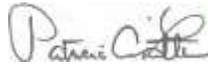


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A site visit was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the site of the absolute discontinuance of a portion of the Commercial Street Parking area. Councilors in attendance included: Mitchell H. Greenwald, Randy L. Filiault, Robert C. Williams, Catherine I. Workman, Kate M. Bosley, Philip M. Jones, Thomas F. Powers, Michael J. Remy, Bryan J. Lake and Andrew M. Madison. City staff in attendance included: Kurt Blomquist, Public Works Director, Don Lussier, City Engineer, Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager, Thomas Mullins, City Attorney and Amanda Palmeira, Assistant City Attorney. Councilors who were not in attendance included: Mike Giacomo, Gladys Johnsen, Kris Roberts and Bettina Chadbourne.

The Mayor opened the site visit at 5:45 PM. With the aid of a map, the City Engineer identified the location of the 700 square foot parcel of land. He stated that this sliver of land was laid out in 1969. The discontinuance is being requested to support a change to the skate park. At the request of the City Attorney, the City Engineer identified the public access that would remain after the discontinuance – both to the east and the south. As there were no further comments, the Mayor concluded the site visit at 5:49 PM and stated that the Public Hearing will be held that evening starting at 7:00 PM.

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A regular meeting of the Keene City Council was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022. The Honorable Mayor George S. Hansel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll called: Bryan J. Lake, Michael J. Remy, Randy L. Filiault, Robert C. Williams, Philip M. Jones, Andrew M. Madison, Kris E. Roberts, Bettina A. Chadbourne, Catherine I. Workman, Mitchell H. Greenwald, Kate M. Bosley, and Thomas F. Powers were present. Gladys Johnsen, Michael Giacomo, and Raleigh C. Ormerod were absent. Councilor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hansel offered double congratulations to Councilor Michael Giacomo, whose birthday was April 17. Councilor Giacomo and his wife, Rachel, became parents with the birth of their child on April 16. The baby's name is Soren John Giacomo and he weighed 9.2 lbs.

Next, the Mayor invited Officer O'Donnell to come forward with our new K9, Blanca. Later on the agenda, there is a donation that will go toward the care of Blanca and it seemed fitting to extend an invitation for them to attend. Officer O'Donnell provided some background on Blanca, stating that she is a three-year-old German shepherd who was purchased from a dog training facility in Holland, where she was born and raised. Then, Blanca was transferred to a training facility in Tennessee, where Officer O'Donnell drove to train with her for two weeks. She is trained in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics. Now, she is a part of the O'Donnell family and the Officer and Blanca continue training together through the NH K9 Academy. Blanca is trained in Dutch, German, and English. Officer O'Donnell called her a very smart dog that was a good addition to his family. Mayor Hansel welcomed Blanca to the community.

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The Mayor provided a final reminder and encouragement for all Councilors to participate in the annual Green Up Keene effort on Saturday, April 23. There will be a drive-through supply pick-up on Railroad Square. There is a map on the City website where you can sign-up for a specific area. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Lastly, Mayor Hansel said the workshop on the City's branding effort was rescheduled to Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 PM at the Airport terminal. The City's project consultants will be present to lead this focus group.

MINUTES FROM PRECEDING MEETING

A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt the April 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Gladys Johnsen, Michael Giacomo, and Raleigh C. Ormerod were absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPLETE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF COMMERCIAL STREET PARKING AREA

Mayor Hansel called the public hearing to order at 7:07 PM. The City Clerk read the public hearing notice. The Mayor stated that the hearing was the public's opportunity to comment on the complete discontinuance of a portion of the Commercial Street Parking area.

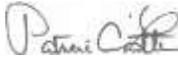
The Mayor welcomed the City Engineer, Don Lussier, to review this project on behalf of the petitioner, the Director of Public Works, Kurt Blomquist. Mr. Lussier said that this petition was for the discontinuance of a very small portion of the Commercial Street parking lot roadway. He said this property has an interesting and convoluted history. In 1969, the Council laid out Commercial Street and the parking lot as a public way because it offered certain legal protections to the City that were not available if it was just a parking lot. The lot has been modified over time, most recently two years ago when a portion of the lot was discontinued to facilitate the Colonial redevelopment. The area under question at this meeting was a sliver of land that was discussed by the Planning Board recently during an application for a boundary line adjustment between the Skate Park and Commercial Street parcels. The Commercial Street parcel includes the alley that runs between Mon Ami and the Colonial, which includes the bike path from Main Street to the corner. As a part of that boundary line adjustment about 700 square feet of what was laid out as Commercial Street parking lot was transferred the Skate Park parcel in order to square-up the Skate Park; previously, the boundary line went through the corner of the Skate Park. Moving forward, the Skate Park will continue having access to the public way along the southern boundary (72') and for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the eastern boundary (107'). The City Engineer welcomed questions.

With no questions from the Council, Mayor Hansel opened the floor to public comments and there were none.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hansel closed the public hearing at 7:11 PM. Written public comments would be accepted until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 26. Written comments must be signed and submitted to the City Clerk by that date and time to be included in the record.

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The Municipal Services, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee will be making a recommendation to the full Council at their regular meeting next month.

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CONFIRMATION

Mayor Hansel nominated Gregg Kleiner to serve as an alternate on the Historic District Commission, with a term to expire December 31, 2024. A motion by Councilor Powers to confirm the nomination was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Hansel nominated the following individuals to be appointed to the ad hoc Committee on Housing Stability, which would be charged with evaluating strategies and making recommendations to address housing stability in the City of Keene: Mayor George Hansel (Chair), Councilor Bryan Lake, Joshua Meehan, Jennifer Alexander, Doug Iosu, Craig Henderson, Natalie Darcy, Steven Bragdon, Jennifer Seher, Stacie Pickford. The IT Director/Assistant City Manager will serve as the Staff liaison.

A motion by Councilor Powers to confirm the appointments was duly seconded by Councilor Bosley. The motion carried unanimously on a show of hands, with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent. Mayor Hansel announced that this committee will have its first meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 3:00 PM. Their meeting schedule will continue on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

COMMUNICATION - PATHWAYS FOR KEENE – REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY – 4 ON THE 4TH ROAD RACE

A communication was received from Jan Manwaring of Pathways for Keene, making their request to host the 20th annual 4 on the 4th Road Race on July 4, 2022 in downtown Keene. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee.

COMMUNICATION – KEENE SWAMP BATS – REQUEST TO DISCHARGE FIREWORKS

A communication was received from Kevin Watterson, President of the Keene Swamp Bats, requesting permission to discharge fireworks at Alumni Field on two separate dates, one after their regular game on July 3, 2022 in conjunction with Independence Eve, and the other after their regular game on July 16, 2022. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee.

COMMUNICATION – COUNCILOR THOMAS POWERS – RENAMING THE KEENE RECREATION CENTER TO THE BRIAN A. MATTSON KEENE RECREATION CENTER

A communication was received from Councilor Powers, on behalf of many citizens and local organizations in the City, recommending that the City Council rename the Keene Recreation Center to the Brian A. Mattson Keene Recreation Center. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the Municipal Services, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee.

PLD REPORT– FARMERS’ MARKET OF KEENE – REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that the Farmers’ Market of Keene be granted permission to use 22 spaces along Gilbo Avenue and 18 spaces on the other side of the median strip in the Commercial Street parking lot on each Saturday commencing April 23, 2022 to Saturday, October 29, 2022. Said permission is subject to the following conditions:

- the furnishing of a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the City of Keene as an additional insured;
- the signing of a standard revocable license and indemnification agreement;
- the receipt of a total rental fee of \$932.00 (payable on the first day of every month at \$155.00 per month);
- access to City electrical shall also be provided at a fee of \$60.00 for the season;
- obtainment of all necessary permits and licenses and compliance with all laws, and compliance with any recommendations of City staff.
- In addition, the Petitioner agrees to comply with any recommendations of the Federal Center for Disease Control, the State of New Hampshire and the City of Keene; including compliance with any general guidelines, laws or ordinances enacted to ensure the health and safety of the general public that may be in effect as a result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- It is further recommended that the Farmer’s Market of Keene be allowed to erect sandwich board signs on City property prior to the start of sales, subject to review and approval by City staff with respect to the number and location. The signs must be removed immediately after the sales have concluded.

A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – CABANA FALLS WINERY – REQUEST PERMISSION TO SELL ALCOHOL AT THE FARMERS’ MARKET OF KEENE

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that Cabana Falls Winery be granted permission to sell alcohol and provide individual product samples to patrons at the 2022 Keene Farmers’ Market on City property licensed to the Farmers’ Market of Keene in accordance with the requirements of the State Liquor Commission. Said permission is contingent on the following: compliance with any recommendations of the Federal Center for

Disease Control, the State of New Hampshire and the City of Keene, including compliance with any general guidelines, laws or ordinances enacted to ensure the health and safety of the general public that may be in effect as a result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); submittal of a signed letter of permission from the Farmers' Market of Keene; obtainment of all necessary permits and licenses and compliance with all laws. A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – KEENE STATE COLLEGE – REQUEST TO DISCHARGE FIREWORKS

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that Keene State College be granted permission for the discharge of fireworks on Saturday April 30, 2022 at no later than 10:00 PM subject to the following conditions: the signing of a revocable license and indemnification agreement; that Keene State College provide a certificate of liability insurance with the City of Keene listed as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000; that the fireworks vendor provide a certificate of liability insurance with the City of Keene listed as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000; that a Class B fireworks permit be obtained; and that Keene State College provide Campus Security to control the fireworks drop-zone. In addition, the petitioner agrees to comply with any recommendations of the Keene Fire Department and the Keene Police Department and agrees to absorb the charges for any City services provided. A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. Councilor Williams warned that fireworks can be distressing to children in the community with autism. He also felt the City might be having too many fireworks events in general. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – KEENE FAMILY YMCA – REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY – YOUTH TRIATHLON

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that the City Council grant permission to the Keene Family YMCA to sponsor a youth triathlon on Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 8am to 1pm, including the closure of Summit Road just after the YMCA entrance and Summit Ridge Drive where it intersects with Summit Road subject to the following conditions: the signing of a revocable license and indemnification agreement and the submittal of a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 listing the City of Keene as an additional insured. This license is conditional upon the petitioners providing an adequate number of volunteer race marshals to ensure runner safety along the course, and subject to any recommendations of City staff. Petitioner agrees to absorb the cost of any City services provided, and agrees to remit said payment within 30-days of the date of invoicing.

A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – KEENE PRIDE – REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY – SEPTEMBER 11–18, 2022

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that the Keene Pride Group be granted permission to use downtown City rights-of-way on Sunday, September 18, 2022 to conduct a Keene Pride Celebration, including participating downtown businesses decorating their storefronts for the week leading up to the event date, conditional upon the following:

- This license is granted based upon the event scope presented to City staff during protocol meetings held to date, changes or additions to the license may require that an amended license be issued by the City Council and no changes to this license or the associated protocol documents will be accepted after August 1, 2022;
- The furnishing of a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the City of Keene as an additional insured;
- The signing of a standard revocable license and indemnification agreement;
- That the agreed upon footprint and layout for the event shall encumber Central Square, including the traveled portion of the road requiring the following road closures: Central Square, West Street at Central Square (with a slip lane for eastbound West Street traffic to go south on Main Street), Roxbury Street from the easterly side of the Hannah Grimes Parking Lot to Central Square, Washington Street from Vernon Street to Central Square, Court Street from Winter Street to Central Square, and Railroad Street from Main Street to the westerly entrance to Wells Street.
- That the Petitioner is permitted to place porta-potties and a dumpster in City parking spaces located at the base of Washington Street, and additional porta-potties on Railroad Street from Friday, September 16, 2022 to Monday September 19, 2022, which will be chained together and affixed to ensure they are not vandalized while unattended overnight;
- That the actual event will be held from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM with the times for set up and clean up to be established with City staff;
- That free parking be granted under the provisions of the free parking policy for City parking spaces on Washington Street and Railroad Street needed for storage of equipment from Friday, September 16, 2022 to Monday September 19, 2022, and spaces within the event footprint on the day of the event;
- The submittal of signed letters of permission from any private property owners for the use of their property; and
- That the Petitioner comply with any recommendations of the Federal Center for Disease Control, the State of New Hampshire and the City of Keene; including compliance with any general guidelines, laws or ordinances enacted to ensure the health and safety of the general public that may be in effect as a result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- Said permission is granted subject to obtainment of any necessary licenses or permits and compliance with all laws; and compliance with any recommendations of City staff.

- And further, if the petitioners believe they will have insufficient funds to conduct this event, that they submit the application for Community Funded Event status and request a waiver of the City Council policy.

The Petitioner agrees to absorb the cost of any City services over and above the amount of City funding allocated in the FY 23 Community Events Budget, if any, and agrees to remit said payment within 30-days of the date of invoicing. A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. Councilor Jones thanked the petitioners for their answers to his questions. He said they were well organized. This event meets two of the six Human Rights Committee goals. He said it is a great thing for the community. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent. Mayor Hansel said that having a Pride event in this part of NH has been discussed for years, but never reached critical mass. He was thankful for this important event in the community. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – LET IT SHINE – REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY – 2022 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that a license be granted to Let It Shine, Inc. to use Downtown City rights-of-way on Saturday, October 22, 2022 to hold the Keene Pumpkin Festival subject to the following provisions:

- This license is granted based upon the event scope presented to City staff during protocol meetings held to date, changes or additions to the license may require that an amended license be issued by the City Council and no changes to this license or the associated protocol documents will be accepted after September 1, 2022;
- The Petitioner agrees to absorb the cost of any City services over and above the amount of City funding allocated in the FY 23 Community Events Budget, and agrees to remit said payment within 30-days of the date of invoicing;
- The furnishing of a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the City of Keene as an additional insured;
- The signing of a standard revocable license and indemnification agreement and associated protocol documents;
- That the agreed upon footprint and layout for the event shall encumber Central Square, including the traveled portion of the road requiring the following road closures: Central Square, West Street from Federal Street to Central Square, Roxbury Street from Roxbury Plaza to Central Square, Washington Street from Vernon Street to Central Square, Court Street from Winter Street to Central Square; and Gilbo Avenue from Main Street to Saint James Street;
- That the Petitioner is permitted to place 10 porta-potties in City parking spaces located at the base of Washington Street from Friday, October 21, 2022 to Monday October 24, 2022, which will be chained together and affixed to ensure they are not vandalized while unattended overnight;

- That the actual event will be held from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the times for set up and clean up to be established with City staff;
- The submittal of signed letters of permission from any private property owners for the use of their property;
- That the Petitioner comply with any recommendations of the Federal Center for Disease Control, the State of New Hampshire and the City of Keene; including compliance with any general guidelines, laws or ordinances enacted to ensure the health and safety of the general public that may be in effect as a result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- That free parking be granted under the provisions of the free parking policy for City parking spaces on Washington Street needed for storage of equipment from Friday, October 21, 2022 to Monday October 24, 2022, and spaces within the event footprint on the day of the event; and
- That the Petitioner complies with any other recommendations of City staff.

A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – NEW ENGLAND AEROBATIC CLUB – REQUEST TO USE CITY PROPERTY

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending that the City Council authorize the use of the Dillant-Hopkins Airport by Chapter 35 of the International Aerobatic Club from the date of issuance through December 31, 2022, subject to the execution of a Revocable License and Indemnification Agreement, the receipt of an insurance certificate in the amount of at least \$1 million naming the City as an additional insured and all other requirements of City staff including but not limited to the following restrictions: compliance with any requirements of the FAA, limit practice sessions to not more than 5 for the year, there will be no Sunday or Holiday practice sessions, aerobatic activity shall not occur below 1,500 MSL, limit aerobatic activity to the southern portion of the aerobatic box established by the FAA, restrict use of the aerobatics box until after 10:00 AM, and invite neighbors to the mandatory safety briefings held on practice days and further that future requests be handled administratively by the Airport Director and/or City Manager. A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

PLD REPORT – ASH SWAMP BROOK ERZ – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR/SPECIAL PROJECTS

A Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee report read, recommending to the City Council the addition of the “Ash Swamp Brook ERZ” to the Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) tax credit program. A motion by Councilor Bosley to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Jones. The motion carried unanimously with

12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

FOP REPORT – REDESIGN WHEELOCK PARK CAMPGROUND FOR DISC GOLF AND DOG PARK – PARKS, RECREATION AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR

A Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee report read, recommending that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to negotiate and execute a professional service contract with Dubois & King for design services required for the redesign of Wheelock Park Campground into a Disc Golf course and Dog Park, for an amount not to exceed \$29,888 and with funding to come from Project Cost Center (90291). A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was duly seconded by Councilor Remy. Discussion ensued. Councilor Williams expressed concern because there is still a need for camping in Keene that was expressed strongly by the community, and Wheelock Park is one location under discussion. Thus, he encouraged delaying this motion until the campground is assessed as a possibility by the Committee on Housing Stability. A motion by Councilor Williams to send this matter back to the FOP Committee was duly seconded by Councilor Jones.

Councilor Roberts did not support sending this back to FOP. He recalled 2008/2009 when people came before the Council about a dog park, who have since fundraised more than \$10,000 toward this project. He said they committed to raising the money and the City committed to being supportive. Now, 13–14 years later with the funds raised, there is finally a possibility, and the City needs to hold-up its part. These organizations improve quality of life in Keene. He could not see sending this back to Committee after all the issues had been addressed. Mayor Hansel agreed, stating that with the history of working with the dog park petitioners, he knew there were a lot of other options available for housing, though he was not denying that housing is a definite need in the community. The Mayor suggested not cutting this group off at the knees and to remember that this is a community group trying to build momentum; he did not want them to feel dejected if this were sent back to Committee because they have a lot of support.

Councilor Williams stated that he also supports the dog park and hoped there would be one, particularly on the east side at Robin Hood Park. Councilor Jones said he only seconded the motion to allow the discussion, but he had no qualms with this and would vote for the design to move forward. On a vote of 2–10, the motion to send the matter back to Committee failed. Councilors Williams and Workman voted in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent. The motion to carry out the intent of the Committee report carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor.

FOP REPORT – SOLE SOURCE IMPRINTED CROSSWALKS DOWNTOWN – TRANSPORTATION AND STORM WATER OPERATIONS MANAGER

A Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee report read on a vote of 3–0, recommending that the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to waive bidding requirement under Section 2-1336 (Waiver of Requirements) for the repair of the downtown imprinted crosswalks. A motion by Councilor Powers to carry out the intent of the Committee report was

duly seconded by Councilor Remy. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Councilors Giacomo, Johnsen and Ormerod were absent.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Manager was excited to announce that on July 1, the City would have a new Community Development Director, Jesse Rounds, who is currently the planning manager in Boulder, CO. Mr. Rounds has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of CO and a Bachelor's degree from Bates College in Environmental Studies, with a concentration in Resource Management and Policy. He has 16 years' experience in urban and rural planning and has worked the last 13 years in Boulder County. He is skilled in writing development and management plans and guiding residents and business owners through the planning process. He understands the importance of communication with stakeholders, creative problem solving, and teamwork. He did a significant amount of work earlier in his career with flooding in Boulder. In addition, in March 2020 during the early stages of the pandemic, he was temporarily reassigned to Boulder County Public Health to support their Covid-19 response. The City Manager said Mr. Rounds is well-rounded, experienced, and approachable and his positive attitude will make him a great addition to the City team. He is looking to build his family here in Keene and will have welcomed a newborn when he moves here.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS – FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER

A memorandum read from the Finance Director, recommending that the following donations be accepted. The City Manager recognized the following donations, totaling \$1,450:

- The Keene Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department received a donations totaling \$1,350 from Papagallos Restaurant and Jason Riddle to purchase a bench through the Adopt-A-Bench program in honor of their friend and coworker Svjetlana "Llana" Harrell. The bench will be placed in Robin Hood Park.
- The Keene Police Department received a \$100 check from Edward and Krishni Pahl. Their check is a donation made in honor of Brian Costa's invaluable service to the community and is to be used for the Department's K-9 program.

A motion by Councilor Powers to accept the donations was duly seconded by Councilor Remy. The motion carried unanimously with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Mayor Hansel, the City Manager, and the City Council expressed their recognition and gratitude for these very generous donations.

DELAY IN MOWING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY – "NO MOW MAY" – CONSERVATION COMMISSION

At the April 18, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to make the recommendation to City Council that the City encourage citizens to participate in "No Mow May" and to encourage City Staff to identify areas where mowing may be delayed in order

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for the City to participate in “No Mow May” to the extent possible. Mayor Hansel referred the communication to the City Manager to identify any City property where mowing may be delayed in order for the City to participate in “No Mow May.”

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING – RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE – ORDINANCE O-2022-04

A memorandum read from the Interim Community Development Director, John Rogers, submitting an Ordinance that would amend several provisions of the Land Development Code. The intent of the proposed changes is to provide an opportunity for housing development in commercial and downtown areas of the City that fits with the prevailing scale and built form of the surrounding area. Those amendments include adding “Dwelling, Multi-family” as a permitted use with limitations in the Commerce Zone; amending the height requirements in the Commerce District to allow for additional stories or height - up to four stories or 56 feet; and amending the use standards for “Dwelling Unit, Multi-family” to require multifamily dwelling units in the Downtown Core, the Downtown Growth and the Commerce Districts to be located above the ground floor. Mayor Hansel said this was an important step for addressing housing and encouraging new housing units. Mayor Hansel referred Ordinance O-2022-04 to the Joint Planning Board–Planning, Licenses, and Development Committee.

FOP REPORT – RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT – RESOLUTION R-2022-08

A Finance, Organization, and Personnel Committee report read on a vote of 3–0, recommending adoption of Resolution R-2022-08. Mayor Hansel filed the report. A motion by Councilor Powers to adopt Resolution R-2022-08 was duly seconded by Councilor Remy. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with 12 Councilors present and voting in favor. Gladys Johnsen, Michael Giacomo, and Raleigh C. Ormerod were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Hansel adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

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