City Council Meeting
Minutes
July 9, 2012
City Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

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

2. No clergy was present for invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call. Councilors Blanchard, Bouchard, Mayor Bouley, Councilors Coen, DelloIacono, Grady Sexton, Keach, Kretovic, McClure, Nyhan, Patten, St. Hilaire, Shurtleff and Werner were present. Councilor Bennett was excused.

5. Concord Public Library Foundation, Concord Reads presentation – Weight of Water by Anita Shreve.

   Action: Marty Ringo, Concord Reads Foundation, presented Council with two copies of this year's book selection, "The Weight of Water" by Anita Shreve. He provided an overview of the book and added that this year's program will include several literary events.

5a. Presentation by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation regarding proposed roundabouts at Exit 12 at I-93.

   Action: Don Lyford, DOT Project Manager, indicated that Exit 12 is one of four red listed bridges that is being either replaced or rehabilitated with turnpike funds. He stated that when looking at this bridge, they recognized that rehabilitating it was going to be as much or more than rebuilding it.

   Copies of the two alternatives matrix and proposed roundabouts were distributed to the Council. Both of these items are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

   Gene McCarthy, McFarland Johnson, explained that the existing bridge was constructed in 1957 as part of the original interstate construction and really has not had any sort of rehabilitation since that time and is currently listed as structurally deficient. He pointed out some of the items that needed work on the bridge and indicated that they realized that rehab wasn't practical and that it was going to cost too much money to repair; a new bridge was the only choice to be had. He explained that this necessitated looking at a broader evaluation of not only the bridge but of Exit 12 itself; to ensure that it not only accommodates the traffic and needs of today but also in the future. He stated that they evaluated, in detail, two prime alternatives and made a recommendation. Referencing Alternative A, Mr. McCarthy indicated that the bridge could be built now, connecting it to the existing configuration functioning as it currently does today, but it could also work into the future with whatever configuration they come up with. He stated that it provides a very flexible alternative today that they can feel very comfortable with moving on to the future. Referencing Alternative B, he stated that this was really to minimize the size of the bridge; crossing I-93 at more of a right angle pushing it to the north in which the bridge would be thirty feet shorter. He stated that, by shifting the alignment, the only real way to handle the intersections with the ramps is to use a roundabout. He added that this would require that the roundabouts be built in the near term to make this work. He indicated that they would be set up as two lane roundabouts which would be required for projected future traffic volumes to ensure that it will function for a longer period of time. He highlighted the details as outlined within the handout matrix. Mr. McCarthy indicated that the recommendation, from the study and from the DOT, was to go with Alternative B. He provided examples of similar configurations in Colorado and Michigan. He also showed the roundabout leading to the Manchester Airport which is relatively similar in terms of size and how it would function.

Mayor Bouley pointed out that this is not a city project; it’s a state project and they are here to seek the Council’s comments and concerns.

Councilor Bouchard inquired as to the construction date. Mr. Lyford responded that it’s scheduled for July 2013 continuing into 2014. Councilor Bouchard asked if this would be the construction dates for both alternatives. Mr. Lyford responded that it would be for either alternative.

Referencing the graphics, City Manager Tom Aspell questioned whether the heavy dark lines were the sidewalks. Mr. McCarthy confirmed that it was the sidewalk. Mr. Aspell questioned how one would walk to Bow coming from Broadway. Mr. McCarthy responded that it would be similar to what is done today including crossing the ramps of the roundabouts which is similar to how one would have to cross the ramps currently. Mr. Aspell commented that vehicles pick up a lot of speed on the road to get onto the ramp, making it difficult to cross now. Mr. McCarthy indicated that the speeds associated with the roundabout traffic would be less and are expected to be less than 20 mph.

Mayor Bouley inquired as to the average speeds on the roundabouts at the airport. Mr. McCarthy replied that they are designed to be less than 20 mph.

Councilor Keach noted his concerns with speeds of the vehicles accelerating onto and off of the interstate. He stated that a signalized intersection may be the safest. Councilor Keach questioned whether the proposed design complies with industry standards. Mr. McCarthy confirmed that to be correct explaining that the roundabout tends to be slower and steadier traffic where a signal, you are either stopped or going. He stated that the data proves that a roundabout is safer, overall, in terms of the occurrences of accidents or crashes; the severity is proven to be diminished with a roundabout especially compared to a signalized intersection; the rates of fatalities are lower for the roundabout; all attributed to the fact that the speeds are slower.

Mayor Bouley indicated that Alternative B brings back the two lanes to create a turning lane to Broadway going west and questioned whether Alternative A would do the same thing. Mr. McCarthy replied that they didn't show it but it's something that can be done. He indicated that the difference is that, for Alternative A, they are not proposing to make any configuration changes for Exit 12. Mayor Bouley asked whether a turning lane can be done in both A and B. Mr. McCarthy indicated that to be correct.

Referencing Alternative B, Councilor DelloIacono indicated that it appears that it would create a large parcel of land on the south end and questioned what is going to happen to this parcel. Mr. Lyford responded that it would remain state land initially but long term could become surplus.

Councilor St. Hilaire stated that two reasons were cited for the roundabouts: no center column on the bridge; the perception that there will be some traffic issue in the future. He stated that he doesn't currently see a traffic issue and wonders what is being projected and why it is that traffic is going to expand. Mr. McCarthy explained that the real difference between Alternative B, in terms of the projections, is that since they are having to reconstruct the entire interchange they are looking at the future and making sure they build it to accommodate the future. Councilor St. Hilaire inquired whether roundabouts could be put in place in the future with the Alternative A option. Mr. McCarthy responded yes explaining that they would be building the bridge wider than it would need to be in the future.

Councilor McClure questioned whether they can tell or know that the current configuration will not accommodate the future traffic. Mr. McCarthy responded yes. Councilor McClure inquired as to where the additional traffic will be: I-93 or Route 3. Mr. McCarthy replied both.

Mayor Bouley thanked Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Lyford for their presentation. He indicated that he would like to move this item under "New Business" on the agenda for further discussion.

6. Approval of the June 11, 2012 and the June 18, 2012 City Council meeting minutes.

   Action: Councilor Grady Sexton moved approval of the June 11, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes. Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the June 18, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

7. Approval of the June 14, 2012 Finance Committee meeting minutes.

   Action: Councilor Nyhan moved approval of the June 14, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

8. Agenda overview by the Mayor.

- Consent Agenda Items –

Action: Councilor Grady Sexton moved approval of the consent agenda, as amended, with item 17 removed to the end of the agenda. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Referral to the Legal Department

9. Communication from Pinnacle Security requesting the City of Concord repeal/modify existing ordinances prohibiting door to door solicitation.

Items Tabled for an August 13, 2012 Public Hearing

10. Resolution appropriating $26,000 for the purchase of skate sharpening equipment and rental skates, and increase in other operating expenses to support the operation of the pro-shop at the Everett Arena; together with report from the General Services Director.

11. Resolution accepting and appropriating an additional sum of $50,000 in unmatched grant funds for FY2012 from the NH Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program; together with report from the Fire Department.

12. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of $280,000 in unmatched grant funds for FY2013 from the NH Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program; together with report from the Fire Department.

13. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title IV, Zoning Code; Chapter 28, Zoning Ordinance, Article 28-5, Supplemental Standards Article 28-2, Zoning Districts and Allowable Uses, Section 28-2-4(j), Table of Principal Uses and Section 28-2-4(k) Table of Accessory Uses; together with a report from the City Planner in response to a request by Nicholas Wallner for consideration of a proposed beekeeping Ordinance.

14. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of $36,000 for FY2012 Diminimus Gifts & Donations and other diminimus items; together with report from the Deputy City Manager – Finance.

15. Resolution accepting and appropriating $14,000 as a special revenue fund donation from the Black Ice Pond Committee and authorizing the transfer and expenditure of $22,500 as a Capital Improvement Project for the design of a new skate house building at White park, CIP #51; together with report from the Director of Parks & Recreation.

16. Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of up to $420,000 in matched Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Funds from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (USDOT-FHWA) for the design of the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460) including rescinding and re-appropriating $168,000 previously appropriated by resolution #8477, Traffic Signals and Traffic Operations Improvements (CIP #283), adopted June 27, 2011, as

the local match portion of the project; together with report from the City Engineer.

<u>From the City Manager</u>

17. Positive Citizen Comments. ***(Pulled from consent by Councilor Blanchard)***

    Action: Item to be discussed at the end of the agenda.

18. Council meeting date calendar.

<u>Consent Reports</u>

19. Appropriation Transfer Report: Fiscal Year 2012.

20. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the City Engineer requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling $1,402.10 as provided for under the preauthorization granted by City Council.

21. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the City Planner requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling $50 as provided for under the preauthorization granted by City Council.

22. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Parks and Recreation Director requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling $3,225 as provided for under the preauthorization granted by City Council.

