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City of Keene

New Hampshire

**FINANCE, ORGANIZATION
AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

Council Chambers B

December 22, 2020

6:30 PM

Thomas F. Powers, Chair
Stephen L. Hooper, Vice Chair
Terry M. Clark
Michael J. Remy
Raleigh C. Ormerod

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1. Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program- 2020
 2. Authorizing the Condemnation of Land for the Winchester Street Reconstruction Project - Resolution R-2020-36

MORE TIME ITEMS:

- A. Councilors Remy, Bosley and Giacomo - Continued Remote Participation

Non Public Session
Adjournment



City of Keene
Transmittal Form

December 15, 2020

TO: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

FROM: Todd B. Lawrence, Police Captain

THROUGH: Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager

ITEM: 1.

SUBJECT: Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program- 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Move the Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee recommend that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to accept \$4,540.25 from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program funds of the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Programs.

BACKGROUND:

Consistent with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreements and sound safety practices, the Keene Police Department provides all police officers with body armor for on-duty wear. The body armor or "bulletproof vest" has a warranted life of five years and then is replaced.

The Police Department has budgeted \$3,950.00 for the purchase of new vests. It is anticipated that we will expend \$8,490.25 for replacement vests. The program will reimburse the City approximately 53% of the actual cost, or up to a total of \$4,540.25.

These vests will be issued to new officers and will replace vests currently in service that are over five years old.



CITY OF KEENE

R-2020-36

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Condemnation of Land for the Winchester Street
..... Reconstruction Project

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Keene City Council has determined that Winchester Street, between New Hampshire Route 10/12/101 and the Winchester Street bridge over the Ashuelot River, including the intersection with Pearl Street and Island Street and the Island Street bridge over the Ashuelot River, is in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kendall Lane nominated, and the Council accepted, an ad-hoc steering committee on July 7, 2016 to provide planning, guidance and general direction for the Winchester Street Reconstruction Project, in partnership with affected residents, local business interests, the city staff and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester Street Reconstruction Project Ad-Hoc Steering Committee conducted several public meetings between August 2, 2016 and December 13, 2016 to obtain public input, review the design consultant's work product and develop a recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, the Winchester Street Reconstruction Project Ad-Hoc Steering Committee voted unanimously to recommend a roundabout alternative as the preferred method of reconstructing the Key Road and Island Street / Pearl Street intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Keene City Council and the Council Standing Committees known as the Municipal Service, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, met on several occasions between January 19, 2017 and February 2, 2017 in order to review and hold public discussion on the reconstruction of the Winchester Street; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such review and discussion on February 2, 2017, the Keene City Council voted to select roundabouts as the appropriate design to provide the necessary improvement to Winchester Street, and authorized the City Manager to do all things necessary for the implementation of that design; and

Whereas, a necessity exists to acquire land for the reconstruction of Winchester Street, as designed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority the City Manager, acting through the City's consultant, entered into negotiations with the owners of twelve (12) parcels of land impacted by the project, said parcels and impacts being more particularly described in a plan prepared by GM2 Associates, Inc., dated 7/8/2020, and certified 8/11/2020, entitled "Right of Way Plan of a portion of Winchester St. in Keene, NH", a copy of which is attached hereto; and

PASSED

WHEREAS, as a result of said negotiations, the City Manager has acquired, or has been informed of the property owner's intent to provide, the necessary property rights from the owners of nine (9) of the twelve impacted parcels; and

WHEREAS, the following property owners have not indicated their intent to provide the necessary property rights:

Owner	Parcel No	Required Property Rights
A.R. Sandri Trust, LLC	111/026	55 square feet (permanent) 605 square feet (temporary)
A.R. Sandri Trust, LLC	111/027	1,005 square feet (permanent) 3,155 square feet (temporary)
Keene Retail, LLC	111/028	605 square feet (permanent) 735 square feet (temporary)

and;

WHEREAS, the City Manager made every reasonable effort to negotiate with the remaining property owners; however, the negotiations have not, to date, resulted in the voluntary acquisition of the property rights necessary to reconstruct Winchester Street; and

WHEREAS, the design of the reconstruction project makes it necessary to acquire said property rights from the remaining property owners in order to complete the project without increasing the overall impacts on adjacent property owners; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, the Keene City Council, at its regularly scheduled meeting, received a Petition to Acquire Property by Eminent Domain for Highway Purposes; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, the Mayor scheduled a public hearing of the Keene City Council to be held on November 5, 2020, in order to hear testimony of interested parties relative to whether the Keene City Council shall exercise its authority to acquire the necessary property rights by condemnation for highway purposes, pursuant to RSA 498-A, and the authority granted by RSA 31:92, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 231.

WHEREAS, the Keene City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on November 5, 2020, at the site of the proposed condemnation and at City Hall, 3 Washington Street, Keene, New Hampshire, in order to hear testimony from interested parties relative to whether there exists the necessity to acquire property rights by condemnation, if necessary, for highway purposes, pursuant to the authority granted by RSA 31:92, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 231; and

WHEREAS, the Keene City Council heard testimony from interested parties at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, based upon the testimony received at the November 5, 2020 public hearing, the Petition to Acquire Property by Eminent Domain for Highway Purposes, and the prior and subsequent review and public discussion regarding the reconstruction of the Winchester Street, the Keene City Council has voted to find that necessity exists to acquire land by condemnation,

for the above-stated purpose, pursuant to RSA 498-A, and the authority granted by RSA 31:92, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 231; and

WHEREAS, based upon the testimony received at the November 5 2020 public hearing, the aforementioned Petition, and the prior and subsequent review and public discussion regarding the reconstruction of Winchester Street, the Keene City Council has also voted to find that the property rights to be so acquired, and the improvements to be constructed thereon, constitute a public use and provide a net public benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Keene City Council:

- a. That there is a necessity to take portions of the above-referenced land for a public purpose; and
- b. That the taking of portions of the above referenced land will provide a net-public benefit; and
- c. That the City Manager has made reasonable efforts to negotiate with owners of said parcels for the voluntary acquisition of said property rights; and
- d. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to initiate eminent domain proceedings pursuant to RSA 498-A, and under the authority granted by RSA 31:92, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 231, in order to condemn portions of the above-listed parcels for the reconstruction of Winchester Street; and
- e. That, in exercising the authority herein granted, the City Manager is directed to:
 1. Follow the procedure defined in RSA 498-A:4 thru 7, effecting the acquisition of land, including, but not limited to, RSA 498-A:4, III(b); and
 2. Cause a Declaration of Taking to be filed with the New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals and a Notice of Condemnation to be filed in the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds; and
 3. Do all things necessary in accordance with RSA 498-A in order to perfect the acquisition of the aforementioned property by eminent domain, unless the Condemnees shall, prior to such filings, consent to the voluntary transfer of said property rights by suitable conveyance to the City of Keene.

In City Council September 17, 2020.

Referred the Petition and Resolution R-2020-36 to the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee.

Site visit set for November 5, 2020 at 5:45 PM.

Public Hearing set for November 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

George Hansel, Mayor

Geni M. Wood

Assistant City Clerk

In City Council October 1, 2020.

More time grant.

William S. Bow

Deputy City Clerk