A regular meeting of the Keene City Council was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022. The Honorable Mayor George S. Hansel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll called: Bryan J. Lake, Michael J. Remy, Michael Giacomo, Randy L. Filiault, Robert C. Williams, Philip M. Jones, Andrew M. Madison, Raleigh C. Ormerod, Bettina A. Chadbourne, Catherine I. Workman, Mitchell H. Greenwald, Kate M. Bosley, and Thomas F. Powers were present. Gladys Johnsen arrived at 7:04 PM. Kris E. Roberts was absent. Councilor Chadbourne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded the Council that the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee will continue its review of the Capital Improvement Plan at their regular meeting on February 24, 2022. The meeting will start at 5:30 PM. He went on to note the public hearing on the proposed CIP has been scheduled for March 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley and the motion carried unanimously with 13 Councilors present and voting in favor.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Hansel presented a proclamation to Tiffany Hogan, Marketing Manager of Monadnock Food Co-op, declaring February 20, 2022 as Supermarket Employee Day. He asked all citizens to join him in honoring the invaluable services of supermarket employees, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Hogan said the Co-op's employees, who work tirelessly, would appreciate this show of appreciation.

CONFIRMATIONS

A motion by Councilor Powers to confirm the following nominations was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley: Sophia Cunha-Vasconcelos to the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire December 31, 2023 (note: term corrected by clerk to Dec. 31, 2022); Beth Campbell to the Energy and Climate Committee, with a term to expire December 31, 2024; and Thomas Salvastano to the Congregate Living and Social Services Licensing Board, with a term to expire December 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Roberts was absent.

NOMINATION

The following nomination was received from Mayor Hansel: Linsey Edmunds to serve on the Energy and Climate Committee, with a term to expire December 31, 2023. The nomination was until the next regular meeting.

COMMUNICATION – HARRIS CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION – REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE JORDAN ROAD FOR UP TO SIX NIGHTS IN MARCH AND APRIL – MIGRATING AMPHIBIANS

A communication was received from the Harris Center for Conservation Education, submitting their annual request for the temporary closure of Jordan Road for up to six nights in March and April for the protection of migrating amphibians—in particular, the Jefferson Salamander. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the Municipal Services, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee.

COMMUNICATION – DANYA LANDIS/MACHINA KITCHEN & ARTBAR – REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT SIDEWALK CAFÉ

A communication was received from Danya Landis of the Machina Kitchen & ArtBar, requesting permission to serve alcohol at the sidewalk café in front of her business. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee.

COMMUNICATION – COUNCILOR KATE BOSLEY – RULES OF ORDER – SECTION 15 – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A communication was received from Councilor Kate Bosley, requesting that Section 15 of the City Council's Rules of Order—dealing with conflicts of interest—be referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee for further discussion and potential amendment of the language. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee.

PLD REPORT – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER – CITY Clerk

Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read recommending the adoption of the proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Order with the minor Scribner's errors corrected. A motion by Councilor Bosley to adopt the proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Order was duly seconded by Councilor Giacomo. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Roberts was absent.

FOP REPORT – NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – CHANGE ORDER 3 – WWTP OPERATIONS MANAGER

Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee report read recommending that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to execute change order #3 with Weston and Samson engineers to perform technical services for the City's national pollution discharge elimination system permit renewal process for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for contract 02-16-01. A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Remy, and the motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor.

FOP REPORT – COUNCILORS REMY, BOSLEY, AND GIACOMO – CONTINUED REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee report read recommending that the communication on remote access be reported out of Committee and be referred to the Planning, Licenses and Development Committee for their consideration as an amendment to the Rules of

Order. A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Remy, and the motion carried unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor.

FOP REPORT - COUNCILOR FILIAULT - ROOMS AND MEALS TAX DECREASE

Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee report read recommending that the communication from Councilor Filiault be accepted as informational based on ongoing initiatives being undertaken by the County and the City with respect to increasing the local share of the rooms and meals tax. Mayor Hansel filed the report into the record as informational.

Councilor Filiault thanked the City Officers, Staff, and fellow City Councilors for aggressively pursuing this. He said that the County Administrator and County Commissioners were taking-up the fight, in addition to the NH Municipal Association. The Councilor said he is a realist with the current legislature in Concord and was not holding his breath. Still, this was his reminder that they still owe the City \$11 million, and he will never let them forget that.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Manager shared updates on the Fire Staffing Committee, which has met twice so far and would meet again on February 25. The Fire Department reviewed several data points with the Committee at the last meeting; she shared the presentation with Councilors. The presentation graphically depicted the FY-21 incidents by type (fire service, false alarm, etc.) and 79% of calls were for EMS. Data also showed the types of units responding to those calls the most. They also provided graphs illustrating fire and EMS calls in town versus out of town. In FY-21, 65% of EMS calls were in town and 28% of fire calls were out-of-town. They used this data to create a pie graph illustrating hours spent on each of those calls and a bar graph illustrating alarms or incidences by the day of week and the time of day. The City Manager said it was interesting to see the bar graph show them as almost equally busy every day of the week, without higher call volume on the weekends. The busiest times usually begin around 7:00 AM and last until 10:00–11:00 PM. At the next Fire Staffing meeting, the group would continue evaluating data and looking at Staff models, after which the City Manager would update the Council again.

Next, the City Manager provided updates on Fire Inspections. She had a very productive meeting with the Fire Marshal in which they agreed collectively on areas where improvements can be made to our Fire Inspection program. A schedule is being established, in partnership with the Fire Marshal's office, to reinforce the remaining open violations from the original list of 1,022. Staff from the Fire Marshal's office are accompanying and/or assisting Keene Fire members with these re-inspections. The Chief had requested their assistance with these re-inspections, and the City Manager said we are certainly grateful for the additional support and manpower. Earlier this week, the open number of violations was 410 at 79 locations, about 10–20 of which have already been re-inspected within the last couple of weeks but have items that remain open. She said we will always have open violations as long as we have inspections. The City Manager said the focus right now is re-inspecting those 79 locations so that we have a good baseline in the new software moving forward. In addition to the place of assembly permit inspections, the Fire Department is compiling a list of businesses to inspect over the next several months related to

occupancy concerns. The City is also planning a public education effort, with letters to businesses and multi-unit dwellings, flyers, social media posts, and more. The public education will explain the partnership with the Fire Marshal's office and the plan is to address the remaining open violations and the improvements to the Fire Inspection system moving forward, and provide a list of things property owners can check at their properties in advance of inspections. The City Manager said the Fire Department has made great progress, and soon we will have a plan in place to address the remaining open violations from the original list. In addition, the Department has been revising policies and procedures for this inspection program moving forward. She said this review identified weaknesses in our system that need to be addressed. The Fire Chief is sharing the revised policies and procedures with the Fire Marshal's office and welcomes their input and suggestions.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS – FINANCE DIRECTOR

A memorandum was received from Finance Director, Merri Howe, recommending that the City Council move to accept the list of donations presented, totaling \$5,025.00. Mayor Hansel commented that with the adoption this evening of new Rules of Order, this no longer requires a suspension of the Rules to act upon. A motion by Councilor Powers to accept the following donations and that the City Manager be authorized to use each donation in the manner specified by the donor was duly seconded by Councilor Remy. The motion passed unanimously with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor.

The City Manager and Mayor Hansel extended the City Council's recognition and appreciation to the following generous donors:

- The Keene Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Department received a donation of \$25 from Michelle Zanga, in appreciation of the work the Department does to maintain the trail system. She moved to Keene in part because of the trails and their connectivity to the downtown area.
- The Keene Public Library received a donation of \$5,000 from the Friends of the Keene Public Library to be used to fund interns for the Kingsbury Makerspace. The Friends of the Keene Public Library have provided funds for Makerspace interns since 2016.

