



**City of Concord**  
**City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes - Draft**

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Monday, September 9, 2019

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
37 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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1. Call to Order.

Mayor Bouley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation by Pastor Jonathan Threlfall, Trinity Baptist Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call.

**Present:** 14 - Councilor Candace Bouchard, Mayor Jim Bouley, Councilor Byron Champlin, Councilor Mark Coen, Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton, Councilor Meredith Hatfield, Councilor Allan Herschlag, Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Linda Kenison, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic, Councilor Gail Matson, Councilor Keith Nyhan, Councilor Brent Todd, and Councilor Robert Werner

**Excused:** 1 - Councilor Zandra Rice Hawkins

5. Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

August 12, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** Councilor Bouchard moved approval of the August 12, 2019 City Council meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

6. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

*\*\*Consent Agenda Items\*\**

*Approval of the Consent Agenda*

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the consent agenda. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

**Referral to Administration, Community Development and Legal**

7. Communication from David and Laurie Rauseo, Interchange Development LLC,

requesting consideration be made for a public-private partnership for the design and construction of an intersection improvement at Whitney Road and Hoit Road.

**Action:** This communication referred to Administration, Community Development and Legal.

### **Items Tabled for October 15, 2019 Public Hearings**

8. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title V, Administrative Code; Chapter 35, Classification and Compensation Plan, Schedule D of Article 35-2, Class Specification Index, Library position; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

**Action:** This ordinance was moved to set for a public hearing.

9. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code; Chapter 28, Zoning Ordinance; Article 28-2, Zoning Districts and Allowable Uses; Section 28-2-3, The Zoning Map; and Article 28-4, Development Design Standards; Section 28-4-5, Development of Attached and Multifamily Dwellings; together with a report from the City Planner. (Supplemental ordinance and report submitted for October agenda)

**Action:** This ordinance was moved to set for a public hearing.

10. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code; Chapter 28, Zoning Ordinance; Article 28-5, Supplemental Standards; Section 28-5-50, Keeping of Chickens as Pets Accessory to a Residential Use; together with a report from the City Planner.

**Action:** This ordinance was moved to set for a public hearing.

### **From the City Manager**

11. Positive Citizen Comments.

**Action:** This positive comments was received and filed.

### **Consent Reports**

12. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Library Director requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling \$1,407.14 as provided for under the pre-authorization granted by City Council.

**Action:** This consent report was approved.

13. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Police Department requesting

authorization to accept monetary revenue totaling \$5,883.00 as provided for under preauthorization granted by City Council.

**Action:** This consent report was approved.

14. September Economic Development Report from the Economic Development Director.

**Action:** This consent report was approved.

15. Report from Health and Licensing Officer requesting authorization for the City Manager to submit for FDA Grant funding to enhance the City's health inspection and licensing processes.

**Action:** This consent report was approved.

16. Outreach Update Report from the Public Information Officer.

**Action:** This consent report was approved.

17. Report from the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee requesting authorization for the City Manager to submit an application to the League of American Bicyclists for the renewal of the City's Bicycle Friendly Community status.

**Action:** This consent report was approved.

### **Appointments**

18. Mayor Bouley's proposed appointment to the Airport Advisory Committee. Rita Castonguay Hunt

**Action:** This appointment was approved.

19. City Manager's proposed appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Laura Spector-Morgan

**Action:** This appointment was approved.

20. City Manager's proposed appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. Norman Kinsler

**Action:** This appointment was approved.

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

**Public Hearings**

- 21A. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I, Community Drive; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects.

**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.

- 21B. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title V Administrative Code; Chapter 30, Administrative Code, Article 30-3, Boards and Commissions, Airport Advisory Committee; together with report from the Deputy City Manager for Development.

**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.

- 21C. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title V, Administrative Code; Chapter 35, Classification and Compensation Plan, Schedule D of Article 35-2, Class Specification Index, by modifying the Position of Custodian; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

**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.

- 21D. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$347,760 for the purpose of paved greenway trail improvements at Terrill Park (CIP #59) including accepting \$100,000 in grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), \$69,000 in donated funds from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$178,760 for the Terrill Park Trail Improvements Project (CIP #59); together with report from the Parks and Recreation Director and a letter of support from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. (Public testimony received)

**Action:** City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview.

Councilor Hatfield noted that it's referred to as a walkway questioning whether it would be usable by a bicycle. Mr. Aspell responded that it would be paved. Councilor Hatfield inquired as to the width. Mr. Aspell replied that it would be twelve feet.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing.

Mayor Bouley announced that Margaret Orazi doesn't wish to speak but does support the building of the trail. He pointed out that Council received numerous letters of support.

#### Public Testimony

Kelly Ovitt Puc, Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail Chair, indicated that they submitted a letter of support which commits their donation to the city for this project of \$69,000. She stated that this is a situation in which all the stars align and has gone as they hoped it would go. She added that its going to be 100 percent return on city funds, its an underserved area, its an underserved population, and an underutilized resource of the city. She noted that it connects the downtown to the river and builds on a succesful Main Street.

Dick Lemieux, Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail President, noted their support of this item.

Councilor Herschlag, referencing the plan attached to the report, asked what section of that trail are they hoping to have built. Mr. Lemieux responded that it includes about one-third of a mile of what would ultimately be about a twelve to thirteen mile trail. He pointed out that it includes trail only; there is no phase of the boardwalk thats included in this project. He noted that the project will end at the northerly end, just where the boardwalk will begin. It will go from Manchester Street to the wetlands near the parking lot at the north end.

Councilor Champlin thanked the Friends for all the work they put into this project. He asked whether this is the first small step towards the greenway trail that will indeed extend all the way to Loudon Road. Mr. Lemieux responded that to be correct indicating that,when they began this project,they thought they would be building a greenway trail all the way from Pembroke to Boscawen; in the meantime, six miles of rail corridor has become available so now it will be a blend of half rail

trail and half greenway trail. He indicated that this one-third of a mile section will be a catalyst that the rest of the trail will grow around.

Councilor Champlin asked if it is anticipated that this will help to spur more financial support for the greenway project from the private sector and the public sector. Mr. Lemieux responded yes noting that they are hoping that the Department of Transportation will see fit to build a model pedestrian/bicycled bridge across the Merrimack River in conjunction with the I-93 widening project.

Councilor Matson asked for elaboration in regards to some of the benefits for the trail, not just for recreational purposes but for people that might need to connect to the Loudon Road area that may not have vehicles. Ms. Ovitt Puc responded that would they would eventually like to do is, using this as a starting point, connect Manchester Street to Loudon Road which would allow both pedestrian and bicycle traffic and also be accessible by wheelchair, strollers, etc. so that people can recreate, commute for work or other purposes.

Councilor Todd asked how many paved trails are in the city currently. Mr. Lemieux responded that the city doesn't own any paved trails pointing out that there is a short paved trail in the area of St. Paul's School that goes into Hopkinton. He added that there is another small short paved trail near NHTI that is less than a mile long. Councilor Todd pointed out that those are the only two options currently within the city and this would be the third on a much larger scale. Mr. Lemieux added that this would be the beginning of what would be a twelve to thirteen mile trail.

Councilor Herschlag asked if there was a cost breakout of just the trail alone and not the other components. Mr. Lemieux responded that they offered \$69,000 which would be the fifty percent match for the entire trail - the trail alone is \$138,000. Ms. Ovitt Puc pointed out that the reallocation of the grant is conditioned on all of the components because they are complementary. She indicated that the purpose of the grant is to bring people down to the water, the river and the land. The LWCF committee saw that, in order to do this, they needed parking for the trail, etc. to bring people down there. She stated that it all has to go in order for that grant to be applied. Councilor Herschlag asked if this was a matching grant. Mr. Lemieux responded that the trail itself will be \$138,000 and they are matching fifty percent which is their \$69,000; the difference between the \$100,000 in LWCF funds and the \$69,000 that they spent for the trail is another \$31,000; this \$31,000 will go towards building the dog park and the parking lot.

Mr. Lemieux stated that the \$31,000 will be matched by city funds.

Mayor Bouley referenced the memo from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail dated July 29th and pointed out that it sums up a lot of the questions.

Councilor Bouchard believes that there is one more paved trail off of Portsmouth Street.

Adolphe Bernotas, resident, spoke in support of the trail. He noted that this third of a mile trail will eventually connect from Canada to Key West.

Councilor Herschlag if Mr. Bernotas knew how much of this trail is anticipated to be paved. Mr. Bernotas doesn't know how much of this trail from Canada to Key West will be paved.

Luis Maldonado, resident, highlighted the success of the bicycling trail networks in the D.C. and Pennsylvania area. He spoke in support of this trail noting that it will make Concord a better city for the future, it will generate economic activity, and will be a source of community pride, community interaction and civic engagement for all.

Councilor Kretovic believes that the trails in D.C. and Pennsylvania are funded with federal money. She noted that, here in New Hampshire, communities have to compete for federal dollars on transportation projects. She noted that communities are often asked whether there is community support for projects and asked Mr. Maldonado if he would step forward as a member of the community in support the next time they go to apply for these funds.

Councilor Herschlag inquired as to how much of the trail that travels from D.C. to Pennsylvania is paved. Mr. Maldonado responded that none of it is paved on this particular trail explaining that it is crushed gravel but a nice surface.

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

- 21E. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of \$23,065 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.

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

- 21F. Resolution rescinding the appropriation of \$25,000 and de-authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$25,000 for the 2020 Equipment Replacement Subproject (CIP #569), and appropriating the sum of \$17,000 and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$17,000 for the 2020 Loader Backhoe Subproject; together with report from the Parks and Recreation Director.

**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.

- 21G. Resolution rescinding the appropriation of \$9,000 and de-authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$9,000 for the 2020 Pocket Parks Subproject (CIP #258), and appropriating the sum of \$9,000 and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$9,000 for the 2020 Memorial Field subproject (CIP#557); together with report from the Parks and Recreation Director.

**Action:** City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview.

Councilor Champlin asked if it makes sense to put the posts in during November letting them go through a year of exposure to the elements as opposed to putting them in during the Spring and reducing the amount of wear and tear that they get when they are not being used. Mr. Aspell responded that if they put them in in the Spring, it won't be ready for tennis in the Spring.

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

- 21H. Resolution repurposing the sum of \$11,971 from the 2019 Equipment Replacement Subproject (CIP #569) for use on the 2020 Loader Backhoe Subproject (CIP #569); together with report from the Director of Parks & Recreation.

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

- 21I. Public hearing regarding Senate Bill (SB) 191, Keno and the funding of full-day kindergarten in New Hampshire.

**Action:** Mayor Bouley recused himself from items 21I and 21J due to a work



conflict.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouchard opened the public hearing.

### **Public Testimony**

Carl Nolin, American Legion Post 21, spoke in support of Keno gaming because it would bring people there to eat and drink at their lunch counter. He stated that the money made there and everywhere would go back into the community. He added that everything they would make out of the Keno business would go back into the community. He spoke in support of Keno being placed on the ballot and does get approved so that they can use whatever funding to return it into the community.

