

MEETING NOTICE with Motions

The regular monthly meeting of the Ellsworth City Council will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Ellsworth City Hall Council Chambers.

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1. Call to Order. **Gene Lyons, Casey Hanson absent.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance. **After pledge, Motion by Blanchette to add #19- Police Cruiser bids, seconded by Miller, passed 5-0.**
3. Rules of Order.
4. Adoption of minutes from the following meeting (s) of the Ellsworth City Council:
 - 06/20/2022 Regular Council Meeting.
Motion to approve by Blanchette, seconded by Miller, passed 5-0
5. City Manager's Report.
Manager Moshier noted the workshop on Solar Moratorium, August 12th closure at noon, Broadband road map, Toy Drive, new payment location for water/sewer and the Harbor concert series.
6. Committee Reports.
Jake Taylor, member of the HCTC Committee (EBDC) and Oak Point Associates presented the HCTC Feasibility study needs.
7. Citizens' Comments.
8. Presentation of Awards.
 - Tree City USA Award- An Arbor Day Foundation Program 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: All items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

9. Council Order #071800, Request of the City Clerk for review and acceptance of the results from the July 12, 2022 City of Ellsworth School Budget Validation Special Municipal Referendum Election. *
Motion to accept by Blanchette, second by Miller, passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

10. Public hearing and action on the following business license application (s):

- Ellsworth Lodge of Elks #2743, 317 High Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Victualer, Liquor, and Amusement) and renewal of a State Club-On Premise with Catering Malt, Spirituous and Vinous (Class I) Liquor License. **RM-MB-5-0**
- Fogtown Brewing Co LLC d/b/a Fogtown Brewing Company, 25 Pine Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Victualer, Liquor, and Amusement). **MB-RM-5-0**
- Taste Jamaica, LLC 190 State Street for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III & IV) Wine and Malt Liquor License. **RM-MB-5-0**
- Melanie Omlor-Fox d/b/a Helen's Restaurant of Ellsworth, 55 Downeast Highway, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant Malt, Spirituous and Vinous (Class I, II, III, IV) Liquor License. **MB-RM-5-0**
- Daniel C. Potts d/b/a Lakeside Cedar Cabins, 397 Mariaville Road, for renewal of a City Lodging License. **RM-MB-5-0**
- Zeppa's NY Pizza, 92 Water Street for a new City Class C License (Victualer, Liquor) and new state liquor license. **MB-RM-5-0**
- Amanda Thurlow DBA D'Amanda's, 25 Eastward Lane, for a renewal of City Class B (Victualer, Arcade, Liquor) and renewal of a State Malt liquor license. **RM-MB-5-0**
- Friends and Family Market, 390 State Street, for a renewal of City Class C (Victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State agency liquor license. **MB-RM-5-0**
- Da Butler Did IT! DBA Dragonfire Pizza, 248 State Street, for a renewal of City Class B (arcade, Victualer, liquor) and State malt liquor license. **RM-MB-5-0**
- Timothy Wedge dba The Breakroom, 248 State Street, for a new City Class A license (Victualer, liquor, arcade, amusement) and new State Class XI liquor license. **MB-RM-5-0**
- Pat's Pizza Ellsworth, 396 High Street, for a renewal of City Class C license (Victualer and Liquor) and renewal of State Malt, Wine and Spirituous liquor license. **RM-MB-5-0**

11. Council Order #071801, Request of the Water Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Woodard and Curran for preliminary Treatment Plan Design and have the City Manager sign all documents.

Motion to approve by Miller, second by Blanchette, passed 4-1 (O'Halloran opposed)

12. Discussion and potential action to sell City owned property.

Motion to allow sale by City Manager, if legal, to Sebastian Holler by Miller, second by Blanchette, passed 4-0-1 (O'Halloran abstained- conflict)

13. Council Order #071802, Request of the Public Works Director to replace the street light heads along Myrick Street

Motion to approve by Kaplan, second by Miller, passed 4-1 (O'Halloran opposed)

14. Council Order #071803, Request of the Public Works Director to increase funding for engineering services for the Water Street pump station project.

Move to approve the request of the Public Works director to increase the bidding and construction phase –engineering budget for the Water Street Pump Station project by \$75,500 to a not to exceed amount of \$290,375 and to allow the city manager to sign required documentation. Funding for this project to be from bond proceeds/Grant funding by Blanchette, second by Miller, passed 4-1 (O'Halloran opposed)

15. Request of the Public Works Director for discussion and action on proposed next steps for the Branch Lake Dam evaluation and engineering.

Move to approve the request of Public Works Director to increase the Branch Lake Dam engineering work contract with GEI Consultants Inc to an amount not to exceed \$175,000 with funding coming from Bond proceeds by (Gillian Williams PE) by Kaplan, second by Miller, passed 4-1 (O'Halloran opposed)

16. Discussion and potential action on Charter revision, potential creation of a Charter Commission, and amendments. (Sponsored by Hamilton)
17. Discussion and potential action to repeal the Solar Moratorium effective 8/1/2022. (Sponsored by O'Halloran)
Motion to table indefinitely by Blanchette, second by Miller, passed 4-1 (O'Halloran opposed)
18. Presentation by John Linnehan and/or associates on agenda 21, agenda 2030 and agenda 2050.
(Sponsored by O'Halloran)
19. Adjournment.
Move to adjourn by Blanchette, second by Miller, passed 5-0

City Council Meeting 7/18/22

Dale Hamilton

call to order the July 18, 2022 council meeting. All councilors are present with the exception of Councilor Lyons and Councilor Hanson. Both are excused absences. Pledge of Allegiance.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, on before we get going, I'd like to add one item to the agenda. We'll make it item number 19. The police cruiser bids have come in.

Dale Hamilton

Have a motion? Is there a second?

Robert Miller

Second?

Dale Hamilton

Any discussion? All those in favor of adding this as an item unanimous. All right, item three rules of order. We follow Robert's Rules of Order and any other rules that we adopt during the organizational meeting.

Item four adoption of minutes from the following meetings of the Ellsworth City Council 6-20-2022
Regular council meeting.

Marc Blanchette

So moved.

Robert Miller

Second.

Dale Hamilton

Motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous.

Item five city manager's report manager Moshier.

Glenn Moshier

Good evening. I have several things to report out on tonight. First off, we have a workshop scheduled a joint workshop for next Monday night the 25th. Between you all and the planning board to discuss the current solar moratorium and efforts to bring that to a close coming up in October. City Hall will be closing at 12 noon on August 12, a Friday for the annual employee appreciation cookout, which you're all invited to as well. And that will be at the Harbor Park. The Broadband Committee has wrapped up and come forward with a roadmap and strategic plan. It's available on city website. And we encourage citizens to go on and take a look at that and report back any concerns, questions comments that you

may have prior to August 8. Currently in City Hall, here we are conducting a toy drive for the month of July. And those toys will be stored here at City Hall and then come holiday season they will be donated out to needy children in the area in our community. And the toys can be dropped off here at City Hall. And we're also accepting monetary donations as part of that toy drive. Water and Sewer bills can now be paid at the wastewater treatment plant. And summer concert series on Wednesdays and Fridays at Harbor Park has kicked off at along with the first performance of Shakespeare in the Park on July 22nd and 23rd at 7pm. And on July 24 at 4pm.

Michelle Kaplan

Will that be on the city website as well?

Glenn Moshier

The performances?

Michelle Kaplan

just the times. Yeah. So

Glenn Moshier

I will make sure that it is.

Dale Hamilton

Item six committee reports. Any counselors attend any committees? So we do have one update this evening on the committee that we established a while ago. And this is for the HCTC in terms of looking at that. So I will turn it over to Jake.

Jake Taylor

Yes, so tonight we wanted to come in and give the council an update on where we stand on the building study that was completed. And Tyler and Sarah from Oak Point Associates are going to come up and give the full report and kind of talk us through that whole thing. But just to give a hopefully a really brief history in just kind of foundation and background on that whole thing. For anyone who's new or not totally up to speed with it. Ellsworth Business Development Corp in roughly 2018, had completed a couple of projects and was starting to kind of sit back and look at what are the areas of need in greater Ellsworth? You know, and at this time the workforce crisis was really starting to build. You know, so that was kind of driving a lot of our conversations. And we took that and said, Okay, so what, what can we do as a business development corporation? What can we do that would have a significant impact for all the stakeholders and Ellsworth, not just businesses, not just employees, but what's something that we could really focus our energy on that would have an impact across the board. And one of the things we kept coming back to was Hancock County Technical Center, you know, the school has been around physically for a long time, you know, in the programs up there, and CTE in general has just gained a lot of steam in the last 10 years. And it parlays directly into what we all experience every single day in our local communities. And it definitely can be a value add to any community having a vibrant, technical school, that's helping train people with the local needs that are necessary. So we spent a lot of time talking about it, thinking about it. I spent time physically up there looking at the campus, spending time with Amy talking to her about the things that she sees on a day to day basis. And you know, what, you know, what, what are the needs? Or what, what, how can we enhance this

here. And in almost all the conversations came back to the building, or space, whether it was building deficiencies, or just simply spaces just being too small. So we spent lots and lots of time going through that talking about it. And really, we came back to the first step in the process of seeing what we could do about that is taking an inventory of what's there. And basically having a building study done, to see what is the best way to improve that. And that's a couple of minutes, Sarah and Tyler are going to come up and present the final study and the completion and what those what that final data said. But the backup one second day, part of this really got stemmed from in would have been 2016 or 2017, the superintendent's office applied to be put on the construction schedule, on the state's construction schedule to build a new school. In the results of that were basically HCTC landed in the middle teens, I think it was 13 news 13 or 14, where it landed, given the financial allocation that was put forth for that years construction cycle, which and it's not a yearly thing, but just that allotment that periods construction cycle, with our math that we did, it was probably going to be 15 to 25 years before ground would have been broken, that's most likely too long. And there would be significant deficiencies that would happen in that time period, let alone the inability to keep up with the increase in enrollment. So that's, that's what kind of got us thinking about all of this, the first step is to find out what we have, and see what it's gonna take to kind of modernize that whole facility and kind of get that up to speed with just what what the demands are for that. And so with that, I'll ask Tyler and Sarah to come up. And I'll add to this was a this committee was was built as a joint committee with the the school board, the superintendent's office, city council and Ellsworth Business Development Corporation. So all entities have members on this on this joint board that's executed the work so far. So with that, Tyler and Sarah from Oak Point Associates.

Dale Hamilton

Before we begin, I just wanted to also remind different composition of the council and the public that the city put allocated I think it was \$125,000 towards this efforts and initiative in terms of being able to do this so that that's why it's important to be able to see where what the result of that work is and where it stands at this

Oak Point Associates

All right. Well, thank you. We're excited to be here. To report back on about a year and a half worth of work on this project. We've had a really great experience with your advisory committee that we've been working with, and some really good support from Amy and her staff, as well as we've moved through a pretty robust information gathering session. So quick introductions, my name is Tyler Barter, principal architect with Oak Points. And this is Sarah Smith. She is one of our interior designer, also a principal and educational planner with the firm. So for those that don't know who we are, we are an architectural engineering firm based out of Biddeford. And we've been working collectively on school projects around the state for the past 25 years or so. A lot of experience in this realm, which we've been able to utilize throughout this process, we were about 73 people strong. And we have all of the disciplines that have were needed for this entirety on the project, all under one roof. So all the architecture and engineering that were involved in both the facilities assessment portion, and also the educational planning side. So a little bit about the process that we underwent, when I mentioned that there was a pretty robust data collection part, it really was. So we had the opportunity to speak to all of the individual staff at the school, we spent about an hour to hour and a half with each of the individual groups. We met with the advisory committee, and then they actually set up some liaison meetings with advisory groups for each

of the individual programs, we were able to get out tour some facilities in town that were experiencing some of these labor shortages that I think the hope that the school can help to address in the future, which really gave us a lot of great input and a lot of, you know, very thoughtful comments and feedback as we started to look what the overall space planning needs of this facility were. And we'll talk a little bit about that, as we get into it, that there really are a lot of needs, that this greater community felt that an enhancement in the HCTC program would be able to provide in both the short and long term staffing areas. So that process took about a six month period where we met with the groups, we started to put together some of that preliminary data, and then we started to test it as well. So we bring it back, meet with the advisory group meet with Amy and her staff to start to really nail down what those individual program needs were and how the building either was or wasn't addressing those those programs currently. From there, we started to take a look at the early phase of bubble diagrams. So starting to map out what the physical relationships of these different components were, and then how we could start to organize those into a proposed floor plan. From there, again, we started to really work on that feedback loop. So you see the kind of the arrows between that yellow and the blue tab. And that really was an iterative process. So we would bring back thoughts and ideas, we'd get a lot of great feedback, we'd make some adjustments, come back and start to test it. And we really didn't move on to that final presentation that's in the report submitted in January, until everyone was really in agreement that we kind of hit that sweet spot on a respectable amount of square footage that was appropriate to both the overall building programs for the current, but also planning out what those needs are for the future. And from there, we submitted the draft, facilities assessment report, and the overall building plans and budgets in January. So the existing building, I think, I'm not sure how many of you are aware of all of the pieces that go into it, but it's about a 36,000 square foot building. When we did the facilities assessment analysis for the second time, we did an update on the one that we had done back in 2013. We found that a lot of great things had happened with a new roof windows and some boiler work that was ongoing, but they're building a really has somewhat limited ability to continue in its function without some major investment. So we're seeing a lot of code analysis challenges. So there's some fire separations. There's a lot of challenges with accessibility throughout the building an elevator that's exceeded its useful life, a lack of sprinkler system in the building, which is especially critical with a lot of the programs that your housing in there with an Early Childhood Education Center and a vehicle maintenance program. So you have diesel, automotive and all of these other components that have a somewhat higher risk, so making sure that those things are addressed Any project, making sure that all those occupancies are separated by by code approved systems, and then continuing to build on the work that you've been doing over the years with replacements and upgrades of the building system. So making sure that you have good ventilation, the heating systems are modernized, and a lot of those things are going to be very challenging. As you start to move through that overall building process. We also noticed that there are a number of structural issues that you'll see throughout the report if you have a chance to take a peek. And some of those are just based on the way that the building was constructed in the time that it was. So updates the current building code, have left it in a place where where it met original design requirements doesn't necessarily meet the requirements of a new building today. So I'm gonna, before I turn this over to to Sarah, what we did was we put together a summary of all of the programs that you'll see in the building, and a number of programs that are planned or being introduced to the facility in the coming years. So one of the things that you'll notice right off the bat based on this chart behind me is that with a 36,000 square foot building, plus about six to 10,000 square feet located off campus, the building is right around 40% of the size that it would need to be to

meet all of the growing demands. And I think that's one of the biggest takeaways from the report that we put together, it's just the amazing amount of education that's happening in a somewhat small footprint. So being able to turn out the quality education there. But really not being able to expand those programs to meet those growing needs, and a lot of the challenges and changes that are happening in education as we move forward. With that, I will turn to Sarah to talk a little bit about the space programming. Thanks, Tyler. So as Tyler mentioned, we have this graph that we put together for you to take a look at. And one of the things that we did use as a testing tool was to test it against the state standards. So the state has a document that they put out what they recommend for sizes for different programs for all the way from pre K to to Upper School, and so that the numbers that we have here are also reflective upon what the state standards are, too. So we were using that and balancing that with the programs that are at those schools as well that we when we interviewed. So the way that they do some of their programs are a little bit different than the state. But it was a good a good number to start with. And what you can see here, so this is when Tyler was talking about bubble diagrams, this is when we start designing, and really just looking at spatial needs and what their adjacencies are. And we did that for each one of the programs. So here you see culinary arts, on the left hand side is their existing space. And then in the bubble diagrams, you see what the new space looks like to support the programs that they have. And this is pretty typical of every program within the school. Same thing with multimedia, you can see what the existing is and then comparing that to what state standards are for a new multimedia if they were going to build say what they did in Sanford High School or something like that. That's the type of space that they're recommending for these programs. What happens in school that you have now it's mostly just classroom space, and barely any lab space, or breakout space or small group learning spaces that you see in today's pedagogy. So that's what we're that's why the floor plans are so much bigger when you start giving that space that has the lab space and some of these breakout areas, it really is a lot different today than it was when the school was was first constructed. So we did these for every one of the programs with this bubble diagram and the adjacency needs. And for this, we're just going to show a couple of them. If we want to get into every floor plan, we can walk through them. But I think this kind of gives you a picture of what we're talking about for space needs. We then looked at two different options. So what if we renovated the building and did it as a phased projects and then also a completely new building on the same site and so that the school could continue in progress while the new building was being constructed. What you see here is a renovation of the existing floorplan the dashed area in yellow that shows the existing building of what you have now because the building is on a sloped area, you have part of it that would be put down at the lower part and be the main entrance area and the upper portion would have an addition that goes on it that would house the automotive and diesel program so it'd be sort of a tiered addition, one on the left hand side and one on the right hand side. So you can see on the in the blue area there the main entrance space, so in our scheme for this one, we have the main entrance up by that blue area, we would have a controlled main office space with a secure entry which you do don't really have a good setup now, they can't really see the main entrance as well. So we have that in the front entrance off to the left hand side, we would have the the dining and kitchen and culinary arts with an outdoor function area. And these are the sizes of some of these things in the area where they're located came out of some of the interview process that we did having the knowledge base that there's not a lot of space in this area for meetings or for workforce training, we developed a space that could be right at the front for outside vendors and such to come in and to be able to use that space and keep it separate from the school. The other program that would be added into that phase there is early childhood program, with its own

separate entrance from the in the back and its own place base out to the back in the existing building, we have video production, the welding lab and building trades, being able to utilize some of the base that's already there. So we've tried to be really thoughtful of what is existing in the building today. And what spaces would go back into those areas in a thoughtful manner. As far as reconstruction and being able to isolate things within the building. Up on the upper portion, we have the up above, we tried to do spaces again, that would be used by the public. So areas with computer labs and such that could be used for workforce training, and still be able to isolate that part of the building from the rest of the of the building as public access. We also have the law enforcement, biomedical Health Occupations off to the right hand side. And then on the upper portion, new diesel and automotive labs. Those are the pieces that are for us code wise, having those in the existing building is really troubling. So we were able to pull those out and get them size properly and have bays that you could get in and out of in a safe manner, which right now it's a little tricky the way that they're all in that space. So as Sarah mentioned, one of the challenges on this site was some of the natural topography as we're transitioning with a roughly 14 foot grade drop from the kind of the main level entrance now to the back. And those are some of the things that were challenging on the accessibility side. And that really led to some of the changes in the vehicular circulation to make that new entrance and then the dedicated drop off area for the parent drop off or the early childhood education work. So we've utilized some of the existing curb cuts, looped around to the back on our circulation, but then also gave a dedicated main entrance with a visitor lot that directed everyone into one secure entrance as Sarah mentioned was something that we felt was really important. Some of the challenges that we have on the site is that there are a fair number of wetlands, some intermittent streams that we have to kind of work around in some of those areas. And you'll see some of that reflected with the both the kind of that magenta and blue dashed line some of the setbacks that we're trying to work around, making sure that we've provided enough vehicle storage space for the diesel and automotive programs is important, making sure that those were both secure and appropriately sized to meet all of the accreditation guidelines. And then also making sure that we're providing enough staff and student parking. We know that there's a lot of transient action in this on this site with students driving from other communities, bussing from other communities. So making sure that the vehicular circulation works really well was important. So that led to the new lot here in the front for visitors, staff lot, and then an ability to add additional parking toward the rear of the site for either students and staff depending on where they're located within the building. This is a diagram of how this building would be put together massing. So this isn't intended to be narrow, necessarily an exact replica of what it was look like. But it kind of gives you an idea on how the physical relationship of both the new and the existing are working together. So this is a bird's eye view looking from that, that upper area with the natural slope that exists now down to the two story addition in the back. And then you can see, you know, appropriately size well defined entrance that will be kind of the main gathering point one directed area, and then working your way back up. All of the public functions in this area. Sarah had mentioned the ability to utilize this facility in the evenings in the weekends for all of these workforce housing, our workforce development programs that are happening, the ability to rent this out for community events and functions was really a critical thing throughout the process. And then moving up to some of those high bay spaces that are on the upper level that that will house the diesel and the automotive. One thing that we liked about this plan, if you do pursue a renovation option is the ability to phase this. So you can construct either one of these additions, with some renovations to that middle section, and build this out over time, if that was the direction that you decided to take. This is a view looking at it from the opposite sides, you can see the the repurposing of those lower level where

carpentry was formerly held, and the automotive areas being that connection point for the addition. And then that dedicated entrance for the Early Childhood Education Center, right over here. So the next option we looked at is what if we do a new building. And again, as Tyler mentioned, the site's a little bit difficult. So we had to really work with the site to see what kind of shapes and vehicular traffic we could get, and still stay within the boundaries and the setbacks that the site has. Again, we're set up very similar as far as the adjacency needs in the new building as we were in the renovation model, just because that's the the design director that we're trying to get all the appropriate adjacencies together. So it's the same type of setup, if you see where that dashed line is on the plan, I'm going to pull up larger plans, so you can see how it breaks out. So this is the main entrance here, again, the green is the admin space, the dining and culinary arts will be off to the right, early childhood, off to the left hand side, and then some academic classrooms and computer labs, in such in that mean, sort of thorough, thorough view, if you will, and again, that we did that purposely so that it could be isolated. Those are the spaces that would be most used by the public. And we could close the rest of the building off and really have that be as a function for the entire community. On the upper side, that's the second floor that would be right above that. And again, the medical classrooms, law enforcement, video production. So again, very repetitive what we did before, but within the new building space, this is that back part of the building, what we did here, and the way that these were constructed off to the right hand side is automotive and diesel. But on to the left hand side, we have marine and welding. And we purposely placed those there because those programs are currently located off site at a different location, they're very successful there. So if we were going to duplicate or move something that we made that so that piece can be added on later on, if that was the choice to be made. But it made it a really great spot for us to be able to add on later. In the brown, you'll see there's a light tan color, that's a building trades lab, that one is one that is set forth to be more of a flexible space. So not knowing what the programs are and how they changed throughout the years, all of the labs will be set up to be kind of universal, and be able to be changed around for different programs as the need comes. And that was kind of a direction that we were given for a bunch of the larger, the larger spaces, making them really flexible for the future so that as programs come and go, they can be adjusted really simply for that. And here you can see I'm gonna give it to Tyler for the site. So this one, we've left the existing building on as a reference point here in the front, so give you a little bit of context song where we're looking at the site. So one of the challenges would be kind of that stream crossing to begin. So making sure that we've left in some adequate space for kind of limited crossings, being able to do some of that engineering, leaving some really good areas for storm water treatment so that we're taking care of all of those things before, without impacting the natural resources of the site. We've taken a very similar approach to this one as well. So we've got dedicated bus and parent drop off at the front of place for a dedicated visitor lot, and then pushed a lot of the parking more toward the back in the sides on this one with staff and student parking on either side of the site. And then in the back, we've got a parking area that would serve for the vehicles for the automotive and diesel trades. And then also there's a couple that law enforcement has as well. So it's really given us a really good opportunity here to kind of nestled this into the backside of the site on land that the city already owns, which is I think advantageous for a lot of reasons. As Sarah had mentioned, that wing has been kind of set off to the side. So if you decide to, to co locate or duplicate a program, you have that ability, or if that's chosen not to be constructed in that first pass, then you have the ability to expand with some more hybrid space as different programs are identified as you move forward. So kind of thinking about that both short term and long term flexibility of the site. So this one has a similar but slightly different approach where we can have a traditional two

storey building in the front, were thinking that this would be something that we would make one universal main floor, really try to work with the existing topography and not have to kind of step up and down too much makes the flow a lot easier through the building for students and staff, and then makes it a lot more straightforward. As you're kind of traversing the the parking and circulation areas on the that main part of the site. Again, this works with the dedicated main entrance, that's really your focal point becomes your secure entrance. And then we've kind of pushed some of those high bay spaces toward the back. That way we're able to utilize that front for event space, we've got some hardscape in the budget, those types of things to really make this a desirable location for a lot of different events. Then here's some looks at what the high bass faces are in the back. From there, what we ended up doing is we put together project budgets for the two options, and then kind of a hypothetical, off site improvement piece, you know, another considerably, you know, similar type of site, flat context, you know, something that we could look just to kind of get an idea of what the orders of magnitude would be, if we had to start working in additional utilities and site work and other things to kind of give you kind of that full range over overall building projects. And we came up with these three different options that are all fairly close in price, but do offer some distinct differences. So the renovation option, and I'll say these were put together kind of in late 2021. So as we all know, the the construction market, and inflation in general has been pretty rampant. So we're thinking that they're similar, a seven to 10% increase from the time that these were put together just for context. But one of the things that we wanted to make sure is that you had kind of that clear picture of apples to apples going through this process. The first one up on the renovation, ended up with a just under \$53 million project at the time. You know, it looks very similar to that new construction next to it. But the one key difference here is that we weren't physically able to house the Marine Trades Program on site, if that was something that was, you know, a desired output from the end. So there's about a 6000 square foot difference in the plan, which is about a \$4 million increase in the total project budget. Moving forward on that new construction line, again, just under \$53 million. But that includes the full marine trade and welding, which may or may not be here. So it does give you some ability to kind of adjust that up and down based on what the final program ends up being. We took a look at hypothetical site/off site, something that could be close to some other shared facilities such as the high school or closer to town, and made some assumptions on what that would look like with building access roads, extending sewer, water, three phase power, all those infrastructure needs in which you can see is a pretty, pretty significant increase. And I think this was something that when we started looking and saw the numbers, maybe wasn't as advantageous long term for the for the community, but was something that was good context wise. One thing that isn't included in there would be any potential land acquisition costs. So that's something to keep in mind that this number is, is assumption that the parcel would be owned or gifted to the city. So there are assumptions in there that could sway this pretty significantly, depending on what that parcel ends up being. And this is a more in depth project budget that's included in the report that breaks down how these numbers are arrived at. So we've tried, as we did with the overall facilities planning piece, tried to make sure that we're following as close to the state process that we can, you know, set you up that you're in good position if that funding does come around, or understanding if you decide to do something locally how this breaks down. So we've got the construction line, all the administrative costs and reserves, which continues to the all the land acquisition and has the furniture, fixtures, technology, and then also the contingencies for the project. So making sure that we have a healthy bid contingency for some of those market fluctuations, and then also a construction contingency for things that naturally come up. And then Part C is all of the fees and breakdown of the permitting process and administrative

side of the project. So this gives you kind of the full picture of how that those bottom line numbers are arrived at. That's the end of our presentation. And hopefully we've left enough time for questions and answers.

