



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2012
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 Henry Lipman led the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilor Lahey was excused.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Regular and Non-Public Minutes of November 26, 2012**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the regular and non-public minutes of November 26, 2012. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:

- 1. Requests to Raise Funds on City Property**
 - a. Weirs Action Committee – Weirs Beach/Endicott Parking Lot – June 8 – 16, 2013 for Motorcycle Parking**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the request by the Weirs Action Committee to raise funds at Weirs Beach/Endicott Parking Lot on June 8 through 16, 2013 for motorcycle parking. Seconded by Councilor Doyle.

Councilor Hamel requested to see financial information from this fundraising done during 2012. City Manager Myers replied that he will make the request.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Wilkins-Smith Post 1 – July 5 and 6, 2013 – Memorial Park for the Kelley Circus**

Mayor Seymour requested to table this item because Don Vachon, the event organizer, could not be in attendance this evening to answer any questions or concerns. The Council was in agreement.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: NONE

INTERVIEWS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Proposed Ordinance Adopting RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. with the reading of the Notice of Posting which was made in the Laconia Daily Sun on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 and was posted at City Hall and the Laconia Public Library.

City Manager Myers explained that the adoption of this enabling legislation will give the Council another tool to use to encourage economic development in the village districts of the City.

Jon Moriarty, representing the Laconia Main Street Initiative, addressed the Council. Mr. Moriarty encouraged the Council to approve this proposal. The Laconia Main Street Initiative has been in contact with other communities that have adopted this legislation that has had success and it would be a good opportunity for all three areas indicated.

With no further comments from the public Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Council Presentation

Mayor Seymour presented the Debra Bienarz Award to Jack Batchelder. Mr. Batchelder accepted the award and stated that this award should go to Rich Velasquez because he is the inspiration for Mr. Batchelder.

2. Laconia Police Department POP Update – Chief Adams

Chief Adams, accompanied by Captain Bill Clary, Detective Chris Noyes and Sgt. Scott Roy, addressed the Council.

Chief Adams explained that they will be receiving an update this evening regarding the Substance Abuse Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Project. The concept with POP is to combine education, enforcement and awareness to solve problems within the community, such as substance abuse. Chief Adams explained that substance abuse, either directly or indirectly, is related to a majority of the crimes that take place within the City.

Chief Adams emphasized that the Police Department cannot tackle this problem on their own and that it is a community problem and the community needs to come together to try and solve the problem. Fortunately in the City there is support from many stakeholders, including the Council, the hospital, the school district and other community partners. To give the Council a sense of how important this

problem is, Chief Adams told a story about a young boy who was unfortunate enough to have an interaction with the Police Department twice in two years because of activities that were taking place in his home and the anguish that child felt and will have to deal with for the rest of his life because of it. Chief Adams reiterated that substance abuse problems change the lives of everyone involved.

Sgt. Roy addressed the Council. Sgt. Roy explained that the members of the POP project have attended meetings with community groups to discuss what can be done to educate on substance abuse. Additionally, there have been proactive investigations of drug related crimes by making controlled purchases and executing warrants. When staffing levels have allowed there are patrolmen and detectives in plain clothing that will spend time in the areas of the City that are known for their narcotics activities and has resulted in multiple arrests. There has also been assistance from the media by publishing stories relating to opiate abuse and how it is done.

Sgt. Roy explained that in 2011 there were 200 overdose deaths in New Hampshire and seven (7) of those deaths were in the City with four (4) of the deaths being investigated as crimes. This year to date there has been no overdose related deaths in the City. Sgt. Roy stated that there has been cooperation with Lakes Region General Hospital (LRGH) to determine which substances caused the overdosing occurrences so that the Police Department can educate properly.

In the future, the Police Department will work to identify trends and educate the public based on these trends as well as working with local businesses, such as hotels and pharmacies, to educate them on patterns of behavior of manufacturers of substances and the people addicted to them. At this time there has been a relationship established with local pharmacies to communicate with the Police Department when they feel the ingredients are being purchased to manufacture certain substances. Sgt. Roy will also be attending community group meetings to educate on what to look for, such as the Family Resource Center, which has staff visiting homes on a regular basis that can look for key elements to manufacturing.

Sgt. Roy explained that a process has been started when someone reports lost or stolen medication that involves a background screening and reaching out to the physician, without making any privacy violations, to let them know there has been an occurrence. This will assist the Police Department in identifying multiple reports and raises red flags that someone could have a substance abuse problem or could be selling their prescription drugs.

A voluntary survey is being developed that will ask the arrestees questions that would assist in identifying the triggers of their addiction and its connection with the crime they are being arrested for. Unfortunately it would require the arrestee to admit their guilt therefore it may be difficult to have voluntary compliance, but it would be helpful in collecting data to analyze the areas that need to be concentrated on.

Councilor Lipman asked for some detail on the prescription monitoring program. Sgt. Roy explained that this will be a maintained registry that will allow physicians to check on individuals and see if they have been prescribed other narcotic medications and if there is an indication of potential abuse.

Councilor Hamel commented that the City of Franklin has a drug task force comprised of members of the Police Department, School, and citizens that concentrates on this area and this might be something worth doing in the City. Mayor Seymour replied that we do have a similar program. Chief Adams explained that Stand Up for a Drug Free Laconia program is a very similar model but it is not a Mayor's Council. It would be a possibility to give the Council a report from the group on a regular basis. Councilor

Hamel noted that the City of Franklin has received grants through this taskforce and this could be a good opportunity for the City.

Councilor Lipman asked if the additional position funded in the budget has been filled and if not, when will it be. Capt. Clary replied that this position was initially funded for the year but was agreed to be funded for half of the fiscal year. The position will be staffed beginning in January and we will see the benefit. Sgt. Roy noted that this will allow Det. Noyes to shift non-drug related work to the new employee and allow Sgt. Roy and Det. Noyes to focus on substance abuse related crimes.

Councilor Hamel asked if a drug dog is being used in the schools and their parking areas at this time. Chief Adams explained that the new K-9 is being trained on these skills and the plan is to continue this program.

Det. Noyes addressed the Council. Det. Noyes explained that he wears multiple hats with the department and the numbers of case loads with a reference to controlled substances are diverted to him. Unfortunately, substance abuse intertwines with other crimes and Det. Noyes will work on a variety of cases.

Det. Noyes explained that there is an expectation from the public when they report suspicions of substance abuse or selling and unfortunately it is not always the same as the actual process. When a report is made the department cannot just raid a building or arrest someone on suspicion and they need to complete a full investigation which takes time. A case can take a few days, a few months, or even several years to build for various reasons, including the subject moving, becoming incarcerated for other offenses, or the inability to locate the individual.

The trends of substances in the City are also changing from the common substances to the synthetic substances, such as Spice, bath salts and pills. The department tries to stay on top of the trends and follow where the problems are within the City.

Councilor Hamel asked if Spice is being sold locally in stores. Sgt. Roy replied that there is but they don't have banned substances in them because the ingredients and formula changes as substances are banned. Det. Noyes added that the manufacturers know and they use a different chemical which means that the department is always playing catch up on what is legal and what is illegal because it changes rapidly. Prior to a law change in August, the department went to every store in the City to see which were selling Spice and purchased the product to determine what the ingredients were; after the law changed banning the substances the department went back to the locations that were selling them prior and the product was no longer available.

Councilor Hamel explained that the Council has previously discussed an ordinance banning the product of Spice in the City but it was brought forward that the State was going to be banning the product. Sgt. Roy commented that the State did take this action and new chemicals are constantly added.

Councilor Hamel asked if there is anything the Council can do to support the ban. Sgt. Roy replied that this would be beyond the parameters of federal statute because it would be too vague. Det. Noyes added that when Franklin enacted a similar ordinance it was specific to K2 Spice and listed the ingredients which are very limiting.

Councilor Lipman asked if there was a benefit to publicizing who was selling these products and allowing the community to decide if they would like to support businesses that are contributing. Det. Noyes replied that at this time the department is not aware of any stores in the City that are selling Spice and

civil liability could be a detrimental effect of publicizing the locations that were selling previously. Councilor Hamel asked if stores can sell the Spice if it doesn't have the banned substances in it. Det Noyes replied that there is nothing preventing it but the problem lies when the stores don't know what the banned ingredients are and the packaging states that it is "not for human consumption". Sgt. Roy added that the stores won't take the chance because they are not sure of what the manufacturer puts in the product.

Councilor Bolduc asked what type of stores sells these products. Det. Noyes replied that it is generally a convenience store and the product is priced to make a large profit.

Det. Noyes reviewed some statistical information with the Council. There have been 37 arrests this year for possession or sale of a controlled or narcotic substance. These were felony level cases. Currently there are over 20 arrest warrants for individuals with the same types of charges. This results in concern that everyone is not getting arrested right away and the department does things in an order and for a reason.

Det. Noyes advised the Council that he is the primary liaison for the Drug Task Force, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and any other agency that would need assistance while performing an investigation in the City.

Det. Noyes shared a success story with the Council. Recently Det. Noyes received a Christmas card from someone that he arrested that is currently serving two (2) years in prison. This individual thanked Det. Noyes for arresting them and sending them to prison because they are sober and it has changed their life. At other times individuals have approached Det. Noyes after serving time and thanked him for arresting them and making them see what they were doing with their life.

Councilor Lipman stated that he appreciated the update and it would be appreciated to get a quarterly update. Chief Adams agreed and added that the City is not all gloom and doom and is a great community but they do have issues they are addressing.

Councilor Hamel asked if the POP project has concluded at Wyatt Park. Chief Adams replied that it is wrapping up at the end of this year but just because a POP project ends does not mean that the presence in the area will no longer exist. If severe issues are brought forward the POP project will be reinitiated, but there will always be officers doing patrols and stopping in to the park.

Councilor Bolduc stated that getting the information out is a big help to the parents.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Seymour recognized the retirement of Lee Thompson, a long time employee of the Department of Public Works, at the end of November. Mr. Thompson was a dedicated employee and he will be missed, but the Mayor wished him well in his retirement.

Mayor Seymour thanked Councilor Bolduc and Councilor Hamel for their efforts at Christmas Village.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS: **NONE**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- FINANCE:** **(Lipman, Hamel, Baer)**

- a) WOW Trail Fund
- b) Special Item Budget Requests Procedural Review
- c) Huot Center

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

No report on any item in committee

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

- a) Repair & maintenance of City Buildings
- b) Former Laconia Police Department Building

No report on any item in committee

LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilor Doyle reported that the Sand Migration Study was presented and it was very informative. The process is to have the study reviewed by the Planning Board who will then make a recommendation to the Council for action. A definitive plan needs to be in place before the City can apply to the State to complete the work. Councilor Bolduc asked if the news reports were accurate with the amount of sand that disappears each year. Councilor Doyle replied that it was.

Councilor Hamel reported that the Joint Building Committee for the Huot Center will be meeting again on Friday. The hope is to have the exterior of the building sealed up by the end of the month and begin working on the inside. They have started work on the football field and will continue as long as the weather allows.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Myers submitted the Recycling Report (see Attachment #1), Project Updates (see Attachment #2) and Financial & Operational Trends (see Attachment #3).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Sale of City Owned Property on Davis Place (Map 412, Block 60, Lot 59 and Map 412, Block 60, Lot 22) to the Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region

City Manager Myers reviewed the process to date and explained that the Council now has the option to direct the City Manager to continue the process with the following conditions as expressed by the Council:

- The City maintains an easement for future Riverwalk construction.
- A three year time frame for breaking ground on construction, otherwise property reverts back to City.
- Appropriate screening to be placed between the Club and the residential property along the side border on the northwest side.
- Overflow parking agreement with Laconia Housing Authority to be in place.
- In lieu of the City accepting the offered purchase price, the funds shall remain with the Club and placed in an emergency operational reserve account.
- The architectural style of the building shall be compatible with the neighborhood.

Councilor Hamel stated that he does not necessarily object to the proposal but feels that the City is not in a position to make a decision on this item this evening and that more time should be taken to consider the neighbors and the effect this will have. Before making a decision Councilor Hamel would like to see a plot layout and how the facility will be accessed so it can be determined if the facility would be detrimental to the neighborhood. City Manager Myers stated that a rendering is available for the Council if they would like to view it. Councilor Hamel countered that it should have been made available prior.

Councilor Bolduc expressed that he has received telephone calls from the abutters and Victoria Woods, the retirement community abutting the proposed site, and they are very concerned with the location and the effect it will have on their neighborhood. Councilor Bolduc stated that the elderly that live in Victoria Woods are currently concerned with the younger people in the neighborhood and are afraid to leave their homes in the evening.

Councilor Lipman commented that he understand the reservations that have come up but it would be beneficial to direct the City Manager to move forward with the process but not necessarily make a final decision with conditions at this time. Conceptually the Council is in agreement that if this project is done correctly the Council will be in support. Councilor Lipman feels that the City Manager should be able to take all of the Councilors' recommendations and come up with a finalized plan for approval.

Councilor Lipman added that he had a conversation with Councilor Lahey regarding some additions he felt were necessary, including making set back requirements that could be more stringent than the current standards.

In terms of putting the purchase price in a reserve escrow, Councilor Lipman stated the idea is that the quality of the project is as successful as the programs provided, and this would not be used for subsidizing operations but would allow for a resource so the programming has the effect for the community that would be beneficial. The children of the community will be better citizens if they are given opportunity.

Councilor Baer stated that she agrees with Councilor Hamel that more time is needed and everyone wants the Boys & Girls Club to succeed no matter where it is. Councilor Baer stated that she has concern for the residents and taxpayers that live in the area; defining it as a mixed zone is not adequate because 90% of the occupants are residential, either single or multi family. Councilor Baer has also received calls from residents at Victoria Woods, as well as other abutters, who are concerned about the location and the Council has a responsibility to the taxpayers and residents to consider their peace and safety as well. Additionally, there is concern about the decrease in the property value of the neighborhood when the City has shown an overall decrease of \$30 million.

Councilor Baer read a quote from a segment of literature provided by the Boys & Girls Club that indicated the behavior of the children in the City is not appropriate for a family neighborhood and could be a concern of safety for the neighborhood. Mayor Seymour stated that the Boys & Girls Club is there to counter this behavior.

Councilor Baer also objected to having the purchase price being placed into a fund for the Club by the City. At a non-public session, which was mentioned earlier this evening, this proposal was suggested and the minutes indicate the Council was unhappy with this option and the precedent it would set and it was decided at that time that the Boys & Girls Club would make their own "safety net" and Rod Dyer would compile a resolution that would place the funds in a trust which does not appear to be the same as what is being proposed. Councilor Lipman replied that it is exactly what is being described and continued that concerns and reservations are legitimate but the burden of increased costs in the community caused from under stimulated citizens, such as through County fees and Welfare assistance, is not going to go away without investments; there cannot be complaints later on when you don't want to make corrections early on. Councilor Lipman agreed that there should be appropriate screening for the elderly in the area, proper sidewalks and appropriate staff but at the end of the day we need to move the ball forward and direct the City Manager to continue the process and planning, including interaction in the community. Councilor Lipman understands why a final vote will not be made this evening but to say no action will be taken is not acceptable.

Councilor Baer asked if this property will be going out to the public for bidding as well or can we sell it to the Boys & Girls Club without asking if anyone else is interested. City Manager Myers replied that it is not necessary but if a competing offer were to come forward he would share it with the Council to make a determination.

Councilor Lipman stated that this transaction is not being made to generate a profit but to leverage private funds and time to better the youth of the community because by making it better for the youth you are improving the future of the community. If this option was available the City would be looking at programs and absorbing the cost.

Councilor Bolduc commented that anyone else would have to go through the Planning Board and submit plans and layouts, but the Council doesn't have that which makes it difficult to reassure the abutters that what is printed in words will happen because there is no visual acknowledgement. Councilor Lipman agreed that he would like to see the layout but we need to authorize the City Manager to continue.

Councilor Hamel stated he would be willing to move the process forward but not to making a final decision. Additionally, Councilor Hamel would like to see the purchase price placed in an account controlled by the City and not the Club.

Councilor Doyle agreed with Councilor Lipman and stated that more detail is needed and she is sure that the Planning Board will be included on the process when it gets to that point.

Councilor Hamel stated that he would like to see more communication with the neighbors as well.

Councilor Doyle commented that if this project is done right it could have a very positive effect on the property values and the neighborhood. Councilor Baer asked if Councilor Doyle would like it next to her house. Councilor Doyle replied that there are plenty of establishments around her home that are not ideal but unless she wanted to purchase all of the property around her she needs to deal with whatever happens.

Rod Dyer, a volunteer advisor for the Boys & Girls Club, addressed the Council. Mr. Dyer explained that in listening to the comments this evening he thinks that under the circumstances it would be beneficial to move forward by conceptual agreement. The Boys & Girls Club does not have an objection to communicating with the neighbors and explaining the details of the proposal. Mr. Dyer stated that there are schematic plans that can be submitted and if the Council takes a step forward they will continue to work with the City Manager and bring more details to the Council.

Councilor Hamel asked if the Club has met with the neighbors as of this time. Mr. Dyer replied that this has not happened to his knowledge but as a result of the comments this evening they will, particularly the residents of Victoria Woods because their concerns were a surprise to the Club.

Chief Adams clarified that the Club has spoken to some of the neighbors, including Lakes Region Day Care, Laconia Housing Authority (22 Strafford Street), and some of the single family units. Councilor Hamel replied that the neighbors need to see the conceptual plans before this comes back to the Council because they may have impacting input for the area.

Councilor Hamel asked if the substation at 22 Strafford Street is located on the same end of the block as the proposed location. Chief Adams replied that it is on the Union Avenue area of the building and the area is generally populated more in the warmer months. Councilor Hamel commented that this situation can be likened to the WOW Trail with people concerned about inappropriate activity taking place and in retrospect it cleaned it up because more people are there.

Chief Adams stated that a majority of the children that attend the Club are from the City and in the last year the Police Department has responded to the current location three (3) times, with only one instance being for a child related incident. Although the concerns of the abutters and the Council are legitimate, it should be noted that this facility is not going to be an out of control free-for-all with kids being trucked in from all over the county. These are our children in our community and this would give them a place to go that would give them the life skills they need to be successful members of the community. With just under 300 attendees the building is not going to be built so large that it would accommodate thousands of children; there will be a limit on the capacity.

Councilor Hamel asked if the substation could be relocated to the Davis Place end of the building. Chief Adams replied that he is unsure of office space on that end but as with any other area of the City there could be additional patrols in the area if requested. Police presence will not be an issue.

Mr. Dyer also pointed out that Russ Thibeault can assist with any issues relating to property values as the process moves forward. Additionally, Mr. Dyer noted that when Briarcrest Community was built there were similar concerns from the neighbors about increased traffic and population and this area has

become one of the finest areas of the community; therefore, fears should be calmed. Councilor Baer replied that she is not against the Boys & Girls Club but she is concerned with the location.

Lloyd Wylie, an abutter to the proposed site, addressed the Council. Mr. Wylie stated that he agrees that the Boys & Girls Club is needed and is a great project, but he has concerns of it being located in a highly populated area that has 40 families immediately abutting the proposed site. Additionally the Normandin Square apartment has 80 units and each only has one parking space and the entire overflow is parked on Davis Place. The proposed lots are the only green space the children that live in Normandin Square have, and it is utilized. Mr. Wylie stated there may be better areas that should be researched because 300 children would bring a large amount of foot traffic and vehicle traffic to a neighborhood that is already over loaded.

Although Mr. Wylie would like to see the Boys & Girls Club succeed he does not feel this is the appropriate place. Mr. Wylie noted that there is a rural location in Leominster, Massachusetts, that has a Boys & Girls Club located on the outskirts and it is thriving, while an urban location in neighboring Fitchburg has a high rate of violence, gangs and drugs with a lot of foot traffic, and although this may not be comparable to the City it should be considered. Mr. Wylie also noted that there is City owned property on Lexington Drive that could be considered because it is not too far out of the way and some kids could walk and others could drive or be bussed and the area can handle the traffic, unlike Davis Place.

Mr. Wylie continued that he feels that doing more research would be beneficial to the success of the Boys & Girls Club and everyone wants to see them succeed. Mr. Wylie urged the Council not to be haste because there is plenty of time.

Councilor Lipman, recognizing the concerns of the abutters and Council, moved to conceptually approve the preparation of the documents and plans to address the items outlined, specifically maintaining an easement for future Riverwalk construction, an agreement addressing time frame, appropriate screening between abutters and the elderly housing development, traffic control, both foot and vehicular, the plot layout with setbacks, architectural design, and an agreement with the Boys & Girls Club with respect to the establishment of a fund for the purchase price.

Councilor Baer asked if this would be declaring the property as surplus. Councilor Lipman replied that it would not because the Council would not want to do so without being comfortable with all aspects.

City Manager Myers confirmed that this motion would give him direction to address all of the concerns raised by the Council and abutters with more specification, and he would then bring back a more defined plan to the Council. He added that the Boys & Girls Club will do outreach in the neighborhood before coming back to the Council. The Council confirmed this is the direction.

Seconded by Councilor Doyle.

Councilor Hamel confirmed the motion direction. Councilor Lipman stated that he would like to get a sense of when the arrival and departure time would be, as well as how many participants could be there in a given day.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Request by Department of Public Works to Use Remaining Demolition Funds for Radio Equipment Upgrades

City Manager Myers explained that the FCC has established new radio frequency requirements using narrow banding effective January 1, 2013. It is very important to have the radio equipment functional for the safety of the employees. To be compliant new equipment will be necessary with a total cost of \$34,648.30. With the remaining funding from the demolition of 23 Strafford Street and the sand shed of \$26,059.05, as well as funding from the Sanitary Sewer Fund of \$8,589.25, the cost of the upgrades would be covered.

Councilor Baer moved to transfer from account 01-497-500-0009, Demo 23 Strafford St to account 01-497-500-0010, Radio Equipment Upgrades, \$26,059.05. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Request by Laconia Police Department to Accept Highway Safety Grant – Laconia Radar (Motorcycle) in the Amount of \$2,800

Capt. Clary explained that this grant would allow for a radar unit specifically designed for mounting to a motorcycle and will give motorcycle officers the ability to monitor for speeding motorists while in a traveling mode. This grant is a fifty-percent match.

Councilor Hamel asked where the matching funds would be coming from. Capt. Clary replied that the funds would come out of the Equipment fund. The current radar for the motorcycle is car radar and is not prepared for weather or other circumstances.

Councilor Hamel commented that he has seen motorcycle officers using hand radar. Capt. Clary replied that this would not be handheld but would be mounted.

Councilor Lipman moved to approve the request by Laconia Police Department to accept Highway Safety Grants – Laconia Radar (Motorcycle) in the amount of \$2,800. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Proposed Ordinance Adopting Chapter 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive

Councilor Baer moved to approve the ordinance adopting Chapter 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive. Seconded by Councilor Lipman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Funding for Landscape and Engineering Design Services for Laconia Downtown TIF District Improvements
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: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Hamel thanked Mayor Seymour for his time contribution to the WLNH Children's Auction.

Councilor Bolduc thanked the patrons of Christmas Village. There was good attendance and it was appreciated, as was Executive Councilor Ray Burton's attendance. Councilor Hamel noted that over 100 senior citizens came during their special time allotment and the same amount of handicapped children at their allotted time. Mayor Seymour added that it was nice to see generations of families in attendance.

NON - PUBLIC SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Lipman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk