reiterated that external costs and administrative needs will be made available to the neighboring businesses.

Mark Bartram, Plant Manager, stated that Aavid has made a commitment to hire locally. In order to better serve the interests of the advanced manufacturing in the City, Aavid recognized that they would need to work with the education system to accommodate changing skill sets and they have been doing so by working with the Huot Technical Career Center and Lakes Region Community College to tailor programs to accommodate the changes. Aavid has donated advanced high speed equipment to the Lakes Region Community College and sits on the Board of Directors because their goal is to provide some of the best paying jobs in the community.

Randy Bassett, a longtime resident and employee of Aavid for 20 years, stated that he was happy to have the corporate office move back to the City because his commute dropped drastically and he has been able to frequent many local businesses. Just last month Aavid hosted a global meeting at their facility and it resulted in income for many local businesses and that is encouraging to see because it has the potential to bring growth to the City.

Bob Soucy, 73 Woodland Avenue, is an employee of Aavid and City resident for 44 years. Mr. B. Soucy thanked City Manager Myers and his staff for the Laconia Links. Mr. B. Soucy has been employed with Aavid since 1984 when it was located on Cook Court. Mr. B. Soucy's primary goal with the company is to add more sales and jobs to this location. Aavid is making the investment to grow within the City.

Councilor Lipman commented that it was generous of Aavid to cover the cost of changes that will be needed to be made by his neighbors but asked what flexibility of time frame they are willing to adjust to. Mr. N. Soucy replied that they are sensitive to the needs of the neighbors and will be flexible and they had anticipated this would take time to accomplish.

Michael DeAngelis, Sales Director of Amatex Corporation, addressed the Council. Mr. DeAngelis stated that Mr. N. Soucy came to them a few weeks ago regarding this matter and the reasoning. This information was forwarded to the headquarters in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Amatex is also a worldwide corporation and has been on Primrose Drive South since 1982 with two (2) locations on the street and expansion plans for 2014. Mr. DeAngelis explained that if the change were to happen, and Amatex disagrees with the change, it would put unnecessary stress on the business at a time when they are unavailable to make the changes.

Jeremy Baron, Vice President and Co-owner of Baron Machine, addressed the Council. Baron Machine has been on Primrose Drive South for 47 years and owns two (2) buildings. Although Aavid's investments in the community are appreciated, Mr. Baron stated that he does not feel changing the name of a street if going to benefit anyone in anyway and is going to be more of a hassle. Mr. Baron does not want to give his customers the impression that they are relocating and this would do that. Baron Machine would like to keep the name the same as current.

Mayor Seymour clarified that Mr. Baron does not have an issue with the financial side because Aavid is willing to cover the cost but with the potential implication that the business is relocating. Mr. Baron confirmed that when a business sees this they will assume a change in location and the proposal is a waste of time.

Robert Maher, 72 Primrose Drive, addressed the Council. Mr. Maher explained that a lot of time goes into establishing an address and location and he does not see a need to make the change at this time. They have never had a problem with emergency personnel finding the location and the implication of relocating on paper, combined with the unnecessary cost, makes it seem unnecessary to make the change.

Michael Persson, resident of Laconia, supports the change of the name to Aavid Drive. Mr. Persson stated Aavid has brought many high paying jobs to the City and if we want to be a business friendly community we need to support them as a business. They aren't asking for tax breaks or any other preferential treatment.

Councilor Lahey asked if there is a business reason for the name change. Mr. N. Soucy replied it would enhance the community and promote high end manufacturing and technology jobs throughout the world. The address would be included in all aspects of Aavid's business and would enhance the City.

Mr. DeAngelis stated that he understands Aavid's point of view but the industries that have been there for many years have concerns. Aavid may have their headquarters on Primrose Drive South, but if Amatex were to move their headquarters to Primrose Drive South they would not try and have the name changed to Amatex Drive. Primrose Drive South should stay as it is.

Councilor Lipman commented that staying the way we are isn't reflective of the actual happenings to encourage advanced manufacturing. In trying to rebrand the community and have leverage off of the enhancements that have been made with the Huot Technical Career Center it is necessary to go beyond ourselves and make the change to better the City with the rebranding effort that is being made. If enough time is given to make the necessary changes they should not be unattainable by the neighboring businesses.

Councilor Lipman moved to change the name of Primrose Drive South to Aavid Drive taking into consideration the time and cost that will be needed to make the change. Seconded by Councilor Baer.

Councilor Hamel commented that he isn't sure voting on this tonight is a good idea because of the comments that have been made this evening. Councilor Hamel stated that he would like to wait longer

and added that he does not understand how changing the name of the street is going to benefit the City. The costs that will be included in making the change are unknown. Councilor Lipman did not disagree that there could be a chance for dialog and a realistic agreement to be reached but stated that if the City is trying to attract corporate headquarters we need to use the limited options to attract and retain employers and to be flexible in doing so. If the neighbors were incurring the costs and not given time to make the changes it would not be fair for them but Aavid is willing to accept reasonable costs and allow time needed.

Councilor Hamel asked what is going to happen if another business approaches the Council and asks to change the name to something else because they move there corporate headquarters there. By doing this we are going to identify one company over the others. The costs are unknown and changes are going to take time so waiting a little longer is understandable.

Councilor Lipman amended his motion to give an indication that the City Council will adopt the name change so long as an agreement is put together to include the reasonable cost and a timeframe for the neighboring businesses. No second was made to this amendment therefore the motion is not valid.

Councilor Lahey commented that he is uncomfortable with this motion. It would be telling the other companies that Aavid, as a business, is more important than the neighbors when they have all been here for a long time. The neighbors have objection and it needs to be considered.

Councilor Lipman commented that if we do the same thing over and over and expect different results it is unrealistic.

Councilor Hamel replied that he does not understand how changing the name of a road is going to make one business better over the other. Mayor Seymour commented that it's not about one being better than the others.

Councilor Bolduc commented that he has only heard concerns about expense and if Aavid is willing to cover the costs it shows they respect the other companies.

Councilor Lahey asked the neighboring businesses if expense is the only concern.

Peter Croteau, representing Amatex, replied that there is a lot of administrative cost associated with this proposed change. At this facility they have regular tasks to complete and they are going to have to undertake all of the research to come up with what the actual cost for this would be; they don't have the resources to do this research without abandoning other areas of their business. A reasonable cost has not been determined and more time is needed to even come up with any associated costs. Councilor Hamel asked what a reasonable time would be to do the research and come up with a cost. Mr. Croteau replied that he doesn't know at this time.

Councilor Lipman commented that he understands that there needs to be some efforts but it is not impossible to quantify. This is not something that the neighbors necessarily want to do but it is something that is attainable. Mr. Croteau replied that they can come up with cost but it is going to take some time and how much time is unknown because every time this is discussed they come up with new areas that would need to be changed that were not thought of before.

Councilor Lahey asked if there is any other concern besides the cost and time. Mr. Croteau replied that from a business standpoint they see no advantage to making the change. Councilor Lahey asked if there is a disadvantage. Mr. Croteau replied that he can't say there is.

Mr. N. Soucy reaffirmed that Aavid will support the other businesses both financially and administratively if this change is approved. Aavid has been through the process and understands what needs to be changed because of their move from Concord to Laconia. The goal is to not have cost be the burden of the neighbors. This is not something that is expected to be done immediately and it is understood that this would take time.

Councilor Baer stated that she would like to just make a decision because adding more conditions to the motion is going to cause this process to drag on far too long. Councilor Lipman replied that to be fair to the businesses it is necessary to make sure there is an agreement in place to make sure reasonable costs are agreed upon.

Councilor Bolduc asked how long it took Aavid to make the address change from Concord to Laconia. Mr. N. Soucy replied that the process took four to six months and was reasonable.

Councilor Lahey stated that if there really wasn't an issue the businesses would come to the Council at a future meeting and have everything worked out. If there truly isn't an issue other than cost then everyone involved should be able to sit down and come to an agreement.

Mr. Baron asked how changing a road name is going to affect businesses coming into the City. Baron Machine has been established on Primrose Drive South longer than Aavid and the name isn't being changed to Baron Drive. Councilor Lipman replied that the City can promote that a company relocated there corporate headquarters to the City and by showing support for Aavid the City can potentially promote and support other businesses coming into the City. If everyone looks at how something affects them and not the community as a whole the result will have no synergy. This is an opportunity for the City and as long as it is being done fairly there is no reason to deny the request.

Mr. Baron asked what happens when if the reasonable costs cannot be agreed on. Councilor Lipman replied that it will be clear if that happens. Mr. Baron countered that it is not a good practice to change street names based on a business moving into the City.

Mayor Seymour asked if Mr. Baron if there is an economic disadvantage to this proposed change other than cost associated with implementing it. Mr. Baron replied that there are not.

Councilor Lipman stated that Aavid would need to have a discussion with the neighbors regarding what a reasonable cost would be and asked if three months would be enough time. Mr. N. Soucy replied that he believes it would and that they want to be flexible with this and ensure there are no out of pocket costs for the neighboring businesses. This should be something that can be easily worked out and they will cover all costs in the process because there is nothing that is unreasonable in nature.

Councilor Lipman commented that allowing a reasonable time to come to agreement is important so that it does not prevent the businesses administrators from completing other tasks is important. Mr. N. Soucy agreed and the estimate can be done soon.

Councilor Hamel stated that he feels they should get this information and they should be giving the Council the timeframe. The Council doesn't need to be involved in how long this is going to take them.

Councilor Lipman stated that he is fine with this as long as everyone is being reasonable with each other.

Mr. Maher advised that he has three businesses in the property he owns and he needs to communicate back to them. This needs to be coordination with all of them.

The consensus of the Council is to have this matter brought before the Council at their February 24, 2014 meeting with an agreement in place with all businesses involved.

3. Downtown Parking Discussion

Mayor Seymour explained that there was discussion at the last meeting regarding some of the changes currently in place becoming permanent. This discussion was tabled to allow for more time for the businesses effected to respond.

Chris Santaniello, representing Lakes Region Community Service Council (LRCSC), addressed the Council. Ms. Santaniello expressed that they appreciate the additional all day parking and it has had a positive impact on the organization. The move of LRCSC to the Federal Building has been positive for the Downtown community. With hosting outside organizations into the building there are approximately 25 group meetings each month and the Family Resource Center has approximately 250 meetings each month. Parking spaces have been added to the maximum amount under the Planning Board and LRSCS encourages the parking conditions to remain as they are at this time.

Councilor Lipman asked Ms. Santaniello to look at this from the other perspective of returning to two hour parking and comment. Ms. Santaniello explained that the parking spaces being utilized are behind Veteran's Square; the businesses in the train station building have a large parking lot for their patrons during their operational hours and by having the parking behind be unlimited it is not impeding on any Downtown business. Prior to this change the spaces were not being used for a large part of the day.

Councilor Hamel asked how many cars are parking behind Veteran's Square from LRCSC. Ms. Santaniello replied that she isn't sure but is confident they aren't using all of them. Dave Emond, Director of Operations, replied that there are 38 parking spaces and he uses one every day to allow for those with walking disabilities to utilize parking closer to the entrance of the LRCSC building. Currently there are four spaces designated as two hour parking on New Salem Street in addition to the all-day parking as well 47 in the parking lot of the train station, and none of them are ever full. With these spaces being at the furthest end of Main Street, Mr. Emond stated that he doesn't feel it would be impeding on the Downtown businesses.

Councilor Lipman asked if there would be a willingness to make changes if needed at a later time if the dynamic of Downtown changes. Ms. Santaniello replied that she would be happy to sit down and discuss this again at a later date because the goal is for a healthy and vibrant Downtown area.

Councilor Baer commented that if there are so many spaces not being used no one is really losing if they revert back to two hour. Ms. Santaniello replied that if all of the spaces were two hour than they would be.

Councilor Baer stated that when the Federal Building became the location for LRCSC it was stated that there would be adequate parking because there was more space than the prior location and at a later time it was asked how many spaces were needed and the response was that they only needed 45 to 50 at one time. Ms. Santaniello replied that when they went into the building there was a garage that was used that was not up to code and with the change of use they were required to remove the building and match green space which resulted in a loss of spaces.

Councilor Baer commented that if there are not parking spaces for business customers, particularly with an additional restaurant opening across the street from the train station, it will prevent them from being successful. Ms. Santaniello replied that she respects Councilor Baer's opinion but they simply disagree.

Councilor Baer referred to minutes of prior meetings where the Downtown district was discussed and the changes need to be recognized. Councilor Lipman commented that everyone is looking at this from their own perspective rather than the whole, which is why he is asking everyone for their thoughts on the perspective from the other side. The spaces are going unused now and the new business is not opening for another six months. If everyone works together we can come out ahead but if we work against each other we will be behind.

Councilor Bolduc asked if the Planning Board has restricted the parking spaces at the LRSCS building. Ms. Santaniello replied that when it was a Federal Building they used a garage and had different code requirements. When LRSCS occupied the property they were required to meet current code and that came from standard code and was not done at the pleasure of LRSCS. Mr. Emond explained that there were 13 parking spaces within the garage being used and they were exempt from local, state and federal building and fire codes. When LRSCS took possession of the building the Fire Department presented a layout that would allow access for a fire truck into the parking lot and the changes were made. When the parking lot was repaved 10 additional parking spaces were added and green space was added. Mr. Emond added that if you drive behind the train station any day you can see that a majority are vacant.

Andy Patterson, Executive Director of the Laconia Clinic, thanked the Council for the change they made to the parking. On Harvard Street the parking was unacceptable before with cars parking on the sidewalk and preventing a safe view when exiting the facility. It would be the hope that this area would remain "No Parking". In regard for the parking on New Salem Street, Mr. Patterson advocated for the parking to be open all day. On any given day the parking spaces in question are not being used completely. Downtown is not just a retail areas, it is a professional area and the composition is changed in that area.

Jon Moriarty, representing the Laconia Main Street Initiative, addressed the Council. At this time the Planning Board is discussing a very similar issue and Laconia Main Street Initiative is also devoted to addressing there topic as well therefore they submitted a written opinion which was not distributed to the Council because of the time received. Mr. Moriarty acknowledged that the common goal is to have the Downtown area succeed and parking is important to that success. The concern of the Laconia Main Street Initiative if not just the 34 parking spaces on New Salem Street but that they do not know what is coming next in the form of a plan. When the changes are proposed to be permanent for something that was made as a temporary measure the emphasis is made on "permanent" and cannot be changed. It would be the request of the Laconia Main Street Initiative not to make all of the parking spaces all day and that the Council not legislate one parking space at a time but rather come up with a plan and legislate it.

Councilor Hamel commented that every year parking spaces come before the Council. Last year the parties involved were given the direction to come up with a plan and work together to come up with a plan that would work for everyone and now the Council is dealing with this again. Councilor Hamel added that every six months someone asks for something else and it's not acceptable. Mayor Seymour clarified that Mr. Moriarty would like this to be done as a comprehensive plan for Downtown and not by pieces. Mr. Moriarty confirmed this is the desire.

Councilor Hamel replied that the Council does not know the needs of Downtown like the businesses do and the Council needs a plan from them. Requesting changes every few months is very difficult on the public, the Council and the merchants.

Councilor Lipman acknowledged that the Laconia Main Street Initiative is working to do something good in the Downtown but in the absence of more data the Council cannot make a decision at this time. Mr. Moriarty replied that it makes sense to him.

Mr. Moriarty commented that the Laconia Main Street Initiative was created with the endorsement of the Council as an advisory authority and it is his understanding that the instruction of the Council is to sit down with the other stakeholders and come up with a comprehensive plan to bring forward as a more definitive measure. Mayor Seymour replied that it is the request of the Council to have everyone involved work together rather than against each other on this topic. Mr. Moriarty replied that the Laconia Main Street Initiative is willing to do this.

Councilor Baer stated that the Parking Committee was formed by the Council in 2012 to take a comprehensive look at the parking in Downtown and consisted of representatives of the merchants, businesses, City departments, and the Council. One meeting was held in December 2012 and resulted in the temporary order that is being discussed now and no other meeting has been held since. Not meeting is not coming up with a comprehensive plan and there is a structure in place to do so.

Councilor Hamel commented that there are 1,100 parking spaces in Downtown and asked what Mr. Moriarty thinks a comprehensive plan is for a parking space. Mr. Moriarty replied that in keeping with the aspect that looking at the large picture is the goal he cannot adequately answer this question.

Mayor Seymour commented that as many voices as possible need to be at the discussions to make them effective. Mr. Moriarty confirmed that he is well meaning as is the Laconia Main Street Initiative.

Councilor Hamel moved to leave the temporary parking in place pending the Parking Committee meeting to bring forward a plan to the Council. Seconded by Councilor Lahey.

Councilor Lahey commented that when the new restaurant opens he can see the needs of Downtown changing.

Councilor Lipman requested if the Council would like him to recuse himself. No one felt it was necessary to do so.

Mayor Seymour called the question. ***Motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Baer opposed.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of a Resolution relative to Authorizing Bonds and Notes of the City for Capital Projects in the amount of \$1.828 million

City Manager Myers requested to schedule a Finance Committee meeting to immediately follow the Council meeting on November 25, 2013 to affirm a vote should this resolution pass. Councilor Lipman asked if this met any time requirements and it was confirmed it does.

Councilor Hamel request that input from the Council be included in the repairs that will be made. T

Councilor Lahey moved a Second Reading of a Resolution relative to Authorizing Bonds and Notes of the City for Capital Projects in the amount of \$1.828 million. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

Councilor Baer asked if lockers would be included in the repairs that are being made. Ed Emond, Business Administrator, replied that there are no plans to add lockers. Many of the lockers have been removed because they are not being used. Councilor Baer replied that she received a concern from a young lady for who is carrying around all of her books and outwear with her to every class and she does not have a locker. Mayor Seymour asked if there is the availability of lockers for every student. Mr. Emond replied that every student that wished to have a locker has one available.

Mayor Seymour called the question. **Motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Baer opposed.**

2. Milfoil Treatment Funding Request
3. WOW Trail
4. Master Plan
5. EPA Update
6. Sewer & Water Master Plan
7. Single Stream Recycling/Concord Co-Op/Solid Waste Disposal Cost Reduction
8. Strategic Planning/Goal Setting

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:

- **Planning Board:** (2 alternate vacancies)
 1. Hamilton McLean - seeking appointment as an alternate for a 3-year term expiring 2016

This item was taken up under Consent and Action.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Bolduc thanked Busby Construction and the Department of Public Works for the wonderful reconstruction of Mechanic Street. Councilor Bolduc encouraged the public to respect the speed limit on the street and those that live there.

Councilor Baer thanked the City Clerk's Office and all of the election workers for a very successful Municipal Election. They did a wonderful job and had all of the reports in within an hour of the polls closing.

NON - PUBLIC SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk