



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Armand Bolduc led the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Regular and Non Public Minutes of October 22, 2012**

Councilor Bolduc moved to approve the regular and non-public minutes of October 22, 2012. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AND ACTION CALENDAR:

1. **Temporary Traffic Order 2012-17 Evangelical Baptist Church/American Red Cross Community Blood Drive on November 26, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Councilor Hamel moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2012-16 Evangelical Baptist Church/American Red Cross Community Blood Drive. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Temporary Traffic Order 2012-18 Laconia Holiday Parade and Request to Waive Vendor Fees**

Councilor Hamel moved to approve Temporary Traffic Order 2012-18 Holiday Parade and to waive vendor fees. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Charlie St. Clair, representing Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, addressed the Council. Mr. St. Clair explained that the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association was formed in 1991 and since that time the

Rally Headquarters has been located in various spots throughout the area, including the K-Mart Plaza, Funspot, the Lobster Pound and the Weirs Beach Waterslide. It is the desire of the Association to move to a location that is more appealing to more people and that location is the Weirs Boardwalk using eight (8) vendor spaces, the equivalent of 80 feet, belonging to the City. Additionally, the Gypsy Tours would begin at this location and they would need to follow regulations associated with the Tours and the parking spaces in front of the vendor area would need to be reserved for this purpose until 10:30 a.m. each morning. Mr. St. Clair explained that he does not think that the parking requirements would not be an issue because of how the flow of traffic fills throughout the day beginning at the Weirs Beach sign and working its way down Lakeside Avenue.

Mr. St. Clair noted that it is his understanding, after conversations with the City Manager, that there are vendors that return to these vendor spaces each year and in response to that the Association has made accommodations for five (5) vendor spaces at the equivalent price and size to the City rate, at the Lobster Pound. Mr. St. Clair submitted an email statement from Richard Ray confirming this statement. Mr. St. Clair also commented that he is also aware that some vendors require double spaces and this may be accommodated at other property locations.

Mr. St. Clair described the requested area as beginning at the Pier and continuing to the Mount Washington Cruise ticket booth. This would be a very positive location for the Association and would be a central location for everyone needing information to come. The Association would envision being at this location for the near future.

Councilor Baer read the following prepared statement for the Council:

"I would like to take five minutes or so to give a brief rundown on the history of Motorcycle Week in Laconia. I think I am qualified to speak on this as I was an employee of the Belknap Mt. Rec. Area when the motorcycle race and rallies were held there, as were my husband and father in-law, Fritzie Baer. And, what happened to the event and how one man and one woman saved this event and made it one of the biggest if not the biggest source of income to the State, Laconia and the Lakes Region for a one week event. And, why the City of Laconia should support Charlie's request for space on the boardwalk. The motorcycles came to Laconia in 1938 for a 100 mile National Road Race and Rally and before that in 1916 for Gypsy Tour. Years later Fritzie Baer who was manager of the Area and a former executive at Indian Motorcycle Company, where I also worked, promoted this event and it became very successful. At that time they depended on donations from local merchants to help finance this venture. It was known as the Red Hat Brigade. The major sponsor was the N.E. Motorcycle Dealers' Association. Then, the war came and there was no tour in 1942, 43, 44, or 45. By 1950, this rally was hailed as the greatest motorcycle event in the United States with attendance of 12,000. It continued to grow until 1962 when the Area Commissioners closed the Area to the national race and to campers. The next year there was no race track and no place for attendees to vent or enjoy activities and there were crowd problems. When in the 60's it returned with the race at a Loudon track, the Weirs was over policed and had national guardsmen all around and there was no public drinking allowed. The crowds began to decline but eventually started slowly to build up. Then, in 1991 along came Charlie St. Clair along with others and formed the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association, with new ideas and changes in traffic patterns, scheduling many new events, reviving the publication of the official guide book, and increasing its distribution by Charlie traveling thousands of miles every year, all over the country promoting Laconia Week and distributing guidebooks at all major functions in country. The attendance from 38,000 for a 3 day event in 1990, the year before Charlie took over, grew to over 350,000 today and is the result of his and Jen Anderson's never ending, 24/7 hours devoted to promoting Laconia and N.H.

I don't know the millions every year that it has brought to the State or the City specifically. Someone else can estimate that, but it is immeasurable. Not only are the millions generated in an off season event to the State and City, but it is a fact, thousands of those people return here to vacation, buy recreation homes and bring others along with them. Just ask the businesses at the Weirs what they would do without this event and its promoters. The City donates the parking lot at the Weirs to the Weirs Action Committee and they do 35 to 40,000 dollars a years for projects benefitting the Weirs. The financial and high profile gains we receive from Charlie's and Jen Anderson's efforts will never be known. This is a tremendous undertaking. Some of the financial support comes from the State. The City does not give any money to the organization except for dues in the amount of \$2,000.00. In fact, in recent years we have been able to garner surplus income from this event and have been able to fund things the City needs, i.e. police cars, defibrillators, etc. The Association depends on the sale of the official motorcycle t-shirts to help offset expenses. This past year, his spot was taken away from him by a private owner, and he had to move to a spot that was not visible to the public and they did very poorly and it cost them dearly. His request for space on the boardwalk is a no brainer. What better thing can Laconia do than to help the organization that has helped us?

We can certainly as a council support 100% his request to the City for boardwalk space."

Councilor Bolduc expressed that he is the Council representative on the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association and he thinks this is a good location for the Association because this is how they earn money to keep the event running.

Councilor Doyle encouraged the Council to consider this request and pointed out that there are neighboring communities that would be interested in providing a location for Rally Headquarters and that could be detrimental to the event in the City. Councilor Doyle further clarified that the money raised by the Weirs Action Committee is used to benefit various projects throughout the City and not just the Weirs Beach area.

Mayor Seymour requested Council direction or action.

Councilor Hamel asked if the Council thought this should be referred to the Government Operations and Ordinances Committee for review before the Council makes a decision. This would allow for the vendors to be allotted time to comment on the potential loss of their location because this needs to be done as a courtesy. Additionally, the City will be losing the revenue it receives from those spaces and is the fee going to be recouped elsewhere. Councilor Bolduc noted that there is a deadline for this decision because of the need to get press out. Mr. St. Clair explained that he did not realize this process didn't start until January in prior years and that he does not want to see the vendors upset or displaced and is willing to work with them in a professional way to ensure this works for everyone. He would prefer phone calls be made rather than mailings to expedite the process and he would do it himself if the Council would like. Mr. St. Clair further noted that if the Rally Headquarters is located on the Boardwalk it is expected that the value of the remaining vendor spaces would increase because it would be considered a prime location again.

Councilor Baer moved to allot the vendor spaces as previously described by Mr. St. Clair for the use as Rally Headquarters by the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

Councilor Lipman noted that this needs to be done professionally and the City or the Association needs to be proactive with the vendors and make sure they are taken care of as well. Councilor Hamel also noted that the other property owners may be guaranteeing the equivalent rate this year but in future years they may not and the vendors would be paying more.

Councilor Hamel noted that some coordination will need to happen with City departments as well, such as Public Works and Police to coordinate the Gypsy Tours because this could be a problem with traffic and accommodations. Councilor Doyle replied that the traffic will not be an issue because it is constantly moving all day. Mr. St. Clair stated that the Police Department has always escorted the Gypsy Tours from Rally Headquarters regardless of where it was located.

Councilor Baer reminded the Council that Mr. St. Clair and Jen Anderson have been running the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association for 21 years and they put it together every year and they know what they are doing. Councilor Hamel replied that the Council has always helped the Association. Councilor Baer stated that she has confidence in the Association and they will be able to figure out the finer logistics.

Councilor Lipman asked Councilor Baer to amend her motion to give a sense that the City is taking a proactive approach.

Councilor Lahey stated that the Council needs to commit to allowing the use of space and be polite to the vendors that have utilized the space in the past and explain to them what Rally Headquarters means to the event as a whole. If the other locations with comparable rates are available the vendors should be amicable to the change.

Councilor Baer amended her motion to allot the vendor spaces as previously described by Mr. St. Clair for the use as Rally Headquarters by the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association subject to coordination with pertinent City departments and proactive outreach to the vendors previously occupying the spaces. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

City Manager Myers asked for clarification as to what the charges would be for the spaces. Mr. St. Clair stated that some break on fees would be appreciated, noting that the Association does as much as possible to put money back into the City for the event through any avenue possible.

Councilor Lipman stated that it would need to be revenue neutral because the event is handled like an enterprise fund and must be self sustaining.

Councilor Lahey stated that he views the event as being as close to a City department as you can get and they should be treated like one and asked how much money this would equate to. Mr. St. Clair replied that it would be approximately \$9,600. Councilor Baer noted that the Council gives \$10,000 each year for fireworks so this should be easily accommodated. Councilor Doyle stated that the value of those rental spaces in succeeding years may make up for the waiver or fees.

Councilor Baer amended her motion to allot the vendor spaces as previously described by Mr. St. Clair for the use as Rally Headquarters by the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association subject to coordination with pertinent City departments and proactive outreach to the vendors previously occupying the spaces and to waive the rental fees for the spaces. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.**

INTERVIEWS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Community Development Block Grant Project – Lakes Region Community Services

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Notice of this public hearing was posted in the October 31, 2012 edition of the Laconia Daily Sun, at City Hall and the Laconia Public Library.

Mayor Seymour explained that the Community Development Block Grant projects require a progress public hearing before a project is closed-out. In 2011, the City of Laconia was awarded at \$500,000 CDBG for the Lakes Region Community Services Renovation/Relocation project. LRCS serves approximately 1,200 persons, of which the majority is of low and moderate income. LRCS renovated, and relocated to the federal building at 719 North Main Street in Laconia. The renovations included ADA improvements, a new roof, new windows, new HAVC system and upgrades to the fire alarm and sprinkler systems. They moved into the new location in June.

Mayor Seymour asked for any public comments.

Christine Santaniello, representing Lakes Region Community Service Counsel, thanked the Council for their assistance with the grant process because it could not have been done without the support of the City. Mayor Seymour commended the renovation and Ms. Santaniello for the efforts made to the building.

With no further comments from the public Mayor Seymour closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Got Lunch!

Mayor Seymour explained that he asked the Got Lunch! program to make this presentation for the Council.

Reverend Paula Gile and John Walker reviewed a prepared presentation with the Council. (see Attachment #1)

Mayor Seymour thanked the Laconia Got Lunch! program has become recognized statewide and is being used as an example for programs all over the state. Mayor Seymour thanked the program for all they have done for the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE

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

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: NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Myers reviewed the Recycling Report (see Attachment #2), Project Updates (see Attachment #3), Financial & Operational Trends (see Attachment #4) and the Assessment Update (see Attachment #5).

City Manager Myers announced that he has reappointed Robert Harrington to the Laconia Housing Authority. Mr. Harrington has been a member since 1972. At this time the Laconia Housing Authority is in the process of hiring a new Director and Mr. Harrington will be a great asset to that process. City Manager Myers invited Mr. Harrington to make any comments he may have relating to his time of service.

Mr. Harrington stated that the Laconia Housing Authority is in great shape and has remained fiscally sound for a number of years. There is continuing need to low and moderate income households and the Laconia Housing Authority will do what they can to accommodate.

The City employees, under the direction of Administrative Assistant Sarah Weeks, will be participating in the Laconia Holiday Parade. A float is being prepared and the staff involved are excited and enthusiastic to participate.

City Manager Myers reviewed an anticipated Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant for the Fire Department. This grant would supply salary and all benefits, including retirement and health insurance contributions, for four (4) full time firefighters for a period of two (2) years. This grant differs from prior grants of the same program because it does not have a required

retention period for the additional staff which means that the City could choose not to retain the positions after the two (2) years of funding is exhausted.

Councilor Baer asked if the consultant has begun work on the operations at the Fire Department. City Manager Myers replied that the consultant has done some preliminary background work and will be physically in the community starting on Thursday.

Councilor Lahey asked how long the grant is valid for. City Manager Myers replied that it is a two (2) year grant and the Council will have the opportunity to accept the grant if it is received.

Councilor Hamel requested to add a column to the Financial & Operational Trends comparing overtime year over year for the year to date. City Manager Myers confirmed the format and will get the information added.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request by Laconia Public Library Trustees for \$10,000 from Building Maintenance Fund

Mayor Seymour reviewed the written request noting that \$8,000 will be coming from the current budget of the Library and the installation was completed on November 2.

Councilor Lipman moved to approve the request of the Laconia Public Library for \$10,000 from the Building Maintenance Fund to help defray the cost of boiler replacement. Seconded by Councilor Hamel.

Councilor Hamel asked if the payment has been made for the new boiler. Library Director Randy Brough replied that it has not.

Councilor Baer asked if the boiler was installed when the Library renovation was completed in 2005/2006. Director Brough replied that the boiler was installed in 2000.

Councilor Lahey asked if the expectation was to have the boiler last longer than nine years, with leaks beginning in 2009. Director Brough replied that he has spoken to local contractors, including Rist Frost Shumway, and has learned that the model installed was not an adequate model and has many known problems. Councilor Lahey asked if the model specification was made in the bid for the new boiler. Director Brough replied that it was with the assistance of Rist Frost Shumway.

Councilor Hamel asked if the manufacturer has been contacted if the model has been deemed inadequate. Director Brough replied that the warranty was exhausted and the different replacement sections were not designed to fit the original model correctly and were causing error.

Library Trustee John Moriarty explained that he recalls that the year the boiler was installed it was done during a catastrophic failure of the prior boiler and the Trustees were forced to take emergency measures to replace the boiler and restore function to the Library. At the time they used the best information available to them in a short time frame and it was only recently that it was discovered that the design was changed and it was no longer possible to make necessary changes to the cast iron sections of the boiler. Mr. Moriarty agreed that the manufacturer is responsible for the incompatible parts but unfortunately the warranty has run its course. Moving forward, the Trustees were clear with Rist Frost Shumway that a 12 year lifespan on a cast iron boiler was unacceptable and the hope is the new model will outlast 12 years.

Mayor Seymour called the question. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Request for Funding for Landscape and Engineering Design Services for Laconia Downtown TIF District Improvements

Kevin Dunleavy and Warren Clement, representing the Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board, addressed the Council. Mr. Dunleavy reviewed the process to date and expressed that the Advisory Board has identified three projects from the community information collected:

1. Pleasant Street and Main Street Pocket Park/Streetscape Improvement – This would be done in the area of the Downtown Deli and would be done in conjunction with the Main Street Bridge Project
2. Main Street Bridge Landscape/Streetscape Improvement – This would affect the concrete area on the southern end of the Laconia Mall and would address the pedestrian needs
3. New Public Restrooms – This would include installation of restrooms in the central parking lot between Pleasant and Main Street.

Mr. Dunleavy explained that the funding that is being asked for at this time is for design and engineering services. The \$50,000 would get designs and full engineered plans that can be submitted for bids for two (2) of the three (3) projects. The balance of the TIF account at this time is \$314,000.

Councilor Hamel asked why additional funds need to be spent on the Main Street Bridge Landscape/Streetscape if a design for the bridge has already been done. Mr. Dunleavy explained that with the bridge funding that occurs through the State they will pay to put a concrete plaza back in place because that is what exists; the feedback received indicates that the public would like to have a more aesthetically pleasing and pedestrian friendly area for a gateway into the community.

Councilor Hamel asked why it is okay to put a restroom in a parking lot and take up several parking spaces when there was an issue using one space in Downtown for a loading zone two weeks ago.

Councilor Lahey asked who the restroom is for – to solve the problem with loitering or assist the people visiting Downtown. Mr. Dunleavy replied that there is not a public restroom in the Downtown area and it was identified by the community as a need and the Advisory Board cannot ignore the top scoring item of the charet held with the community. There are events that happen in the Downtown area and there needs to be accommodations.

Councilor Hamel expressed that City Hall is open during the week and the Library is open most of the weekend so there are facilities that could be used. Councilor Hamel asked if there was any discussion on how to enhance the safety of the parking garage, such as opening the stairwell or making the enclosure to it transparent.

Councilor Lipman stated that the Council has heard a lot of testimony regarding the parking situation and not seeing that change; it is not understandable why reducing parking would be acceptable. Warren Clement explained that at the charet the groups expressed a desire to have public restrooms and ranked it as the highest needed change. Councilor Lipman questioned why the attendees wanted public restrooms. Mr. Clement replied to use them.

Councilor Lahey expressed that \$50,000 was too much money for this project. Mr. Clement replied that it would cover the entire study. Councilor Lahey commented that the City just spent \$60,000 on a traffic study that was not continued and at one point the plan was to put a road through the area where they

want to put the pocket park. Mr. Clement replied that it was not the Downtown TIF Advisory Board that made that recommendation and members of the Advisory Board were not in support of the plan.

Councilor Lahey asked if the Planning Department was involved in this process and if it was included in long range plans. Mr. Clement replied that they are and Director Saunders sits in on all of the meetings. Councilor Lahey stated that spending this kind of money based on a charet is not acceptable.

Mr. Clement explained that this is a tourist community and when looking at other tourist communities around the Lakes they offer public restrooms to visitors. They have the public restrooms to accommodate the people that come. The Congregational Church has been gracious enough to open up during the farmers market and it is steadily used and using City Hall or the Library is not convenient for the patrons. Councilor Lahey asked if there are public restrooms in Meredith. Mr. Clement replied that there are.

Mr. Clement stated that if you want to be a community that is sensitive to the people you may have to do some things that you don't want to do. The TIF money could be used for the maintenance of the public restrooms if that is a concern of the Council.

Councilor Hamel commented that there were bathrooms in the train station several years ago. Councilor Bolduc added that they had to be closed because of vandalism. Mr. Clement stated that he does not recall there being restrooms in that location.

Councilor Bolduc stated that in shopping center they all have restrooms for their patrons and that is what should happen in Downtown. Mr. Clement replied that the store owners have restrooms that are inaccessible to patrons because of their current location and compliance requirements for handicap access.

Mayor Seymour stated that the issues are the items that have been brought forth from the charet and their importance as well as the concerns regarding the amount being requested being appropriate. Having Planning Director Saunders involved in the process should give some reassurance that the recommendations have been sufficiently researched.

Mayor Seymour asked if the Advisory Board was looking for funding this evening. Mr. Dunleavy explained that they were looking for authorization for the projects.

Councilor Hamel stated that he can understand the request involving the Main Street Bridge area but he does not understand the need for the pocket park or the restrooms having an engineer or architect to design plans and asked why the Department of Public Works couldn't produce the design. Mr. Dunleavy explained that streetscaping and landscaping engineering is a very specific skill and that in the guidelines and goals for the TIF it was outlined that streetscaping was necessary; the Advisory Board is following those guidelines. Mr. Dunleavy and Mr. Clement expressed that they are doing to the job they were given to do and have worked with City department to ensure everything is accurate and what the Council is questioning is what the public has asked the Advisory Board to do and the price of the project.

Councilor Hamel stated that he does not understand why everyone is okay with four parking spaces being used for public restrooms when two weeks ago there was an argument over using one space for a loading zone. Mr. Clement replied that the issue is because the one parking spot was in a prime location.

Mayor Seymour stated that the Council is not questioning what the Advisory Board has worked on and it is evident that department heads were involved in the process. At this point the Council is questioning the logistics of the public restrooms and the pocket park being done in house rather than outsourced, understanding that the Advisory Board is favorable to having an engineer produce the design. Mayor Seymour asked the Council they would like to move this forward at this time.

Councilor Hamel asked if anyone has opposition to the item regarding the Main Street Bridge location because he is not in favor of the public restrooms or the pocket park being outsourced. Mr. Clement commented that at the charet with 80 people in attendance these items were identified and no one from the Council was present therefore someone from the Council should be designated to work with the Advisory Board so they do not have to go through a wasted process again.

Councilor Lipman stated that fundamentally the idea of having restrooms in the Downtown area can be complementary in some areas and when you weigh the issue of restrooms and commerce happening and there isn't ample parking to support the commerce it is a futile effort. Solving the parking problems are paramount to issue of public restrooms. Mr. Clement asked what the suggestion would be. Councilor Lipman suggested that the parking garage be part of the solution and if funds are going to be spent the parking garage should be a priority. Mr. Clement commented that the first level of the parking garage is full by 9:00 a.m. and people begin looking in Downtown lots; if those lots are full they will use the upper level of the garage.

Councilor Lahey stated that his issue is beyond parking spaces and bathrooms but extends to if a long range plan exists. At a meeting attended by many last week it was identified that the Downtown is not inviting for visitors because of the flow. Councilor Lahey asked if it has been conceded that the makeup of the area, including one-way traffic, is how the area will be. Mr. Clement replied that if two-way traffic is permitted there wouldn't be sidewalks.

Councilor Lahey commented that he would rather have a long range plan before funds are spent. Mr. Clement countered that these improvements are to make the Downtown more inviting, similar to what was done at Stewart Park. Councilor Lahey replied that this was an existing park and was a good location for a park.

Councilor Hamel stated that money would be better spent in the parking garage because people don't feel safe using it. People would be safer if they didn't have to go into a closed in stairwell it would make a dramatic change to Downtown.

Mayor Seymour noted that the last time parking was discussed it was looked at the whole Downtown area rather than pieces and the relevance is important. Mayor Seymour suggested moving these items to Land & Buildings Committee before making a decision to allow for time for Director Saunders to make comment. Councilor Hamel replied that he does not see the need to referring the issue and recommended voting on individual issues.

Councilor Lahey recommended inviting Director Saunders to come and discuss the overview of plans for Downtown so the Council will have a broader view and have a way to answer if these ideas would be beneficial. Mr. Clement responded that the Advisory Board would like to know how the Council would like Downtown handled.

Mayor Seymour asked for Council feedback on Councilor Lahey's recommendation.

Councilor Lipman replied that he doesn't disagree with the work of the Advisory Board but does want to look at the long range. The ideas are not bad ideas but from what the community at large is saying there is a relative prioritization.

Councilor Hamel stated that if Director Saunders is going to come he would like to see a breakdown of the engineering costs from conceptual design to completion.

Councilor Lahey commented that the Council needs to be deliberative and identify what would be optimal and what would be feasible and design or improve around that.

Councilor Lipman agreed and commented on a community he visited, Glenville, Illinois, that had a well planned downtown with a movie theatre, a streetscape with apartments above, retail and residential areas that are walkable as well as parking garages and on street parking. We have a lot of building blocks to capitalize on and basic elements to work from.

The Council would like Director Saunders to attend a Council meeting to work through these ideas with the Advisory Board.

Additional Item:

City Manager Myers requested the Council move a transfer for the funding of the Library boiler.

Councilor Hamel moved to transfer \$10,000 from account 82-401-001-0095 Non-Capital Reserve Maintenance to account 01-481-233-0000 Maintenance Equipment for the Library boiler replacement. Seconded by Councilor Doyle. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Request by Laconia Police Department to Accept Highway Safety Grants (attached)
a. Laconia Enforcement Patrols for \$5,850

Councilor Lipman moved to approve the request to accept the Highway Safety Grant – Laconia Enforcement Patrols in the amount of \$5,850. Seconded by Councilor Lahey. **Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Laconia DWI Patrols for \$7,800

Councilor Doyle moved to approve the request to accept the Highway Safety Grant – Laconia DWI Patrols in the amount of \$7,800. Seconded by Councilor Lipman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Mountain Lake Village Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Belmont

City Manager Myers explained that the Water Works Department has been working with the Town of Belmont to supply service to a new development on Mile Hill Road. At this time, an agreement has not been reached relating to this service because of a requirement by the Water Commission that the Town of Belmont be responsible for the hydrant charges and inch-foot charges which serve the general interests of the Town of Belmont as opposed to those charges being billed directly to the developer or eventual property owner. At this time the Water Commission is looking for the support of the Council in their decision to discontinue discussions unless similar protections are in place for the Laconia Water Works as are found in similar inter-municipal water arrangements.

Councilor Hamel moved to rescind the previous vote that allowed the water and sewer service to extend to the noted development until the Town of Belmont agrees to the terms outlined by the Water Commission. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc.

Councilor Hamel noted that there have been extensions on this property through the Planning Board and it has grandfathered this project from being subject to other fees. City Manager Myers noted that a court decision was rendered on this project and the extensions have been founded.

Councilor Lipman asked, noting that consistency is important, for a walk through of the negotiations process. Water Superintendent Seth Nuttelman explained that the dialog has been very strong and the project has been a paper project. Both communities, through their Planning Boards, expressed that they wanted to see movement on the project and efforts were restarted. In meeting with representatives of Belmont and their legal counsel, Attorney Paul Fitzgerald, as well as legal counsel for Laconia Water Works, Attorney Phil McLaughlin, there was not a misunderstanding but rather that the contract will be handled in the same manner as prior agreements with the Town of Gilford. The Town of Belmont is reluctant because they do not want to add the burden to their tax base, which is understandable.

Councilor Lipman asked if there has been face-to-face dialog or just email and phone calls. Supt. Nuttelman replied that there has been face-to-face and they are looking for assurances from the developer or long term property owner that the fees will not become the responsibility of the Town, which is not a problem. At this point in time, the Town will need to go to the developer before they are willing to sign an agreement with Laconia Water Works.

Councilor Lipman asked if the developer is a City resident. Supt. Nuttelman replied that to the best of his knowledge it is still Mr. Brouillard. Councilor Lipman asked if there has been conversation directly with Mr. Brouillard. Supt. Nuttelman replied there that there have been conversations and written communications with Mr. Brouillard.

Councilor Lipman expressed his desire to insure all communication has been exhausted because this is an economically beneficial project for the community at a time when new construction is down.

Mayor Seymour called the question. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Lakes Business Park Utility Reimbursement to Howard Precision

Mayor Seymour explained that the expense of \$9,207.97 was incurred by Howard Precision while locating underground utilities at Lakes Business Park. This request was unanimously approved by the Gilford Board of Selectmen and the Lakes Business Park Commission on October 10, 2012 and October 24, 2012 respectively. All listings have been adjusted to reflect that this will not be included in future sales.

Councilor Lipman moved to approve the reimbursement of Howard Precision in the amount of \$9,207.97. Seconded by Councilor Baer.

Councilor Hamel asked if this is the total cost or the City's portion. Mayor Seymour replied that it is the total for all and will come out of the funding in place and not the City funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:

1. Reappointment of Kevin Dunleavy to WOW Trail Maintenance Advisory Committee

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Baer noted that the sound on the play back recordings of the Council meetings is very poor. City Clerk Reynolds replied that she will contact LRPA and discuss the issue. City Manager Myers also stated that we are in the beginning stages of streaming meetings on the City website.

Councilor Doyle thanked City Clerk Reynolds and her staff for a job well done at the General Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Bolduc moved to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hamel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk