



Non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 2, I (a) to discuss collective bargaining strategies to be held at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Minutes
June 9, 2014
City Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation by Rabbi Robin Nafshi from the Temple Beth Jacob.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Roll Call. Councilors Bennett, Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilors Champlin, Coen, Grady Sexton, Herschlag, Keach, McClure, Nyhan, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff, Todd and Werner were present. Councilor Matson was excused.
5. Approval of the May 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire moved approval of the May 12, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

6. Mayor Bouley read a resolution in recognition of the services of John Swope. (5-29)
7. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

- Consent Agenda Items -

Note: items listed as pulled from the consent agenda will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the consent agenda with items 9, 11, 23 and 26 being removed for discussion at the end of the agenda. The motion, as amended, was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Referral to the Traffic Operations Committee

8. Communication from Michael Munroe, 12 Ripley Street, asking that consideration be given to making Ripley Street local access only.
9. Communication from Councilor Herschlag requesting consideration be given for traffic calming methods or a three way stop at the intersections of Washington Street, Borough and River Roads; for extending the sidewalk from Primrose Lane and Borough Road to where it would connect with the sidewalk that was constructed within the Sandwood Development by Alice Dive and Borough Road and pedestrian friendly improvements from the Washington Street and River Road intersection heading east to Primrose Lane on Borough Road. (*Pulled from consent by Councilor Herschlag*)

Action: Item removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Referral to the Parking Committee

10. Communication from Debbi Roy, 48 North State Street, requesting consideration be given to permitted resident parking only in the area to accommodate residents wishing to park near their homes.

Referral to Code Administration and the Police Department

11. Communication from Kathleen Conners, 5 Cambridge Street, regarding safety concerns she has within her neighborhood as well as other areas within the City of Concord. (*Pulled from consent by Councilors Bennett and Herschlag*)

Action: Item removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Items Tabled for July 14, 2014 Public Hearing

12. Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, Title V, Administrative Code; Chapter 30, Administrative Code, Article 30-3, Boards and Commissions Section 30-3-7, City Parking Committee; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects in response to a communication from Councilor Herschlag requesting consideration be given to amending the current parking committee ordinance to reflect the current membership of the committee as well as expanding membership to the committee. (4-11)
13. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-2, No Stopping or Parking Near Hazardous or Congested Places, Schedule XVI; Fruit Street, Industrial Drive; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects in response to a communication from

Councilor Nyhan requesting consideration be made to extend the no parking zone at the intersection of South Fruit Street and Industrial Drive to a distance of approximately 200ft southerly and 200ft northerly along the east side of South Fruit Street. (5-9)

14. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code: Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-7.1, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours and Months in Designated Places, Schedule IX (a); together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects in response to a communication from Curtisville and South Curtisville Road residents asking the City of Concord to consider traffic/parking improvements in the vicinity of the Broken Ground and Mill Brook Schools. (4-12)
15. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code, Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-4 Parking Prohibited in Certain Places); together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects.
16. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title II, Traffic Code, Chapter 18 Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-20 Parking Prohibited in Hazardous Places.
17. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application in an amount of up to \$345,000 and to accept and appropriate grant proceeds of up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds on behalf of Independent Living Concord; together with a report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, and Special Projects.
18. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of \$27,786 in unmatched grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, funds designated for law enforcement related programs; together with report from the Police Department.

From the City Manager

19. Positive Citizen Comments.

Consent Reports

20. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Interim Co-Library Directors requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling \$5,597.80 as provided for under the preauthorization granted by City Council.

21. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Recreation Director requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling \$900 as provided for under the preauthorization granted by City Council.
22. Report from the Parks and Recreation Director in response to a communication from the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer committee proposing a beautification project that would enhance the appearance of Memorial Field and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. (8-10)
23. Report from General Services in response to a communication from Robert T. Baker, asking City Council to consider requesting an accounting of tree removals and plantings within the City of Concord as well as the implementation of policies that value shade trees vs. ornamental plantings within the city. (5Inf12) (5Sus1) (***Pulled from consent by Councilor McClure***)

Action: Item removed from the consent agenda for discussion.
24. Report from the City Engineer regarding the status of the Sewalls Falls Bridge Replacement Project (CIP22).
25. Report from the Parks and Recreation Director in response to a request from the Concord Rotary to enter into an agreement with City of Concord for annual Weekend on the Water Event.
26. Report from the Deputy City Manager – Development in response to a communication from Michael Reed, CATCH Neighborhood Housing, requesting that the City of Concord grant them a license to install a ramp within the city sidewalk at 4 Pleasant Street Extension, Endicott Hotel. (3-8) (***Pulled from consent by Councilor Champlin***)

Action: Item removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Consent Resolutions

27. Resolution repurposing \$20,000 of unexpended golf simulator project funds, (CIP #107) to support paving improvements to the entryway of the Beaver Meadow Golf Course Clubhouse (CIP #235); together with report from the Deputy City Manager – Finance.
28. Resolution transferring the sum of \$193,100 from the Compensation Adjustment Account; together with report from the Deputy City Manager - Finance.

Consent Communications

29. Street closure request for a neighborhood graduation block party to be held on June 21 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., blocking off Wilson Ave from South Street to 4 Wilson Ave.

Appointments

30. City Manager's proposed appointment to the Board of Trustees of Trust Funds.
Michael Aitken
31. Mayor Bouley's proposed appointment to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. *Sheila Zakre*

*****End of Consent Agenda*****

32. June 9, 2014 Public Hearings

- A. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$115,000 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund for completion of a Comprehensive Strategic Parking Plan; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, & Special Projects. (5-18)

Action: Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, & Special Projects, provided an overview.

City Manager Tom Aspell asked Mr. Walsh to explain the geographic limit.

Mr. Walsh explained that, geographically, the study is going to be focused to the north at the NH Superior Court Building on Chapel Street; to the south on areas of South Spring Street towards McKee Square; cross to Main Street at Christ the King Church; back north through downtown and Storrs Street to the Superior Court Building.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing.

Public Testimony

Roy Schweiker, resident, spoke in opposition noting that he is not sure he understands this, not sure how its goals are going to work out, and feels that it's too expensive. He feels that this is the wrong time to spend a lot of money on a parking study when it's going to be too late for the project downtown.

There being no further public testimony, the Mayor closed the hearing.

- B. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$314,375 for the purpose of purchasing a new front end loader with attachments, including \$293,850 in grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), \$16,325 from the State of New Hampshire, and \$4,200 from the City of Concord; together report from the Associate Engineer. (5-19)

Action: City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing. There being no public testimony, the Mayor closed the hearing.

June 9, 2014 Public Hearing Action

33. Resolution adopting an amended and restated Development Program and Financing Plan for the Penacook Village Tax Increment Finance District; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services and Special Projects. (4-14) (5-35B; 5-38) (***Public hearing held on May 12, 2014; due to statutory requirements action must take place at City Council's June 9th meeting.***)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag indicated that this doesn't take care of the coal ash in the front of the building. Referencing the suspense resolution, he feels that moving ahead with the final clean up, leaving the coal ash where it is and then aggressively moving forward with development is the best option that Council has at this time.

The motion to approve passed with no dissenting votes.

34. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$245,000 including the authorization for the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$170,000 for environmental cleanup of city owned real estate located at 5 – 35 Canal Street known as the former Allied Leather and Amazon Realty sites (CIP #508) located within the Penacook Village Tax Increment Finance District. (4-15) (5-35C; 5-39) (*Report from the Penacook Village Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Board submitted*) (***Public hearing held on May 12, 2014; due to statutory requirements action must take place at City Council's June 9th meeting.***)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed on a voice vote.

35. Resolution adopting an amended and restated Development Program and Financing Plan for the Sears Block Tax Increment Finance District; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects. (5-35D; 5-40) (***Public hearing held on May 12, 2014; due to statutory requirements action must take place at City Council's June 9th meeting.***)

Action: Councilor Coen moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag stated that he will be voting against this noting that he feels that they have done everything that they need to do to spread development within this district. He indicated that it's his opinion that the purpose of a TIF district is to bring a level playing field of a blighted area that's very difficult to develop economically. He doesn't believe that they need or should be moving forward to expand the scope of this district.

The motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

36. Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$1,900,000 for acquisition of the New Hampshire Employment Security Property located at 32 South Main Street and 33 South State Street within the Sears Block Tax Increment Finance District. (5-35E; 5-41) *(Report from the Sears Block Tax Increment District Advisory Committee submitted) (Public hearing held on May 12, 2014; due to statutory requirements action must take place at City Council's June 9th meeting). (Communication from Mike Russell, Concord resident, in opposition to the City of Concord purchasing this property) (Supplemental report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects submitted)*

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor St. Hilaire wanted to clarify that this vote is simply for the purchase amount and not for the entire plan as listed within the report.

City Manager Aspell indicated that to be correct.

Councilor Herschlag stated that he will not be supporting this resolution noting that it is his opinion this doesn't make sense from a bottom line perspective.

Councilor Keach questioned whether these were interest only bonds. Mr. Aspell responded that they are bond anticipation notes for five years. Councilor Keach asked what would happen at the end of five years if the property was still vacant. Mr. Aspell responded that it is his understanding that it would be switched over to general obligation bonds. Councilor Keach asked if it was staff's opinion that it wouldn't come to this in five years. Mr. Aspell responded that he believes five years would be plenty of time depending on what is done with the complete streets program and other demands downtown.

Councilor Champlin stated that he will be voting in favor of this motion but is becoming a little concerned about the degree to which the city is involved in development projects. He fully understands the city's involvement in a project such as the tannery site in Penacook to attract development. He is going to vote in favor of

this site primarily because he feels that it's important for this piece of property to enter the city tax rolls.

Councilor Todd views this project as a long term project and he will be supporting it for this reason. He feels that this is a large tract of land in a very vital area of the downtown and that it's in the city's best interest, long term, to oversee the development of this property.

Councilor Bennett inquired as to how much money they have expended in the tannery site to date. Mr. Walsh responded that the amount is approximately \$4.7 million; 37 percent of this was the city and the rest were from various grants.

Councilor Shurtleff asked if it was correct that part of the reason that they have spent so much was due to the amount of pollution that was on the tannery site. Mr. Aspell indicated that to be correct.

The motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

37. Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$190,000 for weatherization of the New Hampshire Employment Security Building located at 32 South Main Street and 33 South State Street within the Sears Block Tax Increment Finance District. (5-35F; 5-42) (*Public hearing held on May 12, 2014; due to statutory requirements action must take place at City Council's June 9th meeting*).

Action: Councilor St. Hilaire moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Mayor Bouley inquired whether this can be done for less money. Mr. Aspell responded that staff is working to see if they can get this number down to something more manageable. He indicated that his recommendation would be to reduce this \$190,000 down to \$85,000. He recommends not appropriating dollars for boarding up the windows and doors and simply just keep it locked up and secure; do all the improvements necessary for protecting mechanicals and the elevator.

Councilor Coen stated that what he just heard is that they would not board up the windows and doors and questioned whether plywood would have been used to board this up. Mr. Aspell responded that it would be black plywood. He added that while this is probably the most secure situation, he'd rather them be forced to come to this. Councilor Coen noted that it may be secure but aesthetically it may be hideous. He indicated that by eliminating the boarding, the structure will look the same as it does today.

Councilor Keach stated that his preference would be to take the building down because he doesn't want to see a blighted building in the middle of downtown. He questioned whether there is some possibility that the existing building could be rehabbed. Mr. Aspell responded that the thought is that if they take it down it

precludes the option at the existing site; keep that option out there and open for anyone that may want to develop this site. Councilor Keach inquired whether there is still a level of optimism that someone will come along and use the existing building and rehab it. Mr. Aspell responded that interested people have been contacting staff but they haven't gotten to the point to where they have done the analysis to determine whether it's a reuse or a demolition. He added that if it was demolished he believes they could attract a greater group of people because it would be an unencumbered site.

Mayor Bouley explained that he has the impression that reuse of it isn't reusing the building as envisioned today, it's reusing the bones of it such as the steel but not the rest of the building.

Councilor St. Hilaire stated that he feels that it's a good idea not to board up the building. He inquired whether it would be prudent to do some other security measures questioning whether there would be enough funds necessary with the recommended amount to do this. Mr. Aspell responded that it doesn't leave enough funds to do this but it would include changing the locks and putting in fencing in the back. He stated that if they wanted to they could modify the amount to allow for something like this. Councilor St. Hilaire indicated that he would feel more comfortable making the amount \$90,000 to allow for security cameras to help defer vandalism and graffiti. Councilor St. Hilaire noted that they have the two options with the other one coming up next for the demolition of the building. He pointed out that the report mentions burying the lines all at the same time but doesn't see that as an option here. He inquired whether this will come before the Council with the complete streets project at a later time. Mr. Aspell responded that it would be dealt with then.

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to amend his motion to amend the amount of the resolution from \$190,000 to \$90,000. The motion was duly seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The motion to accept the resolution, as amended to \$90,000, was approved on a voice vote.

38. Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$325,000 for demolition of the New Hampshire Employment Security Building located at 32 South Main Street and 33 South State Street within the Sears Block Tax Increment Finance District. (5-35G; 5-43) (***Public hearing held on May 12, 2014; due to statutory requirements action must take place at City Council's June 9th meeting.***)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved to not approve this resolution pending additional information forthcoming. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

39. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$115,000 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund for completion of a Comprehensive Strategic Parking Plan; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, & Special Projects. (5-18)

Action: Councilor Champlin moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag stated that he will not be voting to support this resolution. He feels that having a parking study is noteworthy and makes a lot of sense but that the timing of the study is what concerns him. He noted that it doesn't make sense to him that the study will be completed after its anticipated that the Main Street project will be undertaken. He indicated that if he was assured that this study would be completed before the Main Street project was to begin, he would be willingly supportive of this parking study.

Councilor Coen pointed out that this encompasses the parking garages and whether there should be more garages or surface parking; how they should deal with ongoing maintenance of the garages; it also encompasses the fee structure. He stated that the study encompasses more than just the Main Street area which is why he will be supporting this item.

Councilor Keach noted his agreement with Councilor Coen stating that it's bigger than just parking rates and spaces and that it's critical and important to move forth with this study.

Referencing the second goal on page two of the report, Councilor Herschlag read "insure that an adequate supply of parking exists to support economic development goals such as expanded mercantile activity, upper story redevelopment, market rate housing, and potential future redevelopment projects". He stated that his concern is that they receive a parking study report that's contrary to the Main Street plan.

Mayor Bouley stated that he feels that this is an important item that is long overdue. He indicated that parking is one of those issues that is well within the top three that he hears about the most in the city. He noted that this review is necessary to really look at the neighborhood streets. He stated that he hopes the Council joins him in supporting this item.

Councilor Bennett stated that he feels that this is something that needs to be done and that, in the end, it will be money well spent.

Councilor Herschlag spoke in regards to the timing of the parking study.

Mayor Bouley made the point that anybody suggesting that this is just about Main Street is really missing the point; this is a much bigger, much more comprehensive study that they have really done. He indicated that this is about the community and not just Main Street and feels that it's time to move ahead with this.

Councilor McClure inquired whether this included the high school. Mr. Aspell responded that it doesn't go all the way to the high school but pointed out that a lot of the kids park all the way down Centre Street to White Street.

Councilor Werner noted his agreement with the Mayor's comments. Referencing the garages, he noted that another thing that may want to look at and that the study may help to accomplish is the feasibility of installing electronic car charging stations to plan for the future.

The motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

40. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$314,375 for the purpose of purchasing a new front end loader with attachments, including \$293,850 in grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), \$16,325 from the State of New Hampshire, and \$4,200 from the City of Concord; together report from the Associate Engineer. (5-19)

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Appointments by the Mayor

Reports

New Business

41. Resolution repurposing \$13,350 from completed and unexpended City Hall slate roof repair (CIP #65) to support improvements to Memorial Field (CIP #557); together with report from the Deputy Director of General Services.

Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Following brief Council discussion, the motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Mayor Bouley indicated that there is one more item for new business explaining that there are two contracts: Concord Police Patrolmen's Association and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

In accordance with RSA 273-A:3, Councilor Shurtleff moved to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 between the Concord Police Patrolmen's Association ("CPPA") and the City of Concord. The motion was duly seconded and passed on a voice vote.

In accordance with RSA 273-A:3, Councilor St. Hilaire moved to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 between the International Association of Fire Fighters – Local 1045

("IAFF") and the City of Concord. The motion was duly seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Unfinished Business

42. Resolution amending the official map so as to establish the mapped lines of a future street for a new street from the intersection of Storrs and Theatre Streets southerly to Langdon Avenue; together with report from the Assistant City Planner. (1-16) (2-33I; 2-42) (3-39) (4-37) (5-58) (6-53) (7-40) (8-65) (9-37) (10-36) (11-40) (12-37)(1-42) (2-56) (3-45) (4-18) (5-45) (*Action on this item tabled following a February 2013 public hearing*)

Action: This item remains on the table.

43. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title III, Building and Housing Codes; Chapter 27, Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code; Article 27-1, Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code, Section 27-1-5, Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code/2009; together with report from Code Administration. (8-14)(9-26C; 9-29) (10-37) (11-41) (12-38) (1-43) (2-57) (3-46) (4-49) (5-46) (*Action on this item was tabled after a public hearing was held on September 9, 2013.*)

Action: This item remains on the table.

44. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code; Chapter 29.2, Public Capital Facilities Impact Fees Ordinance; Section 29.2-1-2, Assessment and Collection; together with report from Acting City Planner. (1-9) (2-45A; 2-46) (3-47) (4-50) (5-47) (*Action tabled on this item; item also referred to the Impact Fee Committee after a public hearing was held February 10, 2014*)

Action: This item remains on the table.

45. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code, Chapter 28, Zoning Ordinance, Article 28-6, Sign Regulations, Section 28-6-7, Signs Prohibited Under this Ordinance and Glossary; together with a report from the Zoning Administrator. (2-16) (3-35E; 3-39) (4-51)(5-48) (*March 10, 2014 public hearing opened and recessed at the request of the Deputy City Manager – Development until such time as the Planning Board has had to finalize their review*)

Action: This item remains on the table.

Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors

Councilor Todd announced that the annual Penacook Village Farmers Market begins Monday, June 23rd and occurs every Monday subsequent through September 29th, except Labor Day.

Councilor Todd noted that there has been a four rivers, five communities, eight organizations along the river exploring community connections event going on since May which goes through October. He announced that Wednesday, June 11th, is Penacook's turn of the potluck supper and program "Crossing the Merrimack from Ferries to Bridges". He indicated that the program begins at 7:00 p.m. but the potluck dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Penacook Historical Society, 11 Penacook Street.

Councilor Champlin announced that the weekend of June 21st and 22nd is the Granite State Music Festival behind the Everett Arena.

Councilor Herschlag indicated that he has tentatively scheduled a Ward Two neighborhood meeting at the Newell Post on Fisherville Road on Friday, June 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Bouley announced that the Concord 250th time capsule event was a well attended event and recognized the committee for their efforts.

Comments, Requests by the City Manager

City Manager Tom Aspell informed Council that the city is still short fourteen lifeguards for the city pools.

Consideration of items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion

- Items 9, 11, 23 and 26 have been pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.
9. Communication from Councilor Herschlag requesting consideration be given for traffic calming methods or a three way stop at the intersections of Washington Street, Borough and River Roads; for extending the sidewalk from Primrose Lane and Borough Road to where it would connect with the sidewalk that was constructed within the Sandwood Development by Alice Dive and Borough Road and pedestrian friendly improvements from the Washington Street and River Road intersection heading east to Primrose Lane on Borough Road. *(Pulled from consent by Councilor Herschlag)*

Action: Councilor Herschlag asked that staff and the committee look at whether or not it would be prudent to put a three way stop at the intersection of Washington Street, River Road and Borough Road.

Following brief Council discussion, Councilor Herschlag moved to refer this to the Traffic Operations Committee. The motion was duly seconded and passed on a voice vote.

11. Communication from Kathleen Conners, 5 Cambridge Street, regarding safety concerns she has within her neighborhood as well as other areas within the City of Concord. (*Pulled from consent by Councilors Bennett and Herschlag*)

Action: Councilor Herschlag indicated that he pulled this based upon the seriousness of this issue and is hoping that the city takes aggressive action relating to this issue to protect the neighborhood and residents.

Councilor Shurtleff stated that anytime a constituent or citizen of this city writes to Council about an issue, they all take it as a serious issue.

Councilor Herschlag moved to refer this communication to Code Administration and the Police Department. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

23. Report from General Services in response to a communication from Robert T. Baker, asking City Council to consider requesting an accounting of tree removals and plantings within the City of Concord as well as the implementation of policies that value shade trees vs. ornamental plantings within the city. (5Inf12) (5Sus1) (*Pulled from consent by Councilor McClure*)

Action: Councilor McClure thanked General Services for a thorough report. She shares the concerns about the value of shade trees in the city and green infrastructure and encouraged the Mayor to put together a committee to look into this.

Councilor McClure moved to accept the report. The motion was duly seconded.

Mayor Bouley concurs that this is a well done report and there deserves to be a policy established. He noted that something can be worked on in the next month to come back to Council in either July or August.

The motion to approve passed with no dissenting votes.

26. Report from the Deputy City Manager – Development in response to a communication from Michael Reed, CATCH Neighborhood Housing, requesting that the City of Concord grant them a license to install a ramp within the city sidewalk at 4 Pleasant Street Extension, Endicott Hotel. (3-8) (*Pulled from consent by Councilor Champlin*)

Action: Councilor Champlin appreciates the time and effort put into examining this request and making the recommendation to deny. He stated that this issue of the ramp and access came before them at this time pointing out that the Endicott Hotel has been opened for business since last summer. He noted that this seemed to be the

kind of issue that most likely would have been addressed during the construction phase. He noted his concern with issues around disability which seem to come up after the fact. He has concerns over that pattern and the impact of that pattern has on potential development relative to the certainty that they require and expect in order to make investments in the community.

Councilor Champlin moved approval of the report. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Consideration of Suspense Items

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to consider this item not previously advertised. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

6 Sus1

To be set for a July 14, 2014 Public Hearing

Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$160,000 of bonds and notes for environmental cleanup of city-owned real estate located at 5-35 Canal Street, known as the former Allied Leather and Amazon Realty Sites (CIP #508); together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, & Special Projects.

Action: Matt Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, & Special Projects, provided a brief overview explaining that staff provided this just in case any member of the Council wanted to pursue it but the staff recommendation was not to move forward with this.

Councilor Nyhan moved that this item not be set down for a public hearing. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag stated that he supports the staff's recommendation of not to remove the coal ash at this time.

Councilor Todd stated that he doesn't feel that it's worth the cost of doing this especially considering proper development can still take place on the property and, in the area where the coal ash exists, there could be plantings or any other ornamental shrubs.

Councilor Nyhan's motion passed with no dissenting votes.

6 Sus2

Resolution readopting the City's Displacement and Relocation Policy Statement and Procedures; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services, & Special Projects.

Action: Councilor McClure moved to set this item for a July public hearing. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Adjournment

The time being 8:19 p.m., Councilor Keach moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

A true copy; I attest:

Michelle Mulholland

Deputy City Clerk