Todd Roy, Cheers, indicated that they currently hold cribbage, bingo and trivia events which bring people from all over. He would like to offer another opportunity at his restaurant. He hopes that Council lets the people of Concord vote on this item.

Senator Andy Sanborn, The Draft, indicated that he originally voted against Keno but gets asked every single day as to why they don't have it in establishments. He pointed out that Concord is deriving a benefit from this today - the funding of kindergarten. He noted that the reality is that this was approved by the Legislature and now they have an opportunity to ask the citizens of Concord if they want to try to raise additional resources to help fund education. He implored the Council to place the Keno question on the ballot.

Councilor Champlin asked why Senator Sanborn voted against Keno. Senator Sanborn responded that he voted against the bill primarily because he believes that, if they are going to enact a new way to generate revenue to meet the needs of their community, they should do it in a more broad based section and make it available to everyone. In regards to his establishment, he pointed out that neighboring establishments have Keno and some of his customers leave to go to those to play Keno. He believes that, if Concord had it, it would benefit this community by increased economic activity downtown.

Councilor Coen asked how Senator Sanborn explains the reason as to why he doesn't have Keno within his establishment or in the city. Senator Sanborn replied that he tells them that it was on the ballot two years ago and two years ago it was voted down.

Councilor Keach asked if it's correct that gambling already occurs not only in Senator Sanborn's establishment but others by law. Senator Sanborn responded that he doesn't gamble but feels that the charitable gaming operation that has been established for over thirty years truly does great things.

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

21J. Public hearing regarding House Bill (HB) 480-N, Sports Betting in New Hampshire.

**Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Bouchard asked the Council if there was any objection to holding the action on Keno and sports betting after the public hearings on these items. There was no Council objection.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouchard opened the public hearing.

**Public Testimony**

Senator Sanborn, owner of The Draft sports bar and Concord Casino, pointed out that sports betting is currently happening in Concord so even if it's decided not to do this, it would still be happening within their community. He asked shouldn't Concord itself have the ability to derive some financial benefit from it. He highlighted the charitable gaming within his establishment noting that he wants to specifically help Concord charitable organizations to take the pressure off the city. He noted that, by including sports betting on the ballot and getting it passed, is just going to help them raise more money for their local communities.

Councilor Werner indicated that it troubles him that, at the same time these initiatives are authorized, that there are things such as councils for problem gambling that are established with the expectation that they are going to need those services, that they are going to need treatment for people who are not responsible. He asked why they are doing this as a society and at the same time recognizing that there will be issues. Senator Sanborn responded that he is often troubled by these same types of observations. In regards to charitable gambling, he has not seen a single person who he felt shouldn't be there. He stated that the potential is there for them to exist but most people have an ability to know when its time to stop. He pointed out that if anyone is struggling with anything, there should be something available to them noting that if people struggle for anything, opioid addiction, alcoholism, compulsive shopping, too much time on the internet, or gambling there

should be some sort of resource there to help them out. He stated that just because some struggle, doesn't mean they should be casting a negative glance of society of a total.

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

- 21K. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code; Chapter 28, Zoning Ordinance, Article 28-2, Zoning Districts and Allowable Uses, Article 28-4, Development Design Standards, Article 28-5, Supplemental Standards and Glossary for the purpose of regulating development of solar collection systems; together with report from the Assistant City Planner. (Revised report submitted) (Supplemental ordinance and report submitted along with communication from the Conservation Commission)

**Action:** Beth Fenstermacher, Senior Planner, provided a brief overview of the supplemental report and ordinance noting that they revisited the ordinance and the two issues that they heard were regarding the twenty five acre cap and the methodology and percentage of solar land cover. She explained that the supplemental ordinance raises the cap from twenty five acres to fifty acres however it doesn't change the solar land coverage or the percentages. She explained that they used the master plan as their guiding policy and, based on the master plan and what they reviewed, they feel that the ordinance before Council is a fair compromise between the master plan and the different interested parties.

Councilor Kretovic indicated that there is a supplemental report from the Conservation Commission that referenced that they were not going to be able to meet on this until an August 14th timeframe. She inquired whether there is an update from them on this change and whether they support it or not. Ms. Fenstermacher indicated that the chair of the commission was present this evening.

Councilor Hatfield inquired in regards to the date of the city's last master plan. Ms. Fenstermacher responded that it's 2008 and the city plans to update it within the next few years. Councilor Hatfield asked if staff agrees that it's a little dated at this point. Ms. Fenstermacher responded yes.

In regards to land that was placed in a conservation easement, Councilor Herschlag asked if they would or would not be able to have solar panels on this land. Ms. Fenstermacher responded that it depends upon the language of the easement explaining that currently most wouldn't be allowed. Councilor Herschlag asked if this ordinance would impact those easements. Ms. Fenstermacher responded that

it would not impact the existing easements. Councilor Herschlag inquired as to whether it would affect future easements. Ms. Fenstermacher responded that it depends whether the language was put in if there was interest in allowing solar development within those easements. If there wasn't interest in solar development, Councilor Herschlag asked if the ordinance would override those. Ms. Fenstermacher responded no.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing.

### **Public Testimony**

Kris Tardiff, Conservation Commission, stated that the commission understands and recognizes the importance of solar as being part of an energy framework in Concord and certainly, in terms of moving forward, towards meeting a renewable energy goal for the city. The question as they see it is not whether solar should be part of Concord's landscape but where and how it should be incorporated. She feels that their comments in their August memo were really driven towards that. The commission is fully in favor of the aspects of the ordinance that speaks to residential solar and even to community solar. She pointed out that their concerns were really the cap on solar which is now being proposed to raise from twenty five acres to fifty acres and how this affects their rural open space or RO district where a lot of the conservation land is also located. Ms. Tardiff stated that one of the things that guides them also is the master plan and there are aspects of the master plan that talk about the city's goal and vision; it is a plan that certainly could be updated but, as part of the process and this being their current policy, the community was supportive of preserving the rural character of parts of the city that is in what is now the RO district. One of the concerns that the commission has is do they really understand what a fifty acre cap is going to do to the RO district pointing out that there are a lot of trees within this district. She indicated that the Conservation Commission is very supportive of advancing solar as part of the framework but making sure they have an understanding as to what this proposal has the potential to do to the city's landscape. From the Conservation Commission's perspective, she asked Council to really consider whether they want to set fifty acres as a cap and what those impacts may be.

Councilor Keach noted that there is a perception that the Conservation Commission would prefer that no land would be developed. He's heard these panels be referred to as solar farms and asked how this is different from corn farms. Ms. Tardiff responded that the commission, as a whole, is not

anti-development and understands that conservation and development go hand and hand and conservation has an important role to play in having a city that is livable. They understand that there needs to be a balance between development and conservation. In terms of solar and how are they different from corn farms, she noted that this may be a matter of perception but one of the reasons that the commission has concerns, just about the large scale solar utility, is that this is different in terms of the landscape than rooftop solar or a community solar aspect. Where their concern was the fifty acre size and how this impacts the open space areas or the more rural areas of the city. She stated that the commission views it as not a question of whether they should have solar and even more solar but where is it going to be and how are they going to implement this and work it into the fabric of their landscape.

In regards to the proposed fifty acre cap, Councilor Herschlag noted that its his understanding that sixty percent of that land would still have to be open space. Ms Tardiff replied that its also her understanding as to how this functions as well. Councilor Herschlag believes that there is also a rider that if it was commercial, that there could be fifty percent coverage. He asked what specifically could be their concerns, assuming that there was an adequate buffer, that forty to fifty percent in RO district could have solar panels or coverage. He asked what the commission's suggestion is to move forward in an RO district. Ms. Tardiff feels that part of the concern of the commission was feeling that they didn't have enough information in terms of what would this fifty acre cap with all the other restrictions look like and what would that do to their more rural areas that are in the RO district.

Councilor Herschlag asked if they would like more clarity on the placement of solar panels, how it impacts the neighbors and when driving through these areas. Ms. Tardiff believes that there may be some detail in the current ordinance that addresses setbacks and buffers but what they hear at the commission at times is what any large scale development does to the rural residential area in which part of this is the landscape and what people see as they pass through this area. Councilor Herschlag questioned the setbacks. Ms. Fenstermacher pointed out that it does increase the RO district to fifty feet for the sides where currently it's the front setback that is fifty feet, however, it does give the Planning Board the discretion to increase the buffer an additional thirty feet. She clarified that the fifty acres is the forty percent so they would need a larger parcel; it would be fifty acres of solar land coverage that is the cap.

Councilor Herschlag asked if this is something that the commission needs more

time on or is there something specifically that Ms. Tardiff can tell them that she would like to see changed with this ordinance. Ms. Tardiff responded that the commission's view was that the fifty acres as a cap was too high at this point, based on the information that they have, their concerns include understanding what the impacts of industrial scale solar in their RO district would be.

Referencing the previous public hearing on this, Councilor Hatfield noted that one thing she found compelling were the farmers and those in agriculture using their land in different ways. What she heard from them was that they really want to keep their land as open space but for some of them it comes down to subdividing house lots or trying to take advantage of things such as solar. She wonders if solar is a better option than slicing up this space. Ms. Tardiff stated that it's a parcel by parcel analysis and the economics of the farmers. She pointed out that one of the things that they have done is acquire or put conservation easements on agricultural land; this is something that they are mindful of and they support agricultural soils to ensure that they still have local agriculture as part of the landscape of their community. She noted that the commission was concerned that they not go too fast towards a cap of fifty acres without having a full understanding as to how that impacts the landscape across the entire community and as not to one particular landowner.

Councilor Nyhan asked if the Conservation Commission is prepared to suggest something somewhere between twenty five and fifty that would work and that they would be comfortable with. Ms. Tardiff responded that they didn't vote on an alternative proposal at their last meeting because they are trying to understand how these caps would impact the more rural areas.

Mayor Bouley noted that, traditionally, in the way they've done things in the city is that they build consensus from the ground up. He explained that this issue comes from the Energy and Environment Committee, it goes to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and then to public hearings in which people weigh in. Typically through this process, he indicated that they build consensus and feels for some reason they haven't been able to do this with this project. He is trying to understand why and find a balance between the competing thoughts. He asked if there is any place within the city in which this would work in an RO district. Ms. Tardiff doesn't feel that the commission would be disinterested with anything in the RO district. She stated that the commission is supportive of the residential and community solar that can be in the RO district. The concern was more of do they have an understanding as to what allowing industrial scale solar with a fifty acre cap

would do to their more rural areas. She believes that there is common ground to be found pointing out that the commission is not anti-solar or anti-development; it's a question of where and how big. She feels that the dialogue they are having throughout various committees is not unique to the city.

Mayor Bouley noted that it may not be right for everyplace. He asked if the Conservation Commission had pulled out maps and discussed as to where they feel they could or could not have these located. Ms. Tardiff responded that they didn't have a parcel by parcel analysis because they didn't have the time or that kind of expertise to do this. She stated that there was the concern expressed in their most recent memo as to where these can go without having to cut down thirty or forty acres of trees.

Councilor Champlin noted that his understanding is that where you can locate a major solar array is really dependent upon how close it is where you can connect it to the grid. Ms. Tardiff responded that is her understanding as well but is not sure they studied this within the city to have an understanding as to where those areas are and whether any of them are within the RO district to begin with.

Councilor Coen wonders if it would be helpful if there was a study done to indicate the land in which it would make sense and mapping it out so that they all have an understanding in which these fifty acre industrial solar sites could be and where they couldn't be. He feels that it would make sense if they knew where these locations were first that would fit these scenarios. Ms. Tardiff feels that this is fair.

Bob Carey pointed out that there are landowners within the RO district who have land that isn't suitable for farming or development so they can supplement their income with solar. He stated that its hard to be a farmer in Concord and in New Hampshire and, in some ways, allowing large solar could help some of the farms stay afloat because it would give them a way to supplement their income. He feels that there is still the issue with the limitation, the forty percent lot limitation which wouldn't let a ten megawatt solar farm go on some of the properties. His suggested revision is to increase the RO and RM lot limitation percentage from forty percent to sixty percent for commercial and sixty percent for community solar. He noted that a solar farm is a very different use; it doesn't demand a lot of city services, doesn't emit noise pollution, doesn't emit any kind of pollution, doesn't have radiant light and, based on the ordinance, it would be buffered on all sides. Referencing the language that gives the Planning Board the ability to reduce what the recommended size limits are for aesthetics, he feels that this is a subject of

veto. He feels that it comes down to whether people like them or don't like them. He recommends that Council revise the proposed ordinance so that larger scale solar can fit on some of these lots that are appropriate

Referencing Mr. Carey's suggestions, Councilor Kretovic indicated that several committees have been looking at this issue over the past few months and asked if those committees had a chance to weigh in on what he is suggesting this evening. With the exception of the aesthetics revision, Mr. Carey stated that it is the same revision he was suggesting in June. Councilor Kretovic asked if he would be opposed to giving the committees the opportunity to review it and weigh in before the Council made a decision. Mr. Carey responded that he would not be opposed.

Councilor Coen suspects that a lot of people living in the RO district bought their homes there so they can be in a rural setting. He asked if Mr. Carey has done any research or surveyed as to if this is a real issue in the RO district. Mr. Carey is not sure how he would survey pointing out that Council has letters of support for solar in Concord.

Councilor Herschlag asked what the thoughts would be on restricting the forty, fifty or sixty percent coverage based upon buildable land on a lot as opposed to the entire size of the lot. Mr. Carey thinks that what the ordinance is trying to do is provide a framework for the Planning Board, for a landowner, or solar company to look at some guidelines. He feels that what Councilor Herschlag is asking is more for a case by case basis and feels that what the ordinance could best accomplish is to provide some overall structure and guidance for the parties. He is not sure how they could look at that determination.

Mayor Bouley asked Mr. Carey to outline his suggestion. Mr. Carey submitted a handout with his suggested changes to the ordinance. (Mr. Carey's handout for his suggested change to the ordinance is on file at the City Clerk's Office)

Michael Behrmann, Dover resident and Revolution Energy, noted that the fact that the city is looking and moving towards putting an ordinance in place and some of the other measures that they have taken are applaudable. The visual impact when looking at a city or town, those impacts can be more significant than others - whether visual or other impacts. With solar particularly, by and large, there are very minimal impacts in a development. He noted that impacts in terms of other utility resources - a subdivision, families moving in, kids - all of those types of considerations that are applied to other types of developments are not associated



with this. The projects themselves in terms of where they can be located requires very specific items on that property in order to make it a good site. The transmission lines are a major component; even if there is a substation nearby or are able to tie into those transmission lines, that requires a significant size for a project. Even if this can be done, the lines may not have the capacity on them in order to be able to tie in and interconnect. He stressed that this isn't something that is going to pop up everywhere around the community because there are very specific conditions and a lengthy process that goes into determining whether they can actually develop on that property. What is determined here will certainly set a level of precedent. A concerning item is the buffer - it is a very significant buffer. The point about property owners receiving additional benefits from these types of products - it is a fact that the leases created for a property provide more value than the typical crop that they are able to grow on that property. In terms of the electrical side - there are economies of scale and these level of developments have an opportunity to have specific off takers of that power including different businesses throughout the state and help those businesses reduce electric costs in their operations.

Councilor Coen asked what field of business Mr. Behrmann is in. Mr. Behrmann indicated that he has developed a number of different assets largely solar but has done alternative energies.

In terms of siting a lot, Mayor Bouley inquired as to what is the maximum distance away from a substation. Mr. Behrmann responded that this does depend upon size and feels that it's going to be hard to do even a mile. He stated that it is a substantial cost when interconnecting to distribution or transmission lines. He noted that they need to do studies in order to make sure your power is going to be on the grid. Mayor Bouley clarified that, based upon what he sees with their proposal, it would be a mile or less. Mr. Behrmann responded yes they would have to be pretty close.

Mayor Bouley highlighted the city's Northern Pass fight noting that one of the things they were fighting about is exactly what they are talking about here - that scorched earth going through their community and the concern with removing all the trees and the feeling like its Northern Pass all over again. He asked what they should say to residents within the community who spent so much time and effort fighting the Northern Pass to prevent that land from scarring their community to how they feel thinking about fifty plus acres in an RO district. Mr. Behrmann feels that they are two very different projects and concerns. In this case, the economic

benefits are within the community. He pointed out that one of the big things now, with these projects, is utilizing the rows of space between the panels for other purposes; an interesting development is pollinator species and purposely planting native species of flowers or other plants trying to be as little of an impact in total. He doesn't believe that these types of items were brought up with the Northern Pass. As a developer you try to create as little impact and positively develop ways to minimize any impact you have by some of these alternative uses.

Referencing ten megawatts, City Manager Tom Aspell asked how big of an area is needed for proper sun exposure. Mr. Behrmann responded that roughly fifty acres is needed noting that every property is unique - the standard is usually about five acres per mega-watt.

Mr. Aspell noted that there appears to be a direct relationship between the revenue a developer would be able to generate off of a site versus how much they invest in the infrastructure necessary to connect it to the grid. He indicated that it makes sense if they can regulate the size with the site; they can reduce the size of the exposed area that can be developed - in terms of how far you can get from the grid. Mr. Behrmann explained that when you are reaching 10+ megawatts, you really look for properties that have transmission lines crossing through them; even then, you are not going to create a substation on that property to interconnect at ten megawatts, you would need to be up around 20 or more because of the substantial cost.

Madeline Mineau, Clean Energy NH Executive Director, feels that the ordinance, as is, is very restrictive for larger solar development. They do feel that the change for the total maximum area cap from 25 acres to 50 acres would be a step in the right direction, however, their main concern remains with the definition of solar land coverage counting the entire area of the project including all of the space in between the rows of panels noting that those areas are just not occupied by any structure. She agrees that the Planning Board shouldn't have the authority to further restrict the size of projects solely based on aesthetics alone. She noted that the change they would like to see is a change in the definition of solar land coverage specifically only counting what is realistically the area of land that sees any impact. They would agree to define this generously, by their standards, which would be the area directly occupied by a structure or under a solar panel. She feels that Concord should welcome solar including large solar projects noting that it would be a welcoming investment in their community and would create new tax revenue. She pointed out that if the city wants to be welcoming to solar, this is not

the message they want to be sending with this proposed ordinance.

Councilor Coen asked Ms. Mineau as to what her definition of open space includes. Ms. Mineau responded that its space not occupied by a structure.

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

- 21L. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$7,100 as a transfer to the Golf fund and authorizing the use of \$7,100 in General Fund unassigned fund balance, and appropriating the sum of \$7,100 in the Golf Fund for course consulting services and authorizing the use of \$7,100 as a transfer-in from the General Fund; together with report from the Deputy City Manager - Finance.

**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.

### **Public Hearing Action**

22. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I, Community Drive; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects.

**Action:** Councilor Todd moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Todd thanked Jack Shields for bringing this forward noting that its a great example of the public working with the Council and city staff in creating positive solutions to problems that exist.

The motion to approve passed with no dissenting votes.

23. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title V Administrative Code; Chapter 30, Administrative Code, Article 30-3, Boards and Commissions, Airport Advisory Committee; together with report from the Deputy City Manager for Development.

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

24. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title V, Administrative Code;

Chapter 35, Classification and Compensation Plan, Schedule D of Article 35-2, Class Specification Index, by modifying the Position of Custodian; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

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

25. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$347,760 for the purpose of paved greenway trail improvements at Terrill Park (CIP #59) including accepting \$100,000 in grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), \$69,000 in donated funds from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$178,760 for the Terrill Park Trail Improvements Project (CIP #59); together with report from the Parks and Recreation Director and a letter of support from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. (Public testimony received)

**Action:** Councilor Matson moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Herschlag indicated that his concern is that when this first came to Council, there wasn't going to be any city contribution and now they are being asked to contribute over fifty percent. In addition, they are conflating issues of Terrill Park with the greenway trail. He stated that he would be willing to support this path with a few conditions: that it is not paved; that they not pave the entire parking lot and just pave the section allowing handicap accessibility; and not move the dog park. He supports thinning or cutting down the trees that blocks the road and parking area off of Old Turnpike Road so there is a line of site from the road that would enhance the safety of this project. He is currently not comfortable providing over \$178,000 for a project that they were told that the city would not be making a financial contribution to.

Councilor Kretovic believes that this project is phenomenal noting that over the years, the city created an area that used to be a dumping ground at their city gateway and turned it into something that people could use as a park. She stated that this is the progress that happens when a community gets behind a project and says this is important. She noted that this is the biggest game changer that they have for the Manchester Street community to connect to the stores within their community. She is fully supportive of this project.

Councilor Werner indicated that he is very supportive of this project and feels that its exactly the kind of investment that they ought to be making as a community because it will pay off in so many ways.

Councilor Champlin feels that the greenway trail and the rail trail are two immensely valuable and important projects for this city; projects that have the potential to create significant economic impact for small business. He pointed out that he doesn't believe that the entire \$178,000 of the city's investment is just for the trail and is also part of the development of Terrill Park. He feels this is an important step for them to take and will be voting in support of this project.

Councilor Hatfield agrees with the sentiments that have been expressed and thanked the volunteers for all their work. She reminded everyone that there is still a pretty big gap between where this ends and Loudon Road so they still have a lot of work to do so they need to keep pushing forward to finish this.

The motion to approve passed with one dissenting vote by Councilor Herschlag. The resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

26. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of \$23,065 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.

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. The resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

27. Resolution rescinding the appropriation of \$25,000 and de-authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$25,000 for the 2020 Equipment Replacement Subproject (CIP #569), and appropriating the sum of \$17,000 and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$17,000 for the 2020 Loader Backhoe Subproject; together with report from the Parks and Recreation Director.

**Action:** Councilor Bouchard moved approval. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Hatfield thanked staff that have been working at the Old North Cemetery doing repairs.

The motion to approve passed with no dissenting votes. The resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

28. Resolution rescinding the appropriation of \$9,000 and de-authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$9,000 for the 2020 Pocket Parks Subproject

(CIP #258), and appropriating the sum of \$9,000 and authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in the sum of \$9,000 for the 2020 Memorial Field subproject (CIP#557); together with report from the Parks and Recreation Director.

**Action:** Councilor Herschlag moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. The resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

29. Resolution repurposing the sum of \$11,971 from the 2019 Equipment Replacement Subproject (CIP #569) for use on the 2020 Loader Backhoe Subproject (CIP #569); together with report from the Director of Parks & Recreation.

**Action:** Councilor Bouchard moved approval. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. The resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

30. Public hearing regarding Senate Bill (SB) 191, Keno and the funding of full-day kindergarten in New Hampshire.

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved to place the Keno question on the ballot. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Coen asked if this vote means they are endorsing Keno as a Council or if they are voting to place this on the ballot so that the citizens of Concord can vote in favor or against it.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouchard clarified that they would just be voting to place it on the ballot; they are not voting for or against Keno. She further clarified that if they vote to place the item on the ballot, they would also be holding another public hearing at their October Council meeting.

Councilor Grady Sexton stated that anytime there is an opportunity to allow residents to vote on the ballot she will always vote to support it.

Councilor Champlin is deeply troubled by this measure noting that they've heard people say that the residents should have an opportunity to vote on this and sincerely feels that the residents had an opportunity to vote on this once and decided that they didn't want Keno in Concord. He feels that people are second guessing these voters. He stated that they heard from the Lottery Commission at one of their previous meetings that, what is really going to happen here is, if the voters once more decide they don't want Keno in Concord, then two years from then they are going to have the Lottery Commission back in front of them and

asked to place it on the ballot again. He doesn't find this respectful of the wisdom of the voters of their city. He acknowledged his deep personal concerns about gambling stating that gambling not only hurts the person gambling but also their family and the people around them. After lots of consideration and soul searching, he will be voting against this.

Councilor Keach pointed out that the state law is clear that every two years this issue may come before the City Council for consideration. He stated that a referendum is really the purest form of democracy they have and feels that it would be an insult to the voters not to offer them this opportunity to once again vote on this. With regard to the morality issue, he doesn't feel that it's the Council's responsibility to regulate people in the way they spend their money. He feels that the voters should have the opportunity to either vote for or against Keno. He respects the voters opinions and wants to hear from the voters.

Councilor Kretovic agrees with Councilor Keach noting that two years ago, when this was on the ballot, she heard voters indicate that they never saw the question because it was on the bottom of the ballot. She is not in favor of gambling but her opinion of gambling has no bearing on this situation. She doesn't feel that its up to her to make a decision for somebody else. She wants the question to go on the ballot.

Councilor Herschlag indicated that it is his understanding that the same process of placing Keno on the ballot and the public voting for it would be the same process used in reverse to have it removed. He pointed out that he ran for Council four times before he was elected and didn't feel that he was disrespecting or insulting voters by doing so. In regards to Councilor Grady Sexton's comments, he stated that they so rarely have an opportunity to hear directly from the public to place something on the ballot that they would not be doing their job properly, when they do have this opportunity, by denying. He is also not a fan of Keno or gambling but it doesn't matter in this situation because the public has an opportunity to tell them what they think.

Councilor Grady Sexton respectfully disagrees with the idea that they are second guessing resident's votes because the last time this was on the ballot, residents didn't have a concept of how this was going to play out because Keno did not exist. She feels that this is a completely different vote and they are not in the business of telling people how they can spend their money.

The motion to place the Keno question on the ballot passed on a voice vote. Mayor Bouley recused himself from voting on this item.

31. Public hearing regarding House Bill (HB) 480-N, Sports Betting in New Hampshire.

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved to place sports betting on the ballot. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Champlin noted that what concerns him in regards to this is that the language mandated by the state is extremely vague in terms of helping somebody understand what this is. He hopes there is some vigorous public discourse and discussion about this so that the voters are fully apprised of exactly what this is and what it entails.

The motion to place the sports betting question on the ballot passed on a voice vote. Mayor Bouley recused himself from voting on this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bouchard indicated that there will be public hearings for Keno and sports betting once again at their October City Council meeting.

32. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code; Chapter 28, Zoning Ordinance, Article 28-2, Zoning Districts and Allowable Uses, Article 28-4, Development Design Standards, Article 28-5, Supplemental Standards and Glossary for the purpose of regulating development of solar collection systems; together with report from the Assistant City Planner. (Revised report submitted) (Supplemental ordinance and report submitted along with communication from the Conservation Commission)

**Action:** Councilor Hatfield moved to table this ordinance. The motion was duly seconded.

Councilor Kretovic feels that what's been proposed this evening, from Mr. Carey, changing this ordinance to sixty percent, she wouldn't be comfortable in doing so without having the Conservation Commission and other committees look at that. At the same time, she does have concerns about the word "aesthetics", often times when they are speculative about how things are going to look and feel, they wind up in trouble. She feels that a further discussion is warranted within their community so that they can hear from the parties again in regards to what would be appropriate.

Councilor Herschlag asked how many times this is going to come back to the



Council questioning if they, as the Council, should be providing guidance or are they leaving it to other boards. He asked how the Energy and Environment Committee will go forward in determining what information to incorporate and what information to exclude. He noted that if there is a way to move forward expeditiously, he encourages them to do so.

Councilor Kenison believes this can be tweaked some more so she will support the tabling motion however, she reiterated that its all about balance: the quality of life, open space, and solar. They have a climate crisis facing them and they have to do something about it and, in doing so, compromises are going to have to be made by everyone to deal with this responsibly.

Councilor Keach is not in favor of tabling this noting that they have received plenty of input from all parties concerned. He stated that, at some point, they need to act as a referee and establish policy based upon the best information that they've gotten. He pointed out that any of these developments will take those acreages and take them out of current use and put on the tax rolls stating that this translates into hundred of thousands of dollars noting that they may have forgotten this economic component of the equation.

Councilor Champlin noted that if this is tabled and more work is done on this, he hopes that the Planning Board is part of the process. He doesn't recall anyone raising the objection to the "aesthetic" language during the Planning Board meetings.

Referencing Councilor Keach's remarks, Mayor Bouley doesn't believe that its the model of this Council to rush into decisions and doesn't feel that this is stalling by any means. He feels that, by tabling this, they are doing their job and doing exactly what they should be doing as elected officials which is to come up with the best possible solution they can. He feels that they may have some committees that are in conflict but feels that they can bring them together, make a great product that will benefit the community, that they will be a model for the state, that they will embrace solar energy, and they will make sure that they respect the rights of the people living in the RO district.

Councilor Werner supports tabling this item and feels confident that they can be in a position to come back with some solid proposals that have been discussed by all parties. He feels that this evening's discussion has been valuable in terms of education and in terms of what the impact of solar development truly would be in

the city. He hopes this can be done for the October Council meeting.

Councilor Todd feels that it would be important, whatever timing is realistic going forward, to include accommodation for the various committees to be able to weigh in on this.

The motion to table this item passed on a voice vote with Councilor Keach voting no.

33. Resolution appropriating the sum of \$7,100 as a transfer to the Golf fund and authorizing the use of \$7,100 in General Fund unassigned fund balance, and appropriating the sum of \$7,100 in the Golf Fund for course consulting services and authorizing the use of \$7,100 as a transfer-in from the General Fund; together with report from the Deputy City Manager - Finance.

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

Councilor Herschlag is not convinced that this can't be done in-house and with city staff. He is not voting in support of this item.

Councilor Kretovic noted that there have been areas on the golf course this year in which they are struggling to grow grass which is the most important element of golf. She stated that the elements of circulation and sunshine is what makes grass grow and, as a course, they are behind this year not in revenue and play but because they are struggling to grow grass.

Councilor Hatfield noted her support stating that the golf course is a big asset for the city and believes that they need to keep investing in it.

Councilor Coen pointed out that these are specialists and this is why the Golf Course Advisory Committee requested this.

The motion to approve passed on a voice vote with one dissenting vote by Councilor Herschlag. The resolution received the required two-thirds vote.

## **Reports**

### **New Business**

### **Unfinished Business**

34. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18,

Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I, by amending Schedule I to add / modify parking prohibitions on Nivelles Street; together with report from the Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services & Special Projects. (Public testimony received) (Action table at the March 11, 2019 City Council meeting)

**Action:** Councilor Nyhan moved to take this item off the table. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Councilor Nyhan indicated that he had a chance to speak to the residents of 39 Nivelles Street this past week and those residents have installed a larger driveway to park eight vehicles comfortably. It is no longer required that Council change the parking ordinance to alleviate the problem there.

Councilor Nyhan moved to accept the report but not accept the parking changes, leaving parking as is. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

### **Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors**

Councilor Todd indicated that, on October 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Merrimack Valley High School library, the Penacook Village Association will be hosting a discussion forum on affordable housing. Special guests Rosemary Heard, CATCH, Dean Christon, NH Housing Finance Authority, and City Manager Tom Aspell.

Councilor Herschlag reminded everyone that Wednesday is September 11th noting that eighteen years ago they were attacked and nearly 3,000 people were killed. He noted that today the horrific effects of the attack are still being felt by those that responded on that day; it is possible that the number of responders that will die from their exposure to the destruction of the trade towers will outnumber those killed in the attack. He asked everyone to take the time to remember those who were killed, those who will continue to suffer, and those who will pay the ultimate price for their bravery and doing their jobs.

Councilor Kretovic indicated that on September 12th, Intown Concord is having their annual upstairs downtown tour noting that they will be taking tours on rooftops this year. She pointed out that its an opportunity to see a new view of the city.

Councilor Hatfield indicated that there is a neighborhood parking forum on

Tuesday, September 17th in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. to discuss final draft recommendations for parking issues in part of Ward Four. She requested that these notices be supplied to the Council.

Mayor Bouley suggested Councilors to go onto the community calendar on the city's website for any upcoming meetings. He added that road closures are also listed on the city's website.

Councilor Matson noted that the Concord Municipal Airport is hosting a Wings and Wheels event on September 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilor Matson indicated that there is going to be a Concord Heights community mural project sponsored by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce through a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation. Saturday, September 14th will be the design process at the IHM Church hall on Loudon Road from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 5th will be the day of painting at Arnie's Place on Loudon Road from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Bouchard indicated that the adult enrichment classes brochure is out with classes being held at the citywide community center.

### **Comments, Requests by the City Manager**

### **Consideration of Suspense Items**

### **Adjournment**

The time being 10:16 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*

**Information**

Inf1 July 25, 2019 Transportation Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.

Inf2 August 14, 2019 Executive Council Meeting Report from Executive Councilor Adu Volinsky.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.

Inf3 Communication from Comcast Cable notifying the City of Concord of upcoming programming changes.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.

Inf4 Communications from the University of New Hampshire, Roads Scholar Program, notifying the City of Concord of employee achievements in their program. Mike Nugent-Roads Scholar Two and Kevin Demers-Master Roads Scholar II.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.

Inf5 Parks & Recreation 2019 Summer Camp Survey.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.

Inf6 Upcoming Events at the Concord City Auditorium.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.

Inf7 Invitation to Mayor Bouley, Members of City Council and the City Manager to participate in the Christmas parade to be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019.

**Action:** Information item received and filed.