Marc Blanchette

Can you go back to the proposed estimated cost?

Oak Point Associates

What the big, big are the

Marc Blanchette

Would you read the bottom lines? I can't read them from here.

Oak Point Associates

So starting from the left hand column, that's the renovation option. The bottom total is \$52,907,000. The one next to it is new construction on the existing site. And that's 52,978,500 and new construction on a new site is somewhere in that \$57.7 million and again with that renovation option, it doesn't include the marine trades, which if you we had a way to get it on the site would be about \$4 million more. So based on this first analysis, it looks like new construction on the existing site is the most financially agreeable, path forward.

Marc Blanchette

Thank you.

Dale Hamilton

So just comment and being a part of the committee. I think where this started, obviously, huge numbers, and everybody sees those numbers and kind of, I'll be taking gasps. Yeah. But in terms of keeping in mind, the long term reality, on a couple levels, this started as a private public partnership, which it would continue to be so that that number would hopefully be reduced dramatically in terms of having that that public side, go into what Jake was talking about in terms of workforce development. The reality that the HCTC program provides a pathway for students that is really important, and that we could leverage more of more relationships with other post secondary systems to develop and train workforce to go into areas where people just haven't been going into. We seem to have fallen, I think, personally, as a society of pushing students in one direction that the pathway of college and we're seeing that we don't have enough trades. So for a community, there's the opportunity for that investment to develop. And the cost is important to have, understand where that takes us, it doesn't mean that we should just reject it out of hand, because it's a large price tag, I think the next step that the city should support is moving forward in terms of well, how do we get there? How do we make this affordable and realize this so that it doesn't have that negative cost impact, if that's all you want to look at, then then that's this will never happen. But if we look at it for what it can be and what it should be, then we start to come up with some solutions. And I think that's the work that lies ahead and to continue to engage the public. The different groups that have been part of this, the opportunities are there. But I think the worst thing we could do as a city is just kind of say, well, it cost too much, let's move on to something else. Because then we're not going to have that public private opportunity. And

the last thing I'll say is that there's also the potential by having this plan and having an understanding about what we want to achieve, that we can have discussions with Augusta in the hopes that maybe our project gets moved up, maybe we do get the funding that just because we were 13 originally doesn't mean that we can't move up on that list and have those opportunities. So I think this was a really an important first step and and I hope that as a city and as a council, we support an effort to keep this at the forefront and keep this moving forward. And know that we have numbers good. We should also be searching for grants. If they if they will not move us up on the list. We should search as a city. The chamber can search, or Heart of Ellsworth can search because they all have access to different grants and see what they can come up with now that we have numbers.

Steven O'Halloran

a couple of questions. What is the square footage of your new construction?

Oak Point Associates

Both the renovation and the new end up right around 96,000 square feet.

Steven O'Halloran

Okay. And right now you have around

Oak Point Associates

The existing building is 36,000 at this footprint and I think about 10,000 off site about 4 in Bucksport for the welding and another six over MDI for the Marine trades.

Steven O'Halloran

just like to echo a comment you made that, sure it looks scary, but this is the future of our young people.

Jake Taylor

So another one of the the thought process that went through EBDC and after we started talking with Tyler and Sarah is we kind of started cracking the door open to the potential to for grants philanthropy and just looking at creative funding sources to be able to kind of mitigate some of that big, big scary number. In one of the things that became very apparent quickly after we started looking into that is both on the philanthropy side and grants there, they need to see something. And on the grant side, the more shovel ready, the more prep work that's done, the higher it puts you up the list. So that was one of the kind of leading factors in us really wanting to engage Tyler and Sarah and Oak Point and kind of getting this foundation piece done, at least to get this point. And, you know, we can build from there.

Michelle Kaplan

what do you think the participation rate would be with the other towns since it is a county, County Technical College? Or would it fall exclusively on

Jake Taylor

So we've had those discussions as well. And how it is currently set up is that that school in the physical plant is owned by the city of Ellsworth. That doesn't mean that it completely shuts down any

conversation with any other sending school or district or area. But how exactly that would work in that in that conversation hasn't even started. You know, but the the raw data is that that is an asset of the city of Ellsworth. So, you know, I think that a lot of that. We'd have to get creative about how that would take a lot of conversation from a lot of different parties to figure out how to how to make that work.

Michelle Kaplan

Because you're looking at sponsors of Biomedical Sciences program, would either MDI lab or the Jackson lab, would they be willing to help with some of the funding?

Oak Point Associates

Yeah, I'm not sure about the funding, but we were able to speak with folks at at MDI. I mean, at Jackson lab, a lot of interest there. Two programs that we're very excited on that that medical side was both UMA and eastern Maine Community College, they are actually excited about the opportunity to share space. And you'll see if you see some of the kind of the previous iterations, that's actually an area where we bumped up that square footage slightly to provide another simulation center and skills lab so that both high school and college students could be training at the same time. So that was actually one of the programs, I think that there was the most easily defined current partners that would be interested in continuing those discussions.

Dale Hamilton

Yeah. So we will obviously bring this back to a future council meeting and and talk about next steps and where we think it should go.

Robert Miller

Can I get a printout of the presentation?

Dale Hamilton

All right. All right, Item seven citizens comments. This is a portion of the agenda where any citizen can comment on any item that you wish. If you'd like to do so, just step up to the podium, state your name, where you live, and you have approximately three minutes.

Gary Fortier

Right on time Mr. Chairman. I'm sitting at home my recliner watching you folks. Mr. Blanchette, your addition to the agenda is illegal. 19, A, you wanted to add to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting? The charter 205, point B requires unanimous consent of six members, you have five you cannot add that to the agenda. And I try to. I was sitting home watching it realize you were doing something again, against our charter. So I came down to inform you of it. So 205 B consult with your clerk and make sure, I have a copy. So once again, cannot add that to the agenda.

Marc Blanchette

Next time, just say it with a smile, Gary.

Gary Fortier

Any of you have read the Charter?

Dale Hamilton

Gary, if you want to speak. Thanks. Anyone else like to speak?

Steven O'Halloran

We still have citizens comment.

Dale Hamilton

We still are, that's why I said we're still in it.

Steven O'Halloran

My name is Steve O'Halloran. And hopefully I can make this a little more friendly than the last one. My comment is about the position, not about the person. We've had a lot of discussions about conflict of interest. And I want to bring to the attention to everybody in this room, the city of Ellsworth and the council. That I feel we have a conflict of interest with having a city manager and a police chief in the same person. I realized that that was, again, it's not about the person. It's about the position. Going through the budget process and watching that I could see those conflicts there. There's a three year contract in place with

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, this goes into personnel that should come before Personnel Committee.

Steven O'Halloran

May I continue?

Marc Blanchette

And it should be an agenda item in committee, that we aren't blindsided by anything.

Dale Hamilton

At this point, it's we're treating it merely as citizens comment, and it has no the comments being made now, do not reflect any opinion of the council. There's simply a comment being made by a citizen in the comment period, if this is ever going to be taken up and needs to be put on the agenda, as such.

Steven O'Halloran

Thank you. My point is this is that there's a three year contract in place, we're a year and a half through it. And I would like the council and the city to consider at the three year point of dividing those two positions and speak to you as a citizen. I'm not asking for drastic measures. I'm asking to look forward.

There's a year and a half left in the existing contract and I would like the city to look at dividing those two positions. A separate city manager from a separate police chief. Thank you

Dale Hamilton

anyone else like to speak? All right, seeing that before moving to our next item Madam Clerk, we're all set that we cannot. So that item will not be added, we will have to take that matter up. However, yes. And that's where it's going to go is that we will just call a special meeting. Because we do have it next Monday. We'll do that immediately before the start of the workshop, and we will have that item. So we will have a special meeting to address this one item. And I would just say, on behalf of the council it is in large part as chair my responsibility to know the rules. So I take responsibility for that. As far as sometimes the rules are complex, as many parts to our charter. So I appreciate Mr. Fortier, you're keeping us on track and in line with that we certainly want to operate appropriately. And I think we've all read the charter however, it does get lost in the weeds sometimes. So that's what you know, what we if anybody ever sees us acting in a way that's not in line, we want that feedback so that we can act appropriately. So we will add that to to that meeting and we'll pick up that item than.

Steven O'Halloran

a question because it was voted on to add do you have to vote to remove it?

Dale Hamilton

No it's an it because it can't be It can't be it's not official? Because we we don't have we can't vote so it just automatically comes off so we can't vote to add it and then we can't vote it to take it off. So because then if we vote to take it off, we're probably going to be

Steven O'Halloran

what we were told is true

Dale Hamilton

Yes. That's why I checked. All right. Let's move on. Item eight presentation of awards, Tree City USA award and Arbor Day Foundation program 2021.

Tabitha White

Oh yeah. Just My name is Tabitha White. I'm the chair of the tree committee for the green plan and Ellsworth. And this year, Ellsworth received the Tree City USA award we're the 20th city in the state of Maine to receive this award. We needed to meet certain criteria, having a tree bordered department, community tree ordinance, a community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, which includes volunteer time, and an Arbor Day proclamation. And some of those items that made us qualify for the budget we actually hit \$2.97 per capita. We had contracted maintenance for trees at Knowlton Park, we planted crab apples at City Hall pruned crab apples at City Hall and removed some and as well as planted trees on High Street this year. Thank you.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, can we hang that in the tree warden's office Yes.

Dale Hamilton

That never gets old. Alright and unfinished business we have no unfinished business move on to the consent agenda. All items with an asterisk are considered to be routine and be enacted by one motion we only have one item so we will jump to that immediately. Item nine Council order number 071800. request of the city clerk for review and acceptance of the results from the July 12 2022 City of Ellsworth school budget validation special municipal referendum election.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman Move to approve acceptance of the July 12 2022. City of Ellsworth school budget recommendation special municipal referendum election results as presented. Second,

Dale Hamilton

motion and second any discussion?

Michelle Kaplan

just like to add that it would have been nice on the question if they included the dollar amount on the question at the time of the election, but it doesn't negate the will of the people so

Dale Hamilton

any other discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous

Dale Hamilton

New Business item 10 public hearing and action on the following business license applications Madam Clerk is everything in order and we have one new? So we have representatives for both Yes. All right. Here we go and take a deep breath.

Ellsworth Lodge of Elks number 2743 at 317 In High Street for renewal of a city Class B license Victualer, liquor, liquor and amusement and renewal of a state club on premise with catering malts spirituous and vinous class one liquor license is a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Anybody like to comment on that? They may do so. If not, I will close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed

Robert Miller

Move to approve.

Marc Blanchette

Second.

Dale Hamilton

Motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous

Fogtown Brewing Company LLC DBA Fogtown Brewing Company 25 Pine Street for renewal of a city Class B license Victualer, liquor and amusements. It's public hearing. I'll open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Anybody wish to comment? Seeing none I'll close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed.

Marc Blanchette

Move approval, Mr. Chairman.

Robert Miller

Second

Dale Hamilton

A motion and second any discussion?

Michelle Kaplan

Has there been any movement on reducing the noise and we've gotten some complaints in letters?

Dale Hamilton

Manager Moshier has there been any?

Glenn Moshier

No, I haven't had any parking issues of late or noise complaints.

Robert Miller

I brought this up once before last year. I believe in the nobody came to complain. I invited people to come

Michelle Kaplan

yes they email us

Dale Hamilton

all those in favor? Unanimous.

Taste Jamaica LLC 190. State Street for renewal of a city Class C license Victualer and liquor and renewal of a state restaurant class three and four wine and malt liquor license. It's a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Anybody like to comment. Seeing none I'll close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed.

Robert Miller

Move to approve.

Marc Blanchette

Second.

Dale Hamilton

motion and second any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous.

Melanie Omlor Fox DBA Helens restaurant of Ellsworth 55 Down East highway for renewal of a city Class C license Victualer and liquor and renewal of a state restaurant malt spirituous and Vinous class. 1,2,3,4 liquor license this public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. No one wants to comment seeing none. close the public hearing public hearing is closed.

Marc Blanchette

Move approval.

Robert Miller

Second

Dale Hamilton

motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous

Daniel C. Potts DBA Lakeside cedar cabins 397 Mariaville road for renewal of a city lodging license. This is a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Anybody like to speak? Seeing none I'll close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed

Robert Miller

Move to approve.

Marc Blanchette

Second.

Dale Hamilton

Have a motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous

Zeppa's New York pizza 92 Water street for a new city Class C license Victualer, liquor and new State liquor license. This is a new application and we have so there's public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Would anybody like to speak? You don't have to you you're free to if you want to step up and and speak.

Zeppa's

Just want to say one thing being totally new to Ellsworth the staff here has been great to work with they've helped me right off the turnip cart all the way through. So thank you very much. That's all.

Dale Hamilton

Any other comments? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed.

Marc Blanchette

Move approval.

Robert Miller

Second.

Dale Hamilton

Motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous

Amanda Thurlow DBA demand is 25 East wood lane for renewal of a city Class B Victualer, arcade, liquor and renewal of a state malt liquor license. It's a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed.

Robert Miller

Move to approve.

Marc Blanchette

Second.

Dale Hamilton

Motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous.

Friends and family market 390 State Street for renewal of a city class C Victualer and liquor and renewal of a state agency liquor license. This is a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Anybody wish to comment? Seeing none, I'll close the public hearing. Public Hearing is closed.

Marc Blanchette

Approval.

Robert Miller

Second.

Dale Hamilton

motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous.

Da Butler Did It DBA Dragonfire Pizza 248 State Street for a renewal of a city Class B arcade, Victualer liquor and state malt liquor license. It's a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. Any comments? Seeing none I'll close the public hearing. Public hearings closed

Robert Miller

approve.

Marc Blanchette

Second, but just a comment, I gotta give them two extra points for the business name. Yeah. It's clever.

Dale Hamilton

Any other discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous.

Timothy wedge DBA The break room to 48 State Street for a new city Class A license Victualer, liquor, arcade, amusement and new state class 11 liquor license. This is a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. This is a change of ownership. Okay. Anybody would like to comment? seeing none I'll close public hearing public hearing is closed.

Marc Blanchette

Move approval

Robert Miller

Second,

Dale Hamilton

motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Unanimous.

And Pat's pizza Ellsworth 396 High Street for a renewal of a city Class C license Victualer and liquor and renewal of a state malt Wine and Spirituous liquor license. This is a public hearing open the public hearing. Public Hearing is open. anyone wish to comment? Seeing none public hearing is closed.

Robert Miller

Move to approve.

Marc Blanchette

Second.

Dale Hamilton

Have a motion and second. Any discussion? All those in favor? Item 11. Council order number 071801 request of the water superintendent to enter into an agreement with Woodard and Curran for a preliminary treatment plan design and have the city manager sign all documents.

Reggie Winslow

Good evening Reggie Winslow department superintendent that will keep this brief. So the water department received a money through the state Drinking Water Program that's the revolving fund for principal forgiveness \$300,000 on the study that Woodard and Curran will do is going to evaluate the treatment plants evaluate different treatment processes

Steven O'Halloran

could you start over? Thank you.

Reggie Winslow

So, the State Revolving Fund The Maine drinking water program gave the water department \$300,000 in principle forgiveness Woodard and Curran is going to evaluate the treatment plant, the capacity, treatment processes and the overall needs of water supply for the city. This will go in steps but overall it's it's the redo or rebuild the existing plant. These are just concept designs it'll tell us what we need to do how much it's going to cost and an overall timeline. And it is free the \$300,000 is free.

Robert Miller

move to approve the request of the water department superintendent to go into an agreement with Woodard and Curran for the preliminary design of the water treatment plant which is to be funded by the drinking water program, State Revolving Fund in the sum of \$300,000, and allow the city manager to sign the required documentation.

Marc Blanchette

Second,

Dale Hamilton

motion and second- discussion. We know we've talked about this many, many times in terms of the state of the plant. And guess the the need to have plans and being able to get that design is is certainly critical. Yes, drinking water is not something we should be putting off. So the fact that we have a resource to pay for it is is definitely a bonus. Any other comments?

Michelle Kaplan

Now, before we vote? Do we have to have a certain number of votes?

Dale Hamilton

We need for four of us to pass anything. All those in favor? Those opposed? passes. Thank you. Item 12 discussion of potential action to sell city owned property.

Glenn Moshier

You all have been provided with a map. You look in your packet and the information I gave this evening. parcel of land that was gifted to the city back in 1992. This citizen has approached the city with the interest to purchase that parcel of land. It's a non buildable approximately half acre, which is currently owned by the city as a result of that gift. And so I'm here tonight for two purposes. First of all to put get clarity from you all if you're interested in selling. And then second of all, what the procedure you would like to follow as far as selling. You got an estimated property tax valuation of \$12,000. Piece of land is you look at the map, it's on 179 directly across from Skip Grindle's.

Michelle Kaplan

the person what was the purpose of the gifting in the first place?

Glenn Moshier

We had paperwork and there wasn't there wasn't any explicit directions given the beginning of the process

Steven O'Halloran

was it a deed in lieu or anything like that?

Glenn Moshier

Quit claim deed. There was more than one parcel. One of the other parcels as was already sold off years ago, not not anything that I was involved in. But in my understanding of that sale, and purchases, the city manager agreed to a sale price to an individual purchase the property.

Marc Blanchette

This is an abutting landowner.

Glenn Moshier

He's not. The gentleman is here that has interest.

Sebastian Holler

There's actually three other properties that they had donated

Marc Blanchette

come up the podium, please,

Sebastian Holler

for my understanding. I'm talking to old Councilman and trying to actually help, well, Mr. Phillips? Yeah, from from my understanding, previously 15 years ago, was the last sale they had other properties along Graham lake that were all buildable in the city councilman where they were not taken for taxes took and discussed a price with the person asking to buy them and they came to an agreement and they sold them not by bid by but his decision essentially. And I actually utilize this property for myself for hunting and do a lot of trash cleanup there. There's like a little turn around that people back in just dump their trash and all the time. And just myself out of frustration. I looked to see who owned it to see if I could do something about it found out the town owned it and it was gifted back in 92. And just to look through the whole process of how can you purchase this and if you could and From my understanding, you can purchase it and from everything I can read and find, with everybody here. It's up to Mr. Moshier, if that's an you guys if you'd like to, and like I said, it's not buildable, I'm simply going to block off the little entrance that people pull in and dump stuff off of and utilize it for myself at that point.

Michelle Kaplan

do other people utilize it for hunting,

Sebastian Holler

I have seen one other person there. And the only thing I've ever seen is, during migratory waterfowl season, there are a lot of birds that fly in and actually sit on the neighbor's lawn across the street. And what happens is they walk over and they stay on the left side while the legally shoot, you have to be on the far right side of this property. If you're going to meet all setbacks, whether it being the road, the neighbors, everything, you have to be on the far right side, almost the point and the only person I've ever seen do that with actually Warden came up to me and said what are all the shells here. And it's because people would pull in there and literally shoot from that one parking area at the birds that are right there, which is fully illegal shooting, he's just came up to me, he came up to us while we were in our blind and said, Hey, this year are these your shells, we found some illegally shot birds checked all of us out, we use a very certain load and type of shell which you can't buy around here. So it's pretty, pretty evident to him that it wasn't us. But it's more or less to stop that from one. People just literally

pulling in there and shooting and to trash dumping. I'm not saying that there's not anyone else. Me personally, I use it during the full migratory waterfowl season. I don't see footprints, I don't see anyone else there except for things that shouldn't be happening there essentially,

Michelle Kaplan

do people fish from this shore?

Sebastian Holler

So at at the point where the properties if you look at the map, I'm not sure if it shows the water there or the water not there. Depending on the amount of water that's in the lake, as we all know, fluctuates massively. Generally, there is a one unless you're wearing hip waders. No, most people that are fishing pulling off the road fishing aren't going to be over their knees in mud. If there's no water there, it's not fishable at all whatsoever, it's all a floating path more about 20 feet out. And to access it fishing wise you'd be well above your knee in mud. Now I'm not saying down if you look where like the guardrail begins where it becomes very narrow where there's not actual property there. After that there is a little pull off there that you can fish at that point down there. There's multiple pull offs all the way up through plantation eight or whatever it is up there as well.

Robert Miller

Nobody fishes until you get down. He's like he's,

Sebastian Holler

yeah, like I said, I've been there many times, obviously, it's, it's more in my interest. But just being truthful with you, whatever happens, it doesn't much matter to me. But I haven't seen anyone actually utilizing that, other than to literally jump out with their shotgun and shoot well being in an illegal scenario, or trash dumping. Because literally, you can pull in and there's a little thing of trees there. And there's a bank. And that's literally where you have to walk down because it's it's not like you can't stop there with your kids. No one with a fishing pole is just going to stop there. It's not easily accessible. Whereas the next 20 of them up, you can easily jump out, make a couple casts and leave. This is just not really a spot to do that.

Dale Hamilton

And Manager Moshier as far as you know, you know, the years that the city has held this, you know, property owner abutting property owners have approached the city for it with an interest for this property.

Glenn Moshier

Not that I am aware of.

Sebastian Holler

I also talked upstairs and asked if anyone's ever approached about buying it because that's a lot of years that no one's ever said anything about it. And quite frankly, unless I had my hunting app and

started digging into it, I wouldn't have known City of Ellsworth even owned it, I would have assumed it was the abutting landowner at that point, and I asked him upstairs if there's any notes or anything written down about anyone asking to purchase it or anything like that. And that's when I was talking to Mr. Phillips because I couldn't find anything at all. And he mentioned that he remembered I can't remember the gentleman's name now I have it written down but way back about 15 years ago, there was another three lots of land that were buildable that a couple asked the town about buying in the city manager where it was not a tax acquired property said yep, this is a price and they went through the process and sold it and so that's what I've what I was pretty much here for and what I asked Mr. Moshier to bring up is is that possible? And if so

Robert Miller

I was much as I would like to just go ahead and do it. I don't really have a procedure already in place for me going out to the public bidding.

Glenn Moshier

So that's so a foreclosed property, that's the procedure that's followed is once the council decides that they want to sell the property and goes out to a bidding process. Obviously, this is the first parcel of land that I've ever been a part of that was not foreclosure, but it was gifted to the city. And my understanding, based on his conversation with John Phillips, previous counselor is that that process was previously followed in that the city manager was granted the authority to sell it. And then he, at the time negotiated with the individuals who were interested in buying. That's my knowledge of that transaction. But typically, yes, with foreclosed properties they do go out to bid

Michelle Kaplan

is this property, because it's owned by the city currently available for public access? So people can just go on to it and you're not trespassing? But if we sell it, it becomes private property. And whoever may have used that property before, can no longer do that.

Sebastian Holler

Can I put in on that note, I do agree with you there. About if you look on your map, right where it pops back out, after the guardrail, I'm going farther down 179, there are two pull outs, one on each side that are are actually accessible, whether you want to do boat, kayak, kids, anything like that, you can actually use it there, whereas this one is not being used in that manner.

Robert Miller

I have to agree with him. There's really nothing there. Except there were a lot of birds.

Sebastian Holler

Yeah, yeah. I mean, they go in and out of there during the biggest thing that I don't know if you guys know Eric Rudolph, I've had pretty lengthy conversations with him about it. But people will literally, the birds will stay in that area, because I don't know if any of you guys Hunt or anything. But when you're there in the early morning, people drive by coming back and forth from like Waltham, Eastbrook, and

everything. And they will literally stop, jump out at the guard room with a loaded gun and shoot. That is the only time I have ever witnessed that being used at that point. Not saying that it's anything other than that. But that's, you go in that parking lot. Any time during migratory waterfowl season, you'll see shells right next to the road. So we're utilizing it in a way and cleaning up the trash at that. So I agree with what you're saying not to take away from other people, by any means. But at this point, if you were to visit the site and look at it, you would find out pretty quickly that it no one's no one's going to choose that over the next 20 of them by any means just by every way, shape and form.

Dale Hamilton

So in terms of the motion, I, my understanding is that the city manager has the authority to do this, but has chosen to bring it to the Council for endorsement. Personally, I don't have a concern about it other than just making sure that we double check to make sure that we do have the ability to do what we're talking about. And if that is the case, through the attorney, where there has been no interest in the property by others, it's not a buildable lot. If it were a buildable lot, I think I'd be more inclined to to put it out to bid and go through that. I like the idea that the fact that you're going to take care of the property and stuff to trash and you some like you're very responsible in terms of as a hunter, and all of that. So I think it's for me, I like the idea. I think it's a it's a good decision. And if there's a motion to do that, with that will that's what we would entertain and let the manager know.

Robert Miller

I'd like to make a motion that we sell a property is with the stipulation that it is we find that it is completely legal with the city manager to negotiate with you to sell the property

Marc Blanchette

Has there been any discussion on price. I see it's it's assessed that 12100.00

Glenn Moshier

that was a conversation Larry and I had but I haven't had any discussion with this individual on pricing because they wanted to get clarity as to how council if you want to sell it and if you did how you want to proceed.

Dale Hamilton

Maybe before we get a second on it is can we What's your name?

Sebastian Holler

Sebastian Holler. For my understanding the other three properties were sold with a mixture of the assessing value and the amount of taxes that were lost in the time that the town was gifted the property. The city manager came up with a price with those, as far as I'm concerned if whatever price he comes up with if I can afford it, great if I can't totally understood,

Marc Blanchette

we've lost \$500,000. So far.

Sebastian Holler

I love hunting, but I don't know about that much

Robert Miller

Add his name to my motion.

Dale Hamilton

Is there a second

Marc Blanchette

Second?

Dale Hamilton

Seeing no, no more discussion, all those in favor. All those opposed?

Michelle Kaplan

Thank you trying to decide I like the idea of it going private, but at the same time, I don't like the idea of taking it from somebody else's, you know, somebody else's use?

Robert Miller

Well, I like that he's going to take care of it. And if you go out and look at the property, you will see that there's really not much else he isn't he's being completely truthful. There's really nothing else you can do. And if you drive up the road, 100 yards, there's plenty of places to pull over and utilize the lake. That but not from there.

Marc Blanchette

And it becomes taxable property.

Dale Hamilton

And I agree with what you're saying. If for me if the city had, were using it like the City Forest and had, you know, and had access and used it in that manner, this really was just a property that somebody said here, take it. And we as a city, really haven't done anything with it. We don't we don't promote it. We don't use it. It's not doesn't sound like it's being used by others.

Michelle Kaplan

So apparently, it's been used by people with guns.

Dale Hamilton

And that's why we should

Robert Miller

but Yeah, but you're responsible as well. You can, you can make that private, he can clean up the area and he can stop the illegal activities that are going on. We can help he can put up signs anyway to try and stop.

Dale Hamilton

So we have a motion. Second. All those in favor of the motion. All those opposed? Abstentions.

Sebastian Holler

I do it all the time. Even when I'm out there hunting, I pick up other people's shells. Literally just because my main thing is if a warden ever pulls up, the first thing he's checking is your gun, your license. Literally we range find where we hunt and everything and all the time. If you could drive by it, pull right in there, you'll see not accessible. And if you look anytime near migratory waterfowl season, you'll see shells, all right. They're right up against the tar, and right up against the guardrail. I've had conversations with the homeowners down because they come right over and just like are you this guy that was up here shooting this? I was like, No, I'm way over there. Like, I tried to do everything. I can clean it up as much as I can.

Marc Blanchette

And did they really use the word guy or do they?

Sebastian Holler

Actually I Well, believe it or not when I walked out to the marsh once and a homeowner was screaming at me because someone had parked there, walked through their woods and was sitting up against their chicken coop the morning before and they had him on camera. And they had the picture there and it's definitely not me. But someone was sitting up against her chicken coop 50 feet from the house trying to hunt. So I mean, there's some negligence there by far.

Dale Hamilton

Counselor O'Halloran, did you abstain because of conflict?

Steven O'Halloran

I did. I believe I have to close a relationship to be more than

Dale Hamilton

just wanted to have that homework. All right, thank you. Thank you. Item 13 Counselor number 071802 request of the public works director to replace the streetlight heads along Myrick Street.

Lisa Sekulich

Good evening councilors, Lisa Sekulich public works director. In the spring of 2022, the city had hired Daigle electric construction Corp to look into the street lighting along Myrick Street, as most of the lights had burnt out over the winter. It was unknown to city staff which of these lights along that corridor were the cities to maintain and hooked up to our electric meter and which one was belongs to Walmart and Home Depot. These lights were installed in the early mid 2000s during the Myrick Street project. DEC was able to verify which lights were hooked up into the city's meters and to determine that all but one of the lights are fixable? It was determined that we have 13 liked along this corridor over which sticks are currently working after they installed five new 400 watt LED inserts. These lights were originally 750 or 1000 watt light fixtures, and the 400 Watt inserts that they were able to get really don't meet the needs of this corridor. After extensive search for higher watt inserts, the DEC was not able to locate anything that would fit into our existing fixture style. So we are requesting to replace the existing fixtures/heads with these new Cobra style fixtures, which will be LEDs. And then that would be funded out of the local roads.

Michelle Kaplan

So these are 4000 watts

Lisa Sekulich

they're 750 and 1000. So what happened is all these lights burnt out. And we only had I think it's time to look four, three or four of them that were working. So we needed to investigate which ones we owned, why they weren't working, you know was it lightbulbs, was it the wiring, we had no history, none of us here had any history on which ones. What was what. So we had we hired them to look into it, what they could find was these 400 Watt inserts that were readily available, and they put them up to test them to see if maybe the 400 watt LEDs would be bright enough compared to the 750 or 1000 Watt. I believe halogens or whatever they were before. They're not, it's still fairly dark up there, we need some higher wattage for that corridor. Problem is is the way our fixtures are the current fixtures are on up, I can't remember if it's which way it is is ours hang down in all the inserts are set to be put in sideways. And so you can't get a LED conversion kit that will fit what we have out there. So we're asking to basically replace just the head part that holds the light bulb, essentially, on all the 13 fixtures we own so we can get some lighting in that corridor.

Michelle Kaplan

The new ones we're not concerned about like excess light pollution.

Lisa Sekulich

No, they can. They can address them so that they have the same, like light area that the other ones did before. I can't think of what the word I'm looking for. But

Dale Hamilton

just as a matter of process, we we do have a streetlight committee. And and again, kind of going back to our ordinances. This type of request should go to the committee and the committee should then

make a request back to the council based on on that, are we at risk of losing anything in terms of that's in terms of the costs?

Lisa Sekulich

Yeah, so this price is good until August 15, which is why we're here now instead of in August. So if we wait, the prices set to go up, I don't know exactly how much it's gonna go up. But there is a price increase on August 12. There's a price increase. And this was it wasn't just myself with myself, manager Moshier and Jason from IT. We were the three that were involved in looking into this and getting investigating and getting to this point.

Marc Blanchette

Lisa, what's the brightness of the light again? Please?

Lisa Sekulich

New ones? Yes, I believe they're 1000 Watt.

Michelle Kaplan

How many lumens?

Marc Blanchette

Is that going to be enough?

Lisa Sekulich

Yeah, that's what we have right? There would be the same as we have right now. And I can't remember exactly how many are 750. And how many are 1000s? I think Jason can probably tell better, but I think the brighter ones are at the actual intersections like the Myrick, Downeast highway and the Myrick, Walmart and then the 750 is our in like approaching the intersection.

Marc Blanchette

The reason I asked I'm a 5000 LED spotlight at my house does a nice job of lighting up the driveway. I can't imagine that 1000

Lisa Sekulich

To be honest with you, it's just the first time I've dealt with streetlights like this before any of us have. So I'm basing this off of what that's why we hired these guys to look into it for us and their recommendation and their recommendation is also coming from a distributor holophane which is a huge Street light distributor.

Michelle Kaplan

I don't think you want an overly bright for a couple of reasons. Number one, light pollution. And number two, you also don't want that for people with glaucoma, or at night that rain glare that people can get with the streetlights too bright, you can't see.

Dale Hamilton

One other question just in terms of this, the lights itself would change. Are there any ordinances in terms of when that was that part was developed in terms of the requirements that we have to meet in terms of the type of fixture in the looks anything like that?

Michelle Kaplan

No. So can if we're doing that, we're going to be talking and possibly doing a special meeting. Regarding one of the topics, can we hold a streetlight committee meeting prior to the date? And then when we do the meeting about the solar moratorium, especially since

Robert Miller

it's next Monday.

Dale Hamilton

the committee would have to meet this week. Who's on committee you to represent the council, I believe.

Jason Ingalls

I'm not familiar with the streetlight ordinance. So I just wanted to bring this up. Would it be necessary to have the committee meeting if we're just maintenance of existing streetlights, as opposed to adding or removing, because we're not adding or removing streetlights, we're maintenance, we're upgrading replacing, it's essentially no different than replacing a blown bulb, except for just changing the type of bulb at the same time. So I just wonder if that's required. The other thing, the other thing with marks thing. I think Mark, you're comparing lumens to watts. So your lights probably a 5000 lumen, which is much less than the wattage. So that's what these are 1000 Watt, and I'm not I actually don't know the lumens on these particular lights, but their equivalent wattage to the their led equivalent wattage to the lights that we're replacing. I was waiting as long as I could to see how this was.

Dale Hamilton

all right. Is there any recommended action? Motion?

Michelle Kaplan

Mr. Chairman, motion to approve as presented.

Robert Miller

Second

Dale Hamilton

a motion and second. Any further discussion? All those in favor? All those opposed? Motion passes. Thank you. Item 14 Council order number 071803 request of the public works director to increase funding for engineering services for the Water Street pump station project.

Lisa Sekulich

Good evening counselors so attached in your file, here's my sorry, is my memo and documentation from our engineering firm Woodard and Curran requesting a scope and fee adjustment for the construction phase of the work on the Water Street pump station project. Their request their letter requests a total increase of \$75,000 due to the need to extend the project schedule and to entice bidders and to allow for the timeframe needed to procure materials Woodard and Curran is here I asked them to come tonight to explain further if needed.

Dale Hamilton

Be interested in further explanation.

Woodard and Curran

Brand British Woodard and Curran. And as you've probably before, we've talked about the Water Street pump station, which is the wastewater pump station down off. On union river next to RF Jordan handles two thirds of the of the wastewater flow that goes to the city through this project that's been up gone, going for about two years now, as far as we did last year, this is certainly not the great time to build a bidding projects. In order to put this project out to bid and entice bidders, we had to do a few things. Number one, we had to extend the period of time in which the construction would occur. And so the construction will start next spring of 2023. Because that's when available contractors are ready to do the work. The other concession was that no one because of the way that you both workforce and materials are available these days, no one would commit to a schedule that wasn't extended from what we put together. And so the schedule is not only next year to do the construction, they require 50% more time to do the work in order to bid the project. The good news is we had three bidders. And there is one secured and teba construction is the low bidder, and that is been awarded. And so but because of that, because of the time, we generally from a construction, admin and inspection, so we inspect the work, we do construction admin, pay requests, request, responses, Operation manuals, as builds, all this stuff really is 50% more time for us to do it. Having it done next year doesn't necessarily increase cost. But doing it over 50% more time does increased cost as far as our participation on site with a contractor going through things. And so what we're requesting is because of that 50% More other thing that happens these days is because of availability materials, we were we thought we were smart enough to avoid some of that we pre purchased the pumps that are required. And so those are long lead time items. And so the pumps for the pump station have been pre purchased as a separate process. So those are ready and ready to go. But even with that, contractors are facing such a challenge about getting materials, and what we've seen on the project is lots of opportunities and

request, can I can I swap something out, I need to do it in a different sequence. And so there's a lot more of that that goes on these days because of this timeframe, and what contractors are facing on getting materials. And so there's a little bit of that, that is crept into this project as well. We hope to avoid that we certainly don't want to change on materials, but availability of things, sometimes we have to consider, as well as the sequence of things. One of the important things on this particular project is bypass pumping. And so it is your main it is the pump station that takes two thirds of your flow in the city. And so the the time to be able to bypass all the flow while you're doing work is certainly critical. It's also as you know, very tight site with close abutters to be able to manage all this work as well. And so I think those are the things that kept the contractor wanting a little more time to be able to accomplish this to work successfully. And so that what you have in front of us our request to say, we've gone we've added 50% of the schedule to the contractor, and the things that are affected by us our inspection on site, construction admin during the period questions, those kinds of things. And so it's just directly correlated to extra time for the construction work extra time for us to be fighting the oversight. That's as quick as I could do.

Michelle Kaplan

Were these variables foreseeable at the time that your initial bid to do the engineering was proposed?

Woodard and Curran

No, we were, I think, two years ago, we were under contract to do the design. And what has crept into the construction industry, the challenges on the Water Street pump station as opposed to some of the other projects the city has, is because of the pressures on getting that work done. Because of its safety operability you know, capacity is really drove that schedule. So you the city couldn't necessarily sit back and wait and do that at a later time until maybe things calmed down a little bit. It really was driven to be able to be done right now. And so we had to bid it now to be able to do it for all of those factors. And so there was no chance to delay it until things got better.

Dale Hamilton

Just make a general comment. This is reflective of me not on this project. But just in terms of our process. I think it's one of the things that when I ran for council I felt it was important for councils, the council members to talk about why they may support something or why they don't. So when they vote, the public knows and to just have votes without any context behind why you're voting for or against. I think it's a disservice to the community, and it doesn't allow for the robust discussion that I think we should have. So for me, I would appreciate it, whatever your position is to have that on the table during discussion, on, you know, some issues, or pretty matter of fact, some issues are more involved. And I think it just helps to be able to have a discussion as a group about where what our positions are. So it's just a general comment on this, I certainly understand what you're talking about, the concern that we have as a city is that this is a project that's long overdue, in terms of needing to get done, it has to get done, it's not just something we want to do, we're really mandated to make sure by external forces. And so all these concessions that have had to take place to get this project, finally, out to bid accepted and scheduled is a very significant piece for the city. And when you hear two thirds of the flow goes through this one station, that's not insignificant either. So although it'd be great if it didn't cost as much, it would be great if we weren't sitting here having to spend more on the project. But at the end of the day, the

reality is what the reality is, and we have to as a city address this this issue, we've been trying to get to this for two plus years.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, I think most of the robust discussion that you desire of took place in the initial vote back when we initially approved and it was seen as a as a must do then through updates, through mandates. And as you say, what two thirds of the the flow going through it? Was there another choice? We aren't putting two thirds through the other 1/3 pipe? So

Woodard and Curran

Mr. Can I address Councilor Kaplan's comment, one of the things, I think that this started a while back as far as the Water Street, and so a little bit was cast a little bit as far as the timing on things. What we've tried to do, we sat down with the city about a year ago in in and talked about how we can be more strategic, as far as looking at infrastructure planning, water, wastewater, stormwater. And then there might be a bit of a way to look at these things. So they're not like independent projects that get not as much support from outside sources for you and and not so efficient as far as the contractor is bidding on them. And so one of the things we did from that meeting a year ago is, how can we better plan for the future from a capital standpoint over the next five years? And so what we've worked with the city on are on, so High Street pump station, stormwater, how can we collectively look at all those things, so we can be more efficient, more timely, and capture more funding from other sources. And so I think I'll wait till August when we talk about some of the things but I think that approach has made us more successful as far as attracting grant funding to be able to help on some of those projects, because we're a little more strategic as far as looking at them collectively, as opposed to independent projects that that, you know, are more challenging to execute. And so we've tried to kind of learn from the experience in the last couple of years to take more comprehensive strategic look, that can capture more assistance for the city, as well as plan better for the timing in which we do these projects.

Michelle Kaplan

Okay, so what I'm looking at is that the initial engineering project contract was for \$214,875. And that was supposed to include the engineering work. You know, start date completion dates, providing the services that everything that's supposed to be provided, and most contracts can't just be increased. You can't just change it in the middle of it. But at the same time, how do we protect the people who we value who are putting out bids and getting service we're getting services from if we want quality service, we can't just say well, we're holding you to your original contract. And that's it. Because we won't get quality bids. So it's, it's my mind is just

Mike Harris

It's free. By the way, we have a \$2 million grant, part of which will pay for this excess in money. So it's not going to come out of any budget that the city's involved with at the moment. We're on a crunch the DEP to get this done. DEP gave us ARPA funding in the in the amount of \$2 million, and has given us permission to use that money to match whatever we need for the Water Street pump station to complete it. So just wanted to make sure everybody knew that this isn't extra money that we're asking

out of our proprietary fund or the city's contingency funds or whatever. It's grant money that we're going to are awarded that we're going to use to pay this offset.

Lisa Sekulich

waiting to say that's enough motion that it comes from bond/grant.

Dale Hamilton

New rule city staff should always start with it's free.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the request that public works director to increase the bidding and construction phase engineering budget for the Water Street pump station project by 75,500. To a not to exceed amount of \$290,375. And to allow the city manager to sign required documentation funding for this project to be from bond proceeds in grant funding.

Robert Miller

Second,

Dale Hamilton

have a motion and second further discussion.

Michelle Kaplan

This is the last increase.

Dale Hamilton

Yes. Seeing no more discussion, all those in favor? All those opposed? Motion passes. Thank you.

Dale Hamilton

Item 15 request of the public works director for discussion action on proposed next steps for the branch Lake Dam evaluation engineering.

Lisa Sekulich

Good evening councilors. At the December 12 2021 council meeting, the City Council approved going into an agreement with an engineering with the engineering firm GEI consultants to review and engineer some work needed on the branch like dam after meeting on site with the engineering firm to discuss the current condition of the dam. And what is known about the existing dam GEI put together an overview of potential ideas to fix the leaking dam section. To determine the best method of repair additional information is needed. So a phase two of the project costs were posed via the attached document. During discussions between GEI and myself, the water superintendent and the watershed steward, it was determined that there were numerous unknowns and potential safety hazards, the existing dam that were not originally part of the scope of the project when we put it together, and put it up to GEI. And a really justifiable to having an experienced engineering firm review. I've asked GEI to

come and kind of give you a brief presentation on the existing condition of the dam and what they're proposing for the next phase. And ultimately, what I'm asking is to increase the funding to the \$175,000 that we have in the bond for the dam work, to use that full funding to look into the engineering and get more information on what really needs to be done at the dam and then find construction phase money once we get through the engineering process. But I'm gonna let her do a presentation and show you more about what I'm talking about

Gillian Williams

Sorry about that. So thank you for having me here tonight. My name is Gillian Williams. I'm with GEI consultants in our Portland office. And I'm here to talk a little bit about Branch Lake Dam. So quick agenda, I'm gonna talk a little bit about the project background and our scope of work. A little bit about the dam background, the dam deficiencies and our proposed investigations. I have questions listed last but if you have anything that you don't understand, as I'm going through or any clarifying questions, please feel free to speak up. So I am a civil engineer I focus in geotechnical engineering and dam safety that includes dam inspection, analysis and design. And while my other teammates are not here tonight, we do have a multidiscipline team working on this project. Marty Baker is a structural engineer Alyssa Robinson is a hydrologic and hydraulic engineer, and they're both also in our Portland office and then we have two in house consultants for geotechnical engineering and structural engineering. So back in the fall, the city sent out a request for qualifications and proposal for Branch Lake Dam. The city had a list of concerns about the dam and that included the left embankment upstream sheet pile was corroded with downstream seepage and here you can see in this top picture, this is a photo from the city the corrosion along the water level. The fence and gate to the gated concrete spillway has been vandalized and damaged. There's no guardrail or fall protection on the upstream side of the Gated Spillway. So that's this picture here. So these are the gate operators and there's four sluice gates in order to open these gates city personnel have to walk out onto this crest structure and turn these little things with a pipe wrench in order to open the gates and so, this is the reservoir right here there is a fall you know possibility here into the reservoir. And if one of the Gates was open and somebody fell in the flow through the gate could pin a person against the fish screens, the sluice gate opening great supporting rods have been vandalized and corroded. The sluice gate operators have been vandalized, the gates are difficult to open, there's supposed to be a protective housing on these operators. And I think a crank or a hand wheel in order to open those gates and the operator mounting sets have been ripped out and become unanchored from the concrete. So due to some lack of information and uncertainties about the dam, we proposed a phased approach to this project. Phase One was a site visit and then a review of available background information. And then a concept level Alternatives Analysis of what can be done to fix the dam. So we did that already. And from that phase one, we had a list of recommendations of field investigations for phase two and the fielding investigations would then inform final design on what would be the most economical solutions for rehabilitation of the dam. And then phase four would be construction observation and administration during the construction project. So a little bit about the background of the dam. It was originally constructed in 1911. So it is 111 years old. By the Bangor hydro company. It was initially used for water control for downstream power generation for the Bangor hydroelectric facility. The Union River was acquired by the city in 1994. It's currently the sole public water supply for the city. There's also recreation on the lake and residences along the lake. And discharges are made through the dam for fish downstream. The dam was regulated by the state of Maine, the Maine Emergency Management Agency. The regulations for

the state are in chapter 24 Dam Safety, and the dam is considered a significant hazard potential dam. The hazard potential is solely the incremental consequences downstream. If the dam were to fail, it is not as an assessment on the condition of the dam itself. So a significant hazard potential dam there's no probable loss of life. But a failure could cause major economic loss or environmental damage. The storage capacity is about 18,000 acre feet. And the watershed is about 30 square miles discharge goes through branch Lake stream to Leonard lake. So this is a plan view of the dam and North is at the top of the screen. So starting on the left, this is the west or left embankment and then there's the concrete Gated Spillway. There's two gravity walls the central and the East. And then there's this old section of concrete wall here kind of in the middle. There's also a dike here called runaround dike number one, there is supposedly a run around dike number two, but I have not been able to find that in any of the old documents discharged through the spillway goes down branch Lake stream through these twin culverts that are underneath branch Lake Road. So, in 2000, there was a pretty major rehabilitation of this dam and that included a new concrete Gated Spillway where these four sluice gates are and the central and the East gravity walls and the concrete condition of the rehabilitation from 2000 is in good condition. The issues that exist today are really the left embankment that was not rehabilitated in 2000 This old concrete wall which was not done in 2000, and then some issues with the gate components, some of which from vandals, like I discussed earlier and then there's also some questions on what is the capacity, the discharge capacity of the gates. I'll talk a little bit more about that in a few minutes. So on the bottom here, this is an elevation view like we're looking at the front face of the dam. This is elevation here on the left. This is the concrete Gated Spillway with these four sluice gates, they're each 48 inches by 48 inches. The shown a little bit more detail up here. There's a gate stem and then there's that operator that you could see up on the dam crest. This guardrail here is on the downstream side to prevent someone from falling out but there's no guardrail on the upstream side. So this left embankment, has an upstream sheet pile and we know near the concrete gate structure, that bedrock is about 14 to 15 feet down because this concrete structure is founded on bedrock. What we don't know is where bedrock is along the rest of this dike. Prior to 2000, there was a boring done somewhere on the left abutment, I'm not entirely sure where I haven't seen that boring log, I haven't been able to find that. But bedrock was about 23 feet deep. And then the old concrete wall is shown here. It's not particularly high, and it is founded on rock. So it's just kind of a little short section of wall. So these are a couple of excerpts from our Phase One report, and they're about observations by others. So after the 2000, rehabilitation, and 2001, there is seepage at the left embankment, so the embankment that was not rehabilitated, and that was estimated to be about 10 to 15 gallons per minute. 10 years later, MEMA did an inspection. And they recommended to repair the left dike sheet piling, repair that old section of concrete wall, and they estimated that seepage through that left embankment was about 50 gallons per minute. So these are subjective estimates from different people. They may not be entirely accurate, but it does suggest that there is an increase in seepage through that left embankment as that steel ship hull continues to deteriorate with time. So our contract started in January, and I did a site visit out and back in January, it was very snowy at the time. So were there there were some features that could not be seen very well and some access and safety considerations, but I wanted to share a few of the things that we noticed. So this is the left embankment here, that's the left abutment. So we're, we're looking left down, this is the upstream sheet pile. And you can kind of tell here that the sheet pile is actually bowing or bulging into the reservoir, this is the reservoir side. And this is the embankment crest. This again is the city picture of the deterioration and corrosion along the waterline of the sheet pile. And this picture on the bottom here, this is also from the city. This is showing the left embankment crest with the

Gated Spillway in front of us. And on the left, there's a riprap slope and you can see there's a lot of large trees, trees, roots will grow towards the water source so they will grow upstream through the embankment and those tree roots can cause preferential seepage paths through the embankment. So typically, we recommend that there should be no trees or brush or large vegetation on a dam or within 15 feet of the dam. So there is some vegetation control that's needed. On the right here, this is again, a city picture. And this is that old section of concrete wall. I couldn't get close to it during the site visit because it was too snowy and icy. But you can see that it has deteriorated in in comparison to the 2000 walls that are on either side. And then again, this picture, this is the Gated Spillway crest, these are the operators they've been vandalized. And you can tell particularly on this third one, that the mounting bracket has jacked, the operators misaligned. Possibly freeze thaw effects, possibly vandals. But the city reports that all of these gates are difficult to open. A couple of things that we noted from our review of available information is that there's no documentation that we could find of what discharge capacity you can have through those forces gates. So we don't know if it can pass the 50 year flood that 100 year flood the 500 year flood. And since the gates are difficult to open, if there was a large flood event and we needed all those gates to be open to pass the flood, it could not be able they could not be able to open them. The reservoir level could rise, the dam could potentially be overtopped, which could which could lead to damage or failure of the dam. And that also could be a problem for the residences on the lake. I understand they have septic systems. So there could be environmental issues with contamination of the drinking water supply, or possibly damage to their properties. On the left here, this is a section through the existing left embankment. It's a field stone embankment which is it's like a dry stacked stone embankment kind of like an old farmer's wall. This is the sheet pile on the upstream side. It's connected to these timbers. This is the reservoir level here. And this is some gravel buttressing. You might notice that in the photos that I showed you before of this steel sheet pile, it looks vertical or even bulging into the reservoir, but it was actually constructed on a slope. So my thought is that this deterioration along the wall that she piles bending into the reservoir There could be some gravel from the cracks that's coming down in between the sheet pile and the field stone. on the downstream side, this is that riprap slope that I showed earlier. There's a lot of trees on this slope. One thing that's not shown here is what this embankment is founded on. And again, that's kind of our biggest unknown is what is the foundation material here. It's reported in one of the old reports that it's gravel and boulders. But knowing that foundation material will help us pick an appropriate and economical repair option, two possible repair options. The top one is a partial repair, where we use a reinforced concrete to provide that seepage control that the sheet pile is no longer providing and kind of help buttress the structure or a full repair shown here on the on the bottom that we remove all of the embankment and build a new segment that to today's current industry standards. So from our phase one, we developed a bunch of recommendations and these are really to inform final design. So the recommendations include a geotechnical investigation for support of the left embankment rehabilitation design. We propose three borings along that left and segment crest to determine what is the foundation, what's the depth and the quality of bedrock? We also need a site survey of the embankment and the tie in with all the concrete structures for development of design drawings. We want to assess that old section of concrete wall have one of our structural engineers take a look at it, see if it should be replaced or or if it can be rehabilitated. Assess the gate and railing options for the Gated Spillway including the fall protection, which is both, I think a public safety issue since obviously vandals have been on the on that crest playing with the gate operators. So it's public safety. It's also safety of city personnel to operate those gates. A dive inspection to assess why are the sluice gates difficult to open, there could be debris in the

gate slots, there could be deterioration of those sliding members. So that's something that a dive inspection would help us to understand. Contact the gate manufacturer to replace the vandalized gate parts perform a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and that would help us to understand what discharge the gates can pass what design flood, what flood event, the gates can pass and also assess what the appropriate inflow design flood for the project is. So the state of Maine chapter 20. For Dam Safety does not say which inflow design flood the dam has to pass. But for example, in Massachusetts, a significant hazard dam of a similar size would have to be able to pass the 500 year flood in New York, an existing dam would have to be able to pass 150% of the 100 year flood. Since it's not specified in the Maine regs, I think it really comes down to the city's risk. How important is the asset to you? What do you think the downstream risks are? And what what do you feel comfortable? What kind of risk profile are you willing to accept, and then consider an uncontrolled spillway. So like I mentioned, the gates are difficult to open, they also need human intervention, someone has to recognize that there is a precipitation event coming that the gates needs to be open, they have to go to the dam and open the gates. If you had an uncontrolled spillway that would be usually it's like a notch in the concrete at a lower elevation at the elevation that you want the reservoir to stay at. The reservoir rises above that it just starts spilling on its own, there's no human intervention, or moving gate parts needed. So that could help with a few things. One is fewer visits by city staff to have to adjust gates, especially in the spring. And also would help if one of the gates wasn't able to be opened, you have some redundancy and discharge. And also based on the results of the age nation analysis, maybe it helps you pass a bigger flood than you can currently pass. So those are some of the unknowns and how we would like to address those for final design. And then it's a conversation of what's important to the city. How important is the asset? So our Phase Two proposal included six tasks to address those recommendations from our Phase One report. The first is the subsurface investigation at the left embankment that is the largest single price on here. I recognize that that is high. However, the risk is that if you don't know what the foundation conditions are, then when you get To construction, you might encounter conditions that are different than were assumed during design. So there could be construction changes and redesign and delays at that point which could add up to a lot of money. The site survey is to get the topography and the the tie in with the dam and or the concrete structures. And that's two advanced design drawings. The structural assessment is to have the structural engineer go look at that old concrete wall. The sluice gate is inspection is to have divers go out to check out the the gate parts, figure out what's going on why they're difficult to open, and how that can be fixed. And the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis is to understand the spillway get the spillway rating curve and understand an appropriate and inflow design flood. And then we'll summarize those tasks and a letter report. And that will be our recommendations for final design. So that's what I have for a formal presentation. But I'm happy to take questions.

Robert Miller

Is there a up to date disaster planning for this dam?

Scott Guillerault

There is we just we just did one this past fall as part of the renewal process,

Robert Miller

what's the risk to the citizens determined by that?

Scott Guillerault

To be honest, I can't give you an answer right now I have to go back and review.

Glenn Moshier

I don't know off the top of my head. I mean, obviously, the Leonard Lake Dam is much more significant. But if this were to fail, then that's likely to cause catastrophic failure further down,

Dale Hamilton

that and it is our public water source, which is really the biggest problem of all, to be honest. And then sorry, back in 2017, the state of Maine dam inspector in the state of Maine has been going through dam inspectors like on a rotating basis every year. But the last time they were out here, sorry, not 2017, because I was here so 2019. And it's been the seepage we've been talking about and left embankment is getting progressively worse. And it has been noted on probably the last 10 years worth of damage inspectors. When I do come visit that we need to address this issue. Just for I mean, I'm way beyond my knowledge base. So we hired the city hired a firm that's an expert in this area. And your recommendation is based on what you've done so far that we need to move that forward to the next phase, or risk that at this point that there could be a failure, that this isn't just something that we can just brush your side, that your recommendation, it's it's, it needs to be addressed. And we need to follow that through Correct.

Gillian Williams

I mean, infrastructure doesn't get better with time things will continue to deteriorate if it's not addressed. I'm not saying that it's gonna fail tomorrow or anything like that. But it's getting worse and you know, the situation is not going to get better.

Dale Hamilton

And it was larger and larger storm events, I think it's critical, like one of the things that brought and asked her to come here for us, because in talking with her and going through this process, there's things that I didn't think of when I put this RFP out that would be needed to get a better handle on design, such as hydraulic and hydrology and those kinds of information that I wasn't thinking about in. And it's correct, the more and more storms we have the bigger storms we have, we're going to need to know what this this piece of infrastructure can handle and be better prepared. Are we going? Do we have staff that are going opening that?

Lisa Sekulich

Mr. Wedin is the lucky one is usually in there where you know when it's snowy and icy and rain events are happening.

Dale Hamilton

so my next question is, and I, again, this might be for the fire chief in terms of Can you tie down to the railing that's on the other side and require that so that there's some element of safety so that if there's a slip that somebody doesn't fall off of that can go, and I'm not. But I think we need to look at the temporary safety measures. So that that doesn't happen, because that really concerns me based on

what you've presented. And just looking at it. I can't imagine if it's that hard to turn, and you slip. You can just imagine what what could happen.

Lisa Sekulich

Which is why we try to if possible send two people out there with one of the things and that we can look into. I mean, it's obviously a possibility. Most harnesses have a six foot lanyard and I'm not sure if you did six feet.

Gillian Williams

I think that's a great comment. It would be a great interim temporary safety measure for sure.

Michelle Kaplan

I had a geotechnical specialist approach me that's not working on this dam but working on one that's a little more upstream. And they're telling me that the left wing wall is at risk of failure. Now as that goes, does that go down to this dam? Are they separate?

Lisa Sekulich

if you're talking about it, Graham lake right there, their branch lake, stream connect in to the Union river, but they're Graham lake would not affect branch Lake. But branch like would affect the big dam. Right out here downtown. Yes.

Robert Miller

Yep. That was a disaster planning in both four Leonard Lake Dam and Graham Lake Dam, but not this dam was well, I wanted to know, the impacts downstream from this disaster plan. I understand that there are a lot of severe consequences, but I want the citizens to be aware of what they are as well. Yep.

Lisa Sekulich

We are actually meeting with MEMA. We're setting up a meeting for I believe this fall to do a MEMA tabletop exercise for that dam. You're more than welcome to join us if you've been part of the other one.

Abigail Miller

I just want to add that as so as part of the school board, and being on four years on the transportation and Facilities Committee, my buses, almost all of our kids are on the shore Road, five days a week, twice a day, during school, and if that dam goes, That's approximately 3000 acres and how tall is that dam 10 feet nine feet. So it's 3000 acres times 14 feet. And if you look at the topography of how that would come down, it would take so much debris and trees, everything with it. It would hit Leonard lake so hard and so fast, you'd lose the shore road, you would lose anything on the shore where at the time and any my buses are on that short road, we lose them. And I was in Florida during the Sunshine Skyway Bridge problem. Incident, you don't ever want to live through that you don't ever want to look back on that kind of regret. And we do have to handle this carefully. Because there's nobody really holding the people who own the dams, kind of accountable to, to the safety standards. Like we a lot of these are saying they're, you're stamping them as okay. And then we're coming back saying, Well,

gosh, they're kind of not what happens if we don't get down to this very quickly. It can be bigger than bigger than we anticipated. Especially our kids.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, it's been noted here tonight that for 10 years, we've been getting reports that the dam is worsening, and seeping more and more and more, which tells me that for 10 years, we've kicked the can down the road. I think it's time to stop kicking and repair it this way, way too much that can go wrong. What's been heard here tonight, but also keep in mind, this is the city's sole drinking water supply. So it's in my mind, this is pretty cheap dollars to protect it. Because anything else is going to cost a whole hell of a lot more.

Dale Hamilton

Is there a motion?

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman request of the public works director for discussion action on the proposed next steps for the branch like dam evaluation Move to approve that as presented.

Robert Miller

Second, the motion not to exceed 175,000

Marc Blanchette

funding come coming from bond proceeds.

Michelle Kaplan

Yeah, what he said

Dale Hamilton

So I can get in further trouble this evening. Did you capture that in its entirety? And Councilor Kaplan, you're good with the motion in terms of accepting it with the dollar amount that that's been presented. It's in the motion. Is there a second? Yes. Further discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Motion passes. Thank you.

Dale Hamilton

Item 16 discussion and potential action on charter revision potential creation of a charter commission and amendments. I sponsored this item, I'll just quickly say that this is by charter Council is responsible every 10 years to take action of some form, whether it's no action, forming a charter commission, etc. And I think, given the nature of I think it was 2010-2011 was the last time that the charter was that there was an actual commission that was looked at. So I think we need to do take action. I would prefer personally that of having all counselors here, because I think it's it's a big, big item for the city. And I think out of fairness for for everyone that that should happen. So my suggestion is that we just table the item and bring it back to next month's council meeting, give everybody time to read the charter and understand and develop from that. So that's just my but if there are other comments, by all means.

Glenn Moshier

From staffs perspective, we have identified some charter issues. So I strongly encourage the council to consider a full charter review potential changes can be made based on staffs.

Dale Hamilton

Would if we do table it, could city staff send out to the council the description of what the charter commission looks like, because it's a very different process in terms of how it plays out how the group is formed, who participates, the voting process going back to the community, all of that this it's quite a process and just want to make sure that everybody has complete understanding of that. So Council Blanchette. They went I introduced the topic we haven't reviewed as a council in terms of the charter for within that 10 year period. And my recommendation was since two councilors are absent this evening to just have it tabled, and we'll put it on next month's agenda, because I think it's too personally it's a big item that everybody should have a chance to weigh in. So that's what that's where we're at with the discussion.

Michelle Kaplan

Mr. Chairman, move to table item number 16.

Dale Hamilton

motion

Robert Miller

second.

Dale Hamilton

All those in favor of tabling the item. All those opposed, motion passes item is tabled.