23. Diminimus gifts and donations report from the Library Director requesting authorization to accept monetary gifts totaling $3,527.54 as provided for under the preauthorization granted by City Council.

24. Report from the Planning Board requesting acceptance of a Conservation Easement which is part of a conditionally approved subdivision application, located off of West Parish Road

<u>Consent Resolutions</u>

25. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a municipal agreement with the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (USDOT-FHWA) and/or the New Hampshire, Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Funding, all part of the design and construction of the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460); together with report from the City Engineer.

26. Resolution repurposing water capital project funds from completed projects to support energy improvement improvements to the Hutchins Street Water Treatment Facility; together with report from the Deputy Director of General Services.

27. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Trail Agreement on land owned by Country Hill Estates, LLC northerly of District #5 Road, which will permit the public use of the trail and allow the inclusion of the trail in the City's trail system; together with report from the Concord Conservation Commission.

28. Resolution in recognition of the services of Fire Lieutenant Jeffrey Mellett.
(For presentation in August)

Consent Communications

29. Street closure request from James Owers, Sulloway & Hollis, for the Concord Criterium Bicycle Race to be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012.

30. Street closure request from James Owers, Sulloway & Hollis, for the White Park Cyclocross Race to be held on September 22, 2012.

31. Street closure request for a neighborhood block party to be held on Columbus Avenue on Sunday, July 22, 2012.

Appointments

32. City Managers proposed appointment to the Library Board of Trustees.
Jeremy G. Clemans

33. City Managers proposed appointment to the Heritage Commission.
J. Richard Jaques, Sr.

34. City Managers proposed reappointments to the Conservation Commission.
James Owers, Kristine Tardiff, Tracey Boisvert and Pamela Hunt

35. Mayor Bouley's proposed appointment to the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee.
Jason Teaster

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

36. **July 9, 2012 Public Hearings**

    A. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into interim lease agreements with non-city entities for use of the former Dame School located at 14 Canterbury Road, Concord; together with a report from Assistant for Special Projects. (6-16)

    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.

B. Resolution approving the granting of a conservation easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) on approximately 114 acres of land southerly and easterly of Gully Hill Road, as approved by the Conservation Commission; together with report from the Conservation Commission. (6-17) ***(Public testimony from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail received)***

Action: City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing.

<u>Public Testimony</u>

Christopher Morgan, Conservation Commission, indicated that the reason for the conservation easement is to provide permanent protection and feels that with the prime agricultural soils and the need to preserve farmland, they need to protect it into the future. He explained that it's an unusual situation for them to ask the Council to voluntarily place a restriction on city owned land for conservation. He noted that they have discussed the interest in being able to have special events on the property and as provided for, there's a provision for structures related to the agricultural use as well as for public access and the trail that's proposed along the river. He added that there is currently a lease in place to the farmer to maintain the agricultural use of the property. He explained that when they negotiated to purchase this property it was a condition that the farmer asked for in order to consider selling the land to the city; that he would be allowed to lease it back with renewals at his option.

Mike Speltz, SFPNHF, indicated that there are three assets to this property: the soil, the water, and the habitat.

Councilor St. Hilaire indicated that when Council discussed this last time, he was excited about it but was hoping for a use that could include recreation in a sense of soccer fields or something similar in nature. He stated that this seems to preclude that use. Mr. Morgan agreed that it would preclude a use that required permanent structures that are beyond the temporary use that's in there. Councilor St. Hilaire asked whether the city would have that option if Council doesn't approve the easement. Mr. Morgan responded that if the farmer gives up the lease, the city would have more options. Councilor St. Hilaire questioned how long the lease option is for. Mr. Morgan replied that he doesn't know the terms of the lease but knows that it's renewable at the farmer's option. Councilor St. Hilaire inquired whether it was in perpetuity. Mr. Morgan responded that he was not sure what the end date is.

Councilor Blanchard asked how the city could honor the lease and still have events on the land. Mr. Morgan responded that there could be events that are out of the agricultural season or there could be events that only use a small portion of it. He added that it would allow events in which the city or the sponsor of the event worked with the farmer to allow the event to happen.

Mayor Bouley noted that his understanding is that they can't hold any event in June, July, August and September because it is prohibited because there can't be any temporary structures. He added that the only events that they would be able to hold would be from October 15 to June 1. Mr. Speltz explained that there is a restriction on temporary agricultural structures but the reserve right that the city has to conduct events does include the right to have items such as chemical toilets and tents. Mayor Bouley stated that the city has done an incredible job in following the lead of the Conservation Commission and putting a significant amount of land in conservation. He noted that he wants to be able to answer questions from people in the community. Mr. Morgan indicated that the intent of the language that they drafted is to be as flexible as they can and still make sure those agricultural resources of the soils are protected permanently. He added that most of the items mentioned could be staged as short term events; permanent recreation fields with structures wouldn't be allowed under the easement. He added that there are many constructive things that the city can do in terms of the easement that meet the goals.

Roy Schweiker, Concord resident, noted his concern with giving up future rights to this parcel and doesn't feel that the residents of Concord should be expected to shoulder the cost of this.

Councilor Nyhan inquired whether Mr. Schweiker would be in favor of this project if the Conservation Commission shouldered the weight of the $10,000 portion to monitor the easement. Mr. Schweiker answered that at the present time he feels that Council should vote no on this, as proposed, because if this is valuable statewide farmland the city should receive some indication of this from someone other than the Conservation Commission.

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

C. 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, Administrative Supervisor; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations. (6-18)

Action: Jennifer Johnston, Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations, provided a brief overview.

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

D. 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, Sewer System Supervisor and Water System Supervisor; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations. (6-19)

Action: Jennifer Johnston, Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations, provided a brief overview.

Councilor Coen inquired as to how many people these supervisors supervise in each department and how large are their budgets. Chip Chesley, General Services Director, indicated that he does not recall the exact number but that the Water Systems Supervisor and Sewer Systems Supervisor budgets are close to equal. Councilor Coen inquired in regards to the Highway System Supervisor. Mr. Chesley indicated that budget was a little larger because it includes expenditures for snow and ice removal. Councilor Coen asked whether the amount of staff that the Highway System Supervisor manages is the same as the other two. Mr. Chesley responded that the Highway System Supervisor supervises more personnel but the difference in part is that the assets that the Water Systems Supervisor and the Sewer Systems Supervisor manages are of greater value.

Brief discussion ensued in regards to the differences of the three supervisor positions.

Councilor McClure indicated that she had a question in regards to the public hearing item C. There was no Council objection for her to ask her questions. She asked for clarification as to the job description of the Administrative Supervisor position. Ms. Johnston explained that that position works in General Services handling the PAYT solid waste contracts which increased as a result of this program. She noted that some of the contracts were multi-family contracts, condo associations, dumpsters and Downtown Solid Waste District. She added that they are responsible for the billings and revenue collection. Mr. Chesley outlined more details of the supervisor position.

Mayor Bouley opened the public hearing for item D.

<u>Public Testimony</u>

Roy Schweiker, Concord resident, noted that he feels that these positions should be considered as a Labor Grade 20 and exempt, like the previous position.

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

E. Resolution appropriating the sum of $390,000 retroactive to June 30, 2012 for compensation and fringe benefits in the Police and Fire Departments to be funded by actual and anticipated revenues in excess of fiscal year 2012 adopted budget amounts; together with report from the Deputy City Manager – Finance. (6-20)

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.

F. Resolution appropriating the sum of $39,788 in Edward F. Byrne Grant Program Funds from the State of New Hampshire Department of Justice for the replacement of a Police Officer assigned to the New Hampshire Drug Task Force; together with report from the Police Department. (6-21)

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.

<u>July 9, 2012 Public Hearing Action</u>

37. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into interim lease agreements with non-city entities for use of the former Dame School located at 14 Canterbury Road, Concord; together with a report from Assistant for Special Projects. (6-16)

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

38. Resolution approving the granting of a conservation easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) on approximately 114 acres of land southerly and easterly of Gully Hill Road, as approved by the Conservation Commission; together with report from the Conservation Commission. (6-17) ***(Public testimony from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail received)***

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

Councilor Coen stated that he is not comfortable with granting this conservation easement because it appears to be more restrictive than the intent that they were looking for. He noted he will not be voting in support of this item.

Councilor Shurtleff indicated that he is in favor of preserving this property for future generations to enjoy.

Councilor Blanchard inquired as to how much the city realizes in revenue from leasing. Becky Hebert, Planning, responded that the amount is approximately $2,000.

Mayor Bouley asked if Ms. Hebert knew how long the leases were for. Ms. Hebert responded December 2012 for the Keith Richard lease and March 2014 for the Bartlett family lease. She added that they renew in five year increments. Mayor Bouley asked whether the money goes into the general fund or the conservation fund. Ms. Hebert indicated that it goes into the conservation fund together with larger sums of money that help to offset the expenses that the Conservation Commission might have in land protection efforts during the year. She added that a lump sum gets transferred, whatever is not spent, back into the general fund to offset the bond payments for some of the larger projects.

Councilor Blanchard questioned whether there was a finite time when these renewable leases no longer have that option. Ms. Hebert stated that they might want to have the Legal Department look into this more carefully. She indicated that they are lease agreements for five year increments and the language really is to renew for as long as they choose to farm.

Councilor St. Hilaire moved to table this item. He indicated that he wants this tabled for a few reasons: he would like to receive a definitive answer about the leases and whether it is in perpetuity; the piece of property they want to conserve for agricultural purposes could also be used for recreational purposes. He noted that he feels it could be a great opportunity for the city to use for recreational uses but fears the restrictions will prohibit the city from doing so. He feels that this should be tabled so that questions can be answered.

Councilor St. Hilaire’s motion to table was duly seconded.

Councilor Keach noted his support of the tabling motion. He believes that this piece of land is such a valuable asset to the city that, in some ways, creating a conservation easement limits the city’s options. He noted that he can envision a recreational facility that is consistent with conservation that may have some permanent restrooms.

Councilor McClure noted her support of the motion to table. She indicated that a lot of questions have been brought up that need to be answered. She reminded Council that they, through the Conservation Commission, had been pursuing the protection of this property as agricultural land for nearly ten years. She explained that the commission is pursuing one of their goals which is to protect agricultural land and this is a prime piece of agricultural land in which they felt it necessary and appropriate to provide special protection to make sure those soils were always available. She indicated that she would welcome a committee that would look into this more and listen to some of the discussions that has gone on through the Conservation Commission as well as trying to make the easement a little more flexible.

Councilor Bouchard spoke in support of tabling this item in order to get more answers. She noted that she hopes that when they talk about creative Concord that they are not always talking about just music festivals and development. She stated that if they are really going to be creative Concord, they need to highlight the farm creatively and make it work well with Main Street Concord.

Mayor Bouley spoke in support of the tabling motion. He explained that Council voted to purchase the land but the question then becomes what are the restrictions and how they look at the future use of the land. He indicated that it is his intention, if tabled, to appoint a subcommittee of Council to work with the Conservation Commission and others, as appropriate. He stated that the focus needs to be on this item but the overall committee may need to expand deliberative discussions.

The motion to table passed with no dissenting votes.

39. 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, Administrative Supervisor; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations. (6-18)

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

40. 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, Sewer System Supervisor and Water System Supervisor; together with report from the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations. (6-19)

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

41. Resolution appropriating the sum of $390,000 retroactive to June 30, 2012 for compensation and fringe benefits in the Police and Fire Departments to be funded by actual and anticipated revenues in excess of fiscal year 2012 adopted budget amounts; together with report from the Deputy City Manager – Finance. (6-20)

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

42. Resolution appropriating the sum of $39,788 in Edward F. Byrne Grant Program Funds from the State of New Hampshire Department of Justice for the replacement of a Police Officer assigned to the New Hampshire Drug Task Force; together with report from the Police Department. (6-21)

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

<u>New Business</u>

5a. Discussion regarding proposed roundabouts at Exit 12 at I-93.

Action: Mayor Bouley indicated that it is his understanding that the state is looking for input from the Council.

Councilor St. Hilaire noted that this project had come up on the Executive Council agenda and he tabled it because he personally had some questions and concerns. He stated that, in his opinion, the current traffic isn’t heavy enough to warrant roundabouts. He indicated that there could be a need in the future but he wanted to take some time to think about this and have the Council mull it over. He feels that Alternative A provides for future accommodations if needed. He pointed out that the state prefers Alternative B.

Councilor Kretovic asked for the City Engineer's input and preference. City Engineer Ed Roberge indicated that what is important is to understand the future capacity and future ability that one option has over another. He noted that roundabouts are not for every location but at certain locations there can be a high benefit received from them. He indicated that staff looked at it from a functional standpoint as well as a future capacity standpoint and the values that relate to that. He stated that the cost of future ramp work was not brought up this evening. He indicated that if the state had to look at ramp work to modify for future intersections because that capacity need is going to be there, that is another cost that the state would need to be cognizant of. Mr. Roberge stated that the Traffic Operations Committee understands the differences between the city's roundabouts and the state's roundabouts. He indicated that if the Council opts to support this recommendation, one of the important things would be to be sure that the city's design perspective is infused in the state's process planning.

Mayor Bouley asked whether staff feels that these twin roundabouts will look similar to the ones that the city has currently. Mr. Roberge responded yes if the city infuses their design development into the program.

Councilor Coen pointed out that Alternative A is $500,000 less and that in the future, the way it is designed, roundabouts can be put in. He added that the downside with this option is that there will be a large pillar. He noted that the roundabouts would diminish speeds which would be a safety reason. He indicated that he heard a left hand turn onto Broadway could be designed into Alternative A. He stated that he is leaning towards Alternative A.

Councilor Nyhan noted that the aesthetic design of the double roundabouts is very difficult to take in. He noted his preference to Alternative A stating that it allows for alterations in the future.

Councilor McClure noted her support of Alternative A indicating that it's difficult to see maneuvering around these roundabouts for twenty years before there is traffic to carry it. She noted her concern with residents being subjected to this.

Councilor Kretovic noted her support of Alternative B indicating that she is looking long term. She added that she is looking at the additional $500,000 now and that it could be substantially more twenty years from now. She added that this is a long term solution to the growth that is going to occur in Bow and Concord and further adds to the safety elements to cross from one community to another today.

Councilor Nyhan moved that Council support Alternative A. The motion was duly seconded and passed 11 to 3 with a show of hands vote.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

43. Resolution to appropriate the sum of $200,000 and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes for construction engineering services for phase one of liquid stream odor control

improvements at the Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, CIP #89; together with report from General Services. (2-14)(350) ***(Public hearing recessed at the March 12, 2012 Council meeting)***

Action: This items remains on the table.

Comments, Requests by Mayor, City Councilors

Councilor Coen reminded everyone of the upcoming LPGA tournament taking place at the Beaver Meadow Golf Course on July 20, 21 and 22.

Councilor Werner reported that on Friday the city completed the perambulation process, along with Bow, and all markers were found, identified and marked. He thanked City Surveyor Paul Gendron, Selectman Harry Judd and Bow Town Manager Dave Stack.

Councilor Keach indicated that the Police Department has increased patrols in a portion of the south end and as a business owner in that part of the city, he commended their efforts.

Councilor Patten noted that the Concord Grange and Walgreens rescued Splash Bash for the Recreation Department which will be held at Keach Park sometime either at the end of July or beginning of August.

Councilor St. Hilaire indicated that the 4th of July fireworks was a great display and thanked the Council for their participation in helping to fund this.

Councilor Nyhan indicated that the track has been resealed.

Comments, Requests by the City Manager

City Manager Aspell asked Brian LeBrun, Deputy City Manager-Finance, to bring forth two items. Mr. LeBrun introduced Katie Graff as the new Assistant Finance Director. He announced that the Collections office will begin staying open until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning August 2nd.

Consideration of items pulled from the consent agenda for discussion

Item 17 has been pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed following unfinished business items on the agenda.

17. Positive Citizen Comments.

Action: Councilor Blanchard highlighted some of the positive citizen comments received by the Police Department.

Councilor Blanchard moved to accept this item. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

Consideration of Suspense Items

Councilor Grady Sexton moved to consider items not previously advertised. The motion was duly seconded and passed with no dissenting votes.

7 Sus1 Report from Code Administration regarding Intown Concord's request to serve alcohol at Market Days on Main Street.

Action: City Manager Tom Aspell provided a brief overview.

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

Councilor Bouchard asked whether this is a tent on Main Street at the end of Hills Avenue with NH Distributors and others. Mr. Aspell indicated that to be correct. Councilor Bouchard inquired whether the non-profit is Intown Concord. Mr. Aspell replied that they are requesting the approval of a permit for the serving. Mr. Aspell pointed out that included is a listing of everybody involved, a map of the location, and all the other requirements and trainings that have gone into that.

Councilor Nyhan asked why this was listed on the agenda as a suspense item. He further questioned whether there was for a particular beer vendor in Concord asking how this is selected. Mr. Aspell replied that a NH Distributors trailer will be in the serving area. Councilor Nyhan pointed out that there is another local beer vendor, Amoskeag Beverage, and inquired whether they were invited to participate in this event. Mr. Aspell responded that it's not the city's event.

Councilor Keach indicated that he believes any non-profit who applies to the city for a permit can partner with any beer distributor or vendor that they want to.

Mr. Aspell explained that the reason this item is a suspense item is because the application came in after the package was assembled so it was listed under suspense.

The motion to approve passed with one dissenting vote.

Adjournment

The time being 9:33 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