MEMORANDUM – CITY CLERK AND ORDINANCE O-2021-16-B – RELATING TO THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS

Mayor Hansel noted that as provided for within the language of the Ordinance, Mayor Hansel requested that the Ordinance appear on this agenda for discussion. A motion by Councilor Powers to rescind Ordinance O-2021-16-B was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Filiault said that clearly the numbers were starting to come down; he appreciated information from the City Manager and Cheshire Medical. He still thought it was too early to rescind the Ordinance. He hoped the Council would discuss it tonight and then sunset it on Friday, March 4, providing one more meeting to ensure the numbers are going down, but if there is a major concern there is still one more chance to address it. Additionally, he spoke with some

business owners who appreciated the Council taking on this Ordinance and effectively being the "bad guy." Those business owners asked for a few weeks for them to adjust to having to choose whether to enact their own masking requirements. If the motion failed, Councilor Filiault would make a motion to sunset the Ordinance on March 4.

Councilor Chadbourne said it was a tough decision because numbers were going down, many states were dropping their mask mandates, and the CDC recently said it was a little too soon. So, Councilor Chadbourne contacted Dr. Caruso, who responded via email, giving her permission to read his response for the public record. He called his response objective reasons for continuing a mask mandate:

- 1. The percent positivity in the Keene community, as reported by Cheshire Medical Center, is at 20.4% as of February 14, 2022 and this does not include home testing numbers.
- 2. This level of positivity tells us there is a high level of transmission still going on in our community.
- 3. High levels of transmission lead to hospitalization and death. The percent of vaccinated getting sick has risen to 44.7% compared to 51.25% of unvaccinated.
- 4. This split tells us our vulnerable vaccinated are significantly more at risk now than ever.
- 5. Omicron clearly creates less severe disease but that is not true for everyone. Vulnerable individuals are much more at risk for hospitalization and/or death.
- 6. Cheshire Medical had seven Covid-19 patients on February 16 (the date of this email) and two were in the ICU on ventilators. This more than we had anytime last summer, which reinforces that the crisis is not over.
- 7. Stopping the mask mandate will result in percent positivity climbing again, and our vulnerable neighbors having once again high likelihood of getting Covid-19 despite vaccination.
- 8. The pandemic is not over. Stopping masking too soon will perpetuate the cycle of more people getting sick.

In response to Councilor Chadbourne's specific questions, Dr. Caruso shared that of those currently hospitalized, 37% were unvaccinated, and that co-morbidities are not tracked due to HIPPA concerns in a community as small as ours. Councilor Chadbourne said that her goal was for everyone to hear from someone in a position to demonstrate the effects. She said the Council needs to make the right decision for the community. She thinks it is about public safety as the numbers continue coming down, perhaps in the following two weeks, when she might be comfortable voting to rescind. She also spoke with former Councilor Steve Hooper, whose two local colleagues got Covid-19 last week; one was vaccinated and is ok, the other was not vaccinated and died. Councilor Chadbourne would not support rescinding at this time.

Councilor Remy said the challenge he had on the rise of positivity rates was that he thought they were comparing apples and oranges. He said that at the same time we saw a spike in positivity, we also saw a prevalence of home testing become available; so, all of a sudden people were able to test at home if they had light symptoms, if they thought they might have something, or if they were exposed to someone. When he was exposed, he took a home test instead of going to the clinic because he could, and he would never report those negative results to anyone. If he was

seriously concerned, he would go to the clinic to confirm his symptoms. But for light symptoms or potential exposure, he is no longer getting tested. So, he is curious if the rise in percent positivity is actually tied to percent positivity and whether the results only include those going in for random procedures and finding out they are sick. He said that the at-home tests are very easy to access now, with some available from the State and Federal governments. Councilor Remy questioned the correlation between the positivity spike and at-home testing.

Councilor Workman agreed with Councilor Remy that there are still many unknowns at this time. She said that yes, home testing is more accessible, but a lot of people are also not reporting their positivity rates. She added that at-home testing is still not completely accessible to everyone, like those who cannot afford them out of pocket. She thinks it is great that the numbers are coming down and she thinks the hospital is right projecting a positive, optimistic message, but Councilor Workman said we are not in the clear yet and ending this Ordinance would be preemptive. She recalled the proclamation read at the beginning of this meeting honoring grocery store workers, who are undoubtedly on the frontline of the pandemic often without access to insurance or paid time off, who she imagined would appreciate continuance of the mask mandate to keep them safe at work; they might not have the means to protect themselves and employers might not have incentive to protect them. She said there was an employee shortage in her line of work because, as many have told her, they are afraid to go back to work because they do not feel their employers will protect them adequately. Councilor Workman said the Councilors, as government officials, have to take on that responsibility as difficult as the decision may be.

Councilor Johnsen thanked Councilor Chadbourne for gathering that information. She agreed with Councilor Chadbourne that it was too early and the Ordinance should be reconsidered in a few weeks.

Councilor Giacomo addressed the numbers, stating that the NH tracking website outlines both PCR positivity rates and PCR plus antibody positivity rates. He said he did not question Dr. Caruso's medical authority or judgement, but said it was like asking a firefighter whether we should put out a fire. The Councilor said yes, we should do what we can to stop the spread of disease and as a medical professional Dr. Caruso would of course say we should do everything we can to stop the spread. Councilor Giacomo said we first had the mask mandate to flatten the curve, which was flat now; the number of ICU beds were not overwhelming the health care system (he believed it was down to 59% statewide). He said that towns larger and smaller than Keene without mask mandates had flat curves. Therefore, Councilor Giacomo questioned whether the mask mandate was accomplishing anything. He believed it did with the original variant but said there was no evidence that masks were currently helping, when other communities with no mask mandates had the same percent positivity as Keene.

Councilor Lake echoed Councilor Giacomo's point that the original point of the mask mandate was to get things under control at the hospital. Councilor Lake thought we had gotten there, with the ICU no longer at capacity and departments reopening. He thought we were headed in the right direction and had accomplished the goal of the Ordinance. Councilor Lake said he would still continue wearing masks because he cares about the people in our community and if he gets

Covid-19, he wants to make sure he is not giving it to those around him. Still, he did not think the Council should continue mandating that people do so.

Councilor Madison's concern was that the Council had effectively made a promise to the community when they passed this Ordinance in December as a temporary measure. He said the Council needed to move forward from the Ordinance and keep that short-term promise to the community. He said it is an authority and power of the Council to wield very gingerly. Now that percent positivity was down, he thought it was time to consider rescinding this. If it were not rescinded at this meeting, he thought there needed to be set criteria or a specific date decided to rescind it. Councilor Madison asked what the numbers need to look like for the Council to be comfortable rescinding.

Councilor Bosley reiterated some of her peers' comments. She said she listened intently when Dr. Caruso spoke before the PLD Committee, when he pleaded that the Council protect the hospital. She said that during the last communication, only one Covid-19 patient was in the ICU; according to Councilor Chadbourne's email the number was currently two. Our ICU can handle approximately 10 patients, so she said the hospital was well within its capacity to handle the positivity rate in the community. She said the hospital had expanded therapeutic treatment options and added that there was a lower positivity rate and spread of the virus itself. She had spoken with members of the community recently, and she thinks people who are wearing masks currently will continue and those not wearing masks will also continue. Councilor Bosley said those people do not care whether we have a mandate; they have chosen that behavior despite the mandate and she said it had not effected the spread of the virus given that rates were dropping. She said there was not a perfect science. Councilor Bosley agreed that the Council made a promise to the community to protect the hospital, which had the situation under control right now and has the power to return to the Council requesting help again in the future.

Councilor Ormerod noted he had gotten letters and calls from some constituents, who all said the same thing: we are not ready, and we think it is too soon. As a Councilor, he said he must think about what is best for everyone as they are going back into businesses. He is concerned that people might be afraid to reenter businesses, which would not help those businesses as much as the Council conversation indicated, unless it is managed and communicated. He also heard fear from constituents about hospitalization, noting how many vaccinated he knew that were still hospitalized, himself included, which he said he would not wish on anyone. Councilor Ormerod was glad the numbers are coming down, but felt he had to speak up for the people whose concerns about lifting the Ordinance had not been represented.

Councilor Filiault said you could not really disagree with anything said during this discussion. He said it was an issue of 'do we, or don't we?' After hearing all the preceding comments, Councilor Filiault said he would err on the side of caution for two more weeks, which was the motion he would make if the current one on the table was voted down as a compromise, not based on any politics. He never feels political pressure on this, stating that it is about science and numbers, which he thanked Councilor Chadbourne for sharing. While he hates masks and talking about masks, he said one thing the City Council could guarantee was that this Ordinance would

not hurt anyone, though it might frustrate a few people. Councilor Filiault wanted to give it two more weeks to hopefully bring the numbers down even further and allow the Council another meeting to discuss the numbers and allow businesses time to prepare, which some have expressed the hope for to him. He hoped his peers would vote no as well.

Councilor Giacomo appreciated Councilors Filiault's and Ormerod's comments about community fear of catching Covid-19. Councilor Giacomo said that fear would not go away and that there was a spectrum of feelings on the matter. He said it is logical for those fearful people to continue masking and protecting themselves. On the other side of the spectrum, he said there were people flaunting being unmasked, getting Covid-19, and being destructive to society. He said that obviously the City Council does not support the latter. While some are still fearful, Councilor Giacomo said it was not the Council's job to make every individual comfortable, but to do what they can to protect the community and hospital system to the point that it makes sense to follow the science. He reiterated that the Ordinance had accomplished its goal and there was no reason for it to continue.

Councilor Madison asked, if this Ordinance were rescinded, whether another one would have to be written and adopted in the event of needing a mask mandate again. Mayor Hansel replied in the affirmative.

With reference to the motion on the floor for rescission of the Ordinance, on a vote of 7 in favor and 7 opposed, Mayor Hansel broke the tie with a vote in favor of rescission. Ordinance O-2021-16-B was declared rescinded. Councilors Johnsen, Filiault, Williams, Jones, Ormerod, Chadbourne and Workman voted in opposition

MORE TIME

A Planning, Licenses, and Development report read recommending that the request from Keene Pride to Use City Property be placed on more time to allow protocol meetings to occur. Mayor Hansel granted more time.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A motion by Councilor Powers to go into non-public session to discussion a land matter under RSA 91-A.II.d was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Roberts was absent.

The City Council entered the non-public session at 7:46 PM. The Public Works Director and the Chair of the Conservation Commission, Andrew VonPlinsky were invited to remain. Discussion was limited to the subject matter. At 8:41 PM the non-public session concluded.

A motion by Councilor Powers to keep the minutes of the non-public session non-public was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Roberts was absent.

02/17/2022

MOTION OUT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY – 0 GILSUM ROAD (TMP #218 042 000), AND 0 WASHINGTON STREET (TMP #219 006 000)

A motion was made by Councilor Powers and duly seconded by Councilor Bosley that the City Council authorize the City Manager, acting through her designee, and the Conservation Commission, acting through its Chairman, together to do all things necessary to purchase real property located at 0 Gilsum Road, tax map #218 042 000, for conservation purposes, and for a price to be paid from Project #90203, Conservation Land Use Tax, in an amount not to exceed the maximum bid amount authorized by the City Council. On showing of hands, with 12 Councilors voting in favor and Councilors Remy and Filiault opposed, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Powers and duly seconded by Councilor Bosley that the City Council authorize the City Manager, acting through her designee, and the Conservation Commission, acting through its Chairman, together to do all things necessary to purchase real property located at 0 Washington Street, tax map #219 006 000, for conservation purposes, and for a price to be paid from Project #90203, Conservation Land Use Tax, in an amount not to exceed the maximum bid amount authorized by the City Council. On showing of hands, with 11 Councilors voting in favor and Councilors Powers, Remy and Filiault opposed, the motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Hansel adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

A true record, attest:

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LAND – PURCHASE OF TWO PARCELS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The City Manager reported that the staff had been contacted by the Conservation Commission regarding the purchase of two parcels of land that would be the subject of an online auction on Saturday, February 19. She indicated that the Chair of the Conservation Commission was present to review the proposed purchase and that the Public Works Director was present to share some history of the subject parcels.

With the aid of a parcel map as well as aerial maps, the location of the parcels was identified. The first property (identified on the map as parcel 6 at 0 Washington Street was on the south side of RT-9 near the Washington Street extension by Beaver Brook Falls. That parcel is narrow and very steep. The second parcel was identified as parcel 42 at 0 Gilsum Road and serves as a buffer between the Drummer Hill development, the Greater Goose Pond Forest, and Route 9. That parcel contains 37 acres.

Referring to the *Conservation Commission's Land Protection Criteria*, Mr. VonPlinsky stated the parcel on Washington Street could be considered a "cultural resource" and would serve as a protection for Beaver Brook Falls for the benefit of generations to come. The parcel off of 0 Gilsum Road was an important buffer to the Goose Pond Forest and served as a protection from noise and chemical pollution from Route 9. He added this parcel fits into the scope of the *NH Wildlife Action Plan, which* targets land in the northcentral and northeast corners of Keene as a high value for wildlife.

Kurt Blomquist, Public Works Director provided further background on the properties. He stated the two parcels were created in 1977 with the layout of the Route 9 bypass. Both parcels have frontage along Class 6 roads. He noted a Class 6 road is a public road, but one that is not maintained by the City. In terms of any potential development for either parcel, it would require that the property owners approach the City Council to request that the Class 6 roads be upgraded to City standards and be maintained.

Referring to the aerial map, Mr. Blomquist pointed out the channelization of Beaver Brook that resulted in a 90% turn of the brook. He noted that he did not have any knowledge of who or when this channelization occurred. He stated that over the years he has had conversations

with the property owners in this area about flooding. The City Attorney remarked that this channelization of Beaver Brook was a concern to him as Beaver Brook would no longer be flowing along its natural course. Mr. Blomquist recommended that if the City were to acquire these properties that property surveys be conducted.

Points that were raised during the discussion were the value of flood control, the value of acquiring large contiguous areas of protected land, in the case of the larger tract adjacent to Goose Pond – a potential site for housing stock.

The City Manager reported that the assessed value of the Washington Street parcel was \$28,100 and the assessed value for the property off of 0 Gilsum Road was \$46,300. There is a \$5,000 minimum bid to participate in the online auction. If the City Council were to approve the purchase, the City Manager suggested that the maximum bid amounts be up to the assessed values of the properties, and John Rogers, Building and Health Official would be representing the City.

The City Attorney stated there is a \$100,000 balance in the Land Use Change Tax Fund, which is available to the Conservation Commission with the authority of the City Council.

The Mayor stated that two public motions had been prepared for the Council actions once the non-public session had closed.

At 8:41 PM the non-public session concluded.

A motion by Councilor Powers to keep the minutes of the non-public session non-public was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 14 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilor Roberts was absent.

A true record, attest:

City Clerk

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3, III, the following Minutes related to a discussion that was held in nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 subparagraph II(d), are being released to the public because the transaction under consideration has either closed, or the public body has decided not to proceed further with the transaction.

Attest:

City Clerk

Danie Call