Dale Hamilton

Item 17 discussion and potential action to repeal the solar moratorium effective 8/1/22 sponsored by Councilor O'Halloran

Steven O'Halloran

Mr. Linnehan and asked me to sponsor this

John Linnehan

John Linnehan resident 157 Shore road here in Ellsworth, good evening councilors. As you know, I've been coming to most of the I think all of the council meetings over the last several months. And I'm concerned about a couple areas when it comes to the solar moratorium. I think it's just one example of how as a city, we're leaning towards too many regulations within our city. I'm a free enterprise more of a guy that's less regulations. And I think the moratorium has created some problems to the community. I don't think intentionally. I think that is that has been the end result. There was supposed to be a representative here from Maine coast mall, I'm a tenant at the Maine coast mall. I have my constitutional Hall out there. When I moved into the hall, it had some leaks in the roof and they are planning on putting a new roof on there. And there was some confusion on their end about whether so

anything to do with solar, there were moratoriums on it. So I contacted Councilor O'Halloran, and I believe he talked to other members of the council and said, well, that wouldn't be one of the things that's on a moratorium it is okay to put a roof in there. So I relayed that to the Maine Coast mall and they're in the process of going forward with that particular procedure. But they also was another part of their request that they would like to have, I'm not speaking for them. These are just things I've come up with as I've been involved with them. And it concerned and I'm concerned as well, that the city has a solar capacity here, but they put a moratorium on when there's other private taxpayers and private businesses, in Ellsworth also have desires to do the same thing. And I don't think that's a fair situation to have the city move forward in that when we've prohibited other private enterprises and other private businesses from going forward. The other thing, so I'm concerned about the regulation being in place number one, and then I think it was one or two meetings ago, I was at a council meeting. And it was brought up that they wanted to extend the moratorium. And I just as a, just an innocent bystander listening there. And they asked what had happened on the moratorium? And the answer was nothing had happened on the moratorium, and they all time has been in place. And I think it was wrong to have the moratorium in place, number one. But secondly, to extend it when there's been nothing done, you know, on the moratorium and what the, what the research was supposed to be done, I think puts an undue burden on on private businesses in the area. I'm one that's always been a business background. And I'd like to think that there's a friendly to his private business in this community. I think that's the type of thing I know. And again, I don't want to speak for the mall. But I know from talking with them, and my dealings with them as a tenant out there, they're concerned that they've been mistreated as a large taxpayer in the city and those couple areas like that. So I'm here to request from my own personal needs as a tenant out there, when there's a bad rainstorm and winds are wrong direction, I have leaks, I have to reclaim the auditorium. And it could be presented with new roof. And I think now it's gone on so long, they will really want to do it before the poor winter. And as we've heard already has had getting contracts as people that do work right now. So they're concerned, I'm concerned that we're going into another winter, with a bad roof out there, which I think we can put a big step towards would be to remove the moratorium and free their hands, let them go to work on the roof, and also other projects and installing a solar plant in the area. So for that I request that the moratorium be ended immediately, humbly respectfully.

Dale Hamilton

So just a couple of clarifications. One. All the business needed to do was to contact City staff to ask the question, and they would have had the answer around what the moratorium was about because it was very clear that was solar farms. Two and we've addressed this before, but I just want the public to really understand this, because misperceptions get created by statements. And that is that the city had entered into an agreement with to benefit from a solar farm. Absolutely true. When that moratorium was put into place, it was done so, allowing grandfathering every project that was before the planning board, there were no other projects. This is a lengthy process. It doesn't just happen overnight, there's state involvement is there's a big, significant process. So that the council when the council voted for that was very mindful of those businesses that had already started the process. And it could have been just starting the process of they filed the paperwork. It didn't have to have the planning. It was mindful of that I agree that it hasn't moved fast enough. But the other part too, is solar farms are a new entity. This is new for the whole country. And it's taking up a lot of energy and effort in terms of how does that impact on a community? I think it's beneficial for the community to have a say in that is why and that's

why we have a workshop next week. Is it moving as fast as everybody would like? Probably not. But does it allow for participation by the community and not just seven members of the community? Absolutely. And that's that's what the intent of the moratorium was. It wasn't to say one way or the other whether we should have a more permanent moratorium ordinance that prevented it. It was to give the community a time to say what do we want with this new technology? Because this is big, and in communities across this state and every other state. There are ordinances and moratoriums in place as communities figure that out, I think that's a good thing. And it was never intended to say, well, the city will benefit and we will be opposed to businesses. Absolutely not the truth. And and I think there's some responsibility if people have misperceptions, misunderstanding, it's not the role of the council. If somebody had called me and said that I would have said call talk to city staff that will tell you exactly what the ordinance says and they would get the opinion from an attorney. That's all it takes. Yeah, she doesn't take it doesn't take a moratorium for us to overturn that to get that solar on that building.

John Linnehan

Right. And in I think I state stated that I just found out as a tenant because I was going to ask him when is my roof gonna be fixed and they said, well, we can't with this idea. So that's when I went in and inquired for him but they were under the misunderstanding. So I just went back and related to them. But still, there's another aspects of timing of it. And I think, you know, government moves a lot slower than business, which is unfortunate. And I think that's a problem with government at all levels like that. But I believe in this case, it is hindering people in our community and business people from going forward and doing that. So I would request that the moratorium be removed immediately. I just don't see the need for it.

Marc Blanchette

Mr. Chairman, by statute, we just can't end the moratorium on any given date, willy nilly. We have state laws to go by. This has to go through to it's end that was set in place originally, and I wouldn't, I'd move to table this item indefinitely, because of that reason, and furthermore John, What is the connection between them the Maine Coast Mall fixing their roof, and the solar moratorium? i

John Linnehan

They have other plans, they have other plans to do other things as well like that. It's not my place to present what other plans and other people in the community have.

Marc Blanchette

You're presenting it that they can't fix the roof because of something that we're doing.

John Linnehan

I presented it very clearly they had a misunderstanding. I had it cleared up with counselor O'Halloran on that. But even put something out there that would create a roadblock if you will, from something from a misunderstanding. That to me was unnecessary. I don't think it should have been. I'd like to see it corrected.

Dale Hamilton

You made a motion to table Yes. Is there a second motion to table all those in favor? All those opposed?

Robert Miller

Second.

Michelle Kaplan

Don't know if we can take action? Legally.

Dale Hamilton

We can't We can't just at this point we can't have motion to table doesn't allow for discussion. So we have to at least vote for that so so how do you want to vote for against or abstain?

Michelle Kaplan

Well, since we can't repeal statutorily, I mean, I'm going to have to vote for tabling

Dale Hamilton

so the motion passes the item was tabled. Item 18 presentation by, Do you want to take a quick break? All right. Item 18 presentation by John Linnehan and Associates on agenda 21 agenda 2030 and agenda 2050. This is sponsored by Councilor O'Halloran.

Steven O'Halloran

like to speak to that a little bit. Mr. Linnehan asked me to sponsor that. And I'm all for education. We heard from Ellsworth Green Party at length a month or two ago. And so I'd like to hear the other side if I could.

John Linnehan

Really, I wanted to bring it up for education tonight. I don't think I don't plan on taking a long time tonight like that. I believe. There is a 2020-30 agenda. How many on the council are familiar with agenda 2030 from the United Nations. Okay. So not many of you are familiar with that. And I think it's It's something that really should take a look at. I'm in America first Maine first Ellsworth first person. And I think agenda 2030, which is if you go to the United Nations website, you can check it out in much detail on there works against the constitutional values that a nation was founded upon like that. And I think that the things that are happening in our country right now, a lot of it is because of a on purpose. I think it's an agenda that's being put forward there. It's part of a one world plan to defeat America to put America in a bad situation going forward. And I just really want you to be aware of it. Like my my purpose tonight is to make you aware of what there is an agenda 2030 That was the agenda 2021 evolved into 2030. There's also an agenda 2050, the stated Sustainable Development Goals in there that I believe are harmful to our country harmful to a state and harmful to our city. So I would just appreciate it. If there's a counselor, you would take a look at it. Like to see it discussed at a previous time when you've had time to look at it like that. I know, Councilor Kaplan, because I've talked to her about it is very familiar with it. I don't know if she wants to mention anything tonight. I'm not trying to belabor it. You guys had a long meeting tonight. But I'm really just trying to make you aware of what's going on out there. I think

our country is at risk I Republican risk. I've watched things for a long time. For 50 years, I've been involved with a lot of things globally, watching what's going on. And I believe our republic is teetering right now, whether it's gonna go forward because partially the agenda 2030 agenda. So I just want people aware of it, because of the decisions we make, really, really for the future. And my age, be honest with you. I can hunker down and survive it. I have children and grandchildren. So I want to leave them with a country that is founded on constitutional biblical principles 246 years ago. So that's my purpose tonight to put it out there. And, and hope you just kind of study up on it, and then we could ever, I'll try to get it on the agenda when we can discuss it a little bit more detail.

Michelle Kaplan

would be wise, as a council just to have a session where we can discuss the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Not all of them are bad. And everybody wants clean water? Who doesn't? We were just talking about the dam who doesn't want clean water. Everybody wants renewable energy if possible. But is it plausible at this time? Everybody wants a clean environment. But there's other goals in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that do put even our interests locally at risk. It's in the design of the agenda. It specifically states. And I think it was Maurice Strong that wrote in the agenda, that the middle class lifestyle is not the American middle class lifestyle is not sustainable. The fact that we have appliances that we eat meat, that we have private property rights is not sustainable. It also there was one person that said specifically that private property rights, ownership of private property is not sustainable, and is in what specifically jeopardize the goals of agenda 2030. Locally, I mean, if you think of us as global citizens, that's all well and good. But every taxpayer in Ellsworth has private property. So how do they? How do they plan to implement something like that here? Well, zoning laws, ordinances, things that start to restrict your use of the private property, so that you can still be at your property, but you can fully utilize your property. And so I think that if we had an education session, looking at the good points of agenda 21, agenda 2030 and agenda 2050. And the things that may not be so good for us, locally, at least the public would know, because most people don't know about this plan. And I'm telling you, once you see it, you can't unsee it. Everybody wants equality. I have always said I am all for equality. But this plan specifically talks about global equity. And it specifically states, the only way to have global equity is to reduce the American Standard of living by redistributing wealth, from first world nations to third world nations through taxation and other things okay, but you can't have global equity and end all poverty go global, you said it's an ideal goal. Nobody wants to see poor people. But you can't equalize the standard of living for everyone on the planet without taking from one and giving to another, which is the Robin Hood, economic theory. The person who be the snake begins with a G, but he actually wrote agenda 20 The initial design for agenda 21 is also the head was at the time the head of the global Socialist Party is the uMatrix group or I think it probably had his name. I would just like to have us have a open discussion on it, to educate each other.

Dale Hamilton

Well, so I was gonna ask you, if you give some thought in terms of what that would look like, what form whether it's a council meeting, or a workshop or something just to

Michelle Kaplan

workshop so that everybody knows what it is? Educate yourself, you can download agenda 2030. You know, I mean, there are some conspiracy theories out there, I will say that, but if you look at it from a

moderate perspective, not everything about it's bad, but there are some scary components, like trying to, I'm sorry, I like bacon, I don't want them to take away bacon, you know, like this, this, the other parts of it where they want to eliminate the meat diet. globally.

Dale Hamilton

So can you. Maybe at a future meeting, you can come back with a proposal in terms of? Yeah,

Michelle Kaplan

I think that we should look at a workshop.

Robert Miller

I told Councilor Hanson. So she couldn't be here tonight that I would read an email she would like to share with us, and she had sent one. So I'm going to read it. Regarding the presentation by Mr. Linnehan I not heard of agenda 21 Until joining the city council, but have done some reading about it. Since then, it is a well recognized conspiracy theory. And my initial inclination is to ignore conspiracy theories. However my worry is that hysteria about this invented problem could get in the way of dealing with very real challenges we face, we are in a time of great transition and upheaval between the COVID pandemic disruption in the workforce, economic changes that come with inflation, and the effects of climate change. In order to face these challenges. We need to be able to work together to find real solutions, and not be distracted by imaginary threats. As this is the third time that this conspiracy has been raised by city councilors, it is clear that we must confront it and point out the distraction that the falsehood presents to the serious business of serving our citizens. That's from Councilor Hanson.

John Linnehan

Again, my goal was to bring it to everybody's attention. So you guys could look at it for yourself. I'm of the totally opposite view of Councilor Hanson. And, you know, I think you will look at it. I mean, I've read it through many times myself. And I'd like to have you guys take a look at it. I appreciate Councilor Kaplan setting up a workshop so you can review the facts what the facts are and take a look at it.

Michelle Kaplan

I might add, just go to the United Nations website, front page, you can actually download the United Nations Department of Environmental sustainable action. It's all about how much we've progressed on agenda 21. And it gives updates. They have, they have workshops, you can watch all of the leaders 192 nations signed on to this. It's not a conspiracy theory, the last time it's on the United Nations website.

Dale Hamilton

So everybody go to that make their opinions. So before we finish with 19, just couple wrap up items don't leave we have several no you don't leave because we have some licenses we need to sign. And just a quick reminder, we've been cited and I'm going to add an item. We're having a special meeting next Monday at 6pm prior to the solar workshop, so the moratorium workshop. That special meeting will include the police cruiser purchase request, and the second one is the formation of a public safety committee to look at appropriate speed As for our public safety staff, so if you have an interest, just be prepared to volunteer to be on that and we'll form that committee next Monday. No. Item 19

Marc Blanchette

move to adjourn.

Robert Miller

Second.

Dale Hamilton

All those in favor? Unanimous. Thank you.