

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 7:32 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Vice President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Patricia D. Piecuch recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Patricia D. Piecuch; Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., led in the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Alderman McCarthy and Alderman Moriarty were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton were also present.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

First, I'd like to thank President LeBlanc for coming and explaining the situation at Daniel Webster College. We really appreciate their willingness to come in and take over the teaching responsibilities and to continue the activities of Daniel Webster College.

Tonight on our agenda we have the resolution extending congratulations to the Nashua Silver Knights. They did a great job of winning the championship of the Future's League. We have not only the trophy but also Cheryl Lindner who is the assistant general manager and Kyle Jackson who is the pitching coach to help us celebrate.

We also have under a first reading a resolution that I think will be referred to committee but which will make Nashua a Welcoming City. This is a resolution that has been adopted by Manchester and Concord previously. The effort here is to just make it clear that Nashua is a city where we welcome new people from outside of the country and elsewhere to come to our community and be part of it. We are a diverse and welcoming community; one where we feel inclusion is a very strong value. I would note that I went to a Chamber of Commerce economic forum early in the year and one of the reports was about the population growth of New Hampshire and specifically Nashua. They pointed out that Nashua's population has, over the period that they had examined which was about 2010 to 2015 or so; they pointed out that during that period of time Nashua's population would have declined by 4,000 to 5,000 people and it did remain stable, not growing but not declining but would have declined by 4,000 or 5,000 people were it not for immigration from people outside of the United States. We've seen the many activities and many of our immigrant residents have become very involved in the city and have contributed very much not only to our diversity but to our economic life and so I think it's important to join our other communities in New Hampshire and pass the Welcoming City legislation. One of the parties that we have heard from is the United Way. They are very involved with that initiative but also today was the United Way Day of Caring. About 200 volunteers went out throughout the community and did work at many social service agencies and helped us with expanding the community gardens on the rail trail. Alderman Lopez was one of the volunteers and I was very fortunate to meet many people and one of the places was the Children's Home where Alderman Wilshire works. It was overall a great day and we really appreciate United Way doing that.

One Conservation Commission item that I wanted to mention to the Board; the Conservation Commission and Chairman Michael Gallagher would like to have a non-voting student intern as a member of the commission. We've talked about whether or not it's worth passing an ordinance and getting a formal confirmation. I thought we could do it more informally and I could accept applications and not go through the normal Aldermanic process just to get young people going in that area. If you would prefer it be formalized we can certainly do that but I am suggesting that we don't need to do that given that the position would have a non-voting status.

The Farmer's Market was open today; they are now open on Wednesday nights and I hope everyone will patronize that when you have the chance.

On tonight's agenda are the proposed escrows. The vast majority of the escrowed funds would go to several city reserve accounts. Those being the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund account, the pension reserve and the city building reserve. In part I think this makes sound financial sense but also in listening to what members of the Board of Aldermen had to say concerning the reserve accounts, specifically Capital Equipment Reserve Fund and the city building account, I thought it would be nice to acknowledge that those concerns by devoting 85% of the escrows to various reserve accounts to strengthen the financial position of those different accounts. There are a couple of very small items and we reviewed this in detail with the Budget Review Committee who endorsed all of this but there are a couple of nice things for the downtown; one there is several thousand dollars; five I think is the number to supplement the funds we have already appropriated for holiday lighting and Pau Shea from the Great American Downtown has raised private funds as well so we think we can make some progress on having holiday lighting again. There is an appropriation also to begin a music festival in the downtown which would start in September. The programming for that would be done by Ben Ruddick who is associated with the family at the Riverwalk. They have done a very good job of bringing music to Nashua and they know the music scene very well. The concert would be held at the Renaissance Park over a period of a day or two and we hope that this can become an annual event; one that will bring people downtown, young and old every fall.

Finally, on a sadder note, mention that Griffin Dailanis passed away recently. He was a longtime Nashua resident and spouse of Linda Dailanis of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. He was very involved in supporting our Veterans. He was responsible for the Dailanis House which is downtown and houses Veterans for us. Also, John Latvis passed away. John was another very long Nashua resident, aged 96. His life story is an incredible thing. My condolences go to both families and both gentlemen will be sorely missed.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR - None

RECOGNITION PERIOD

R-16-061

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Board of Aldermen

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NASHUA SILVER KNIGHTS BASEBALL TEAM

Given its first reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHONEMAN THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SECOND READING OF R-16-061
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-061 given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHONEMAN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-061
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-061 declared duly adopted.

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN COOKSON THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2016, AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 22, 2016, BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED
MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE READ BY TITLE ONLY
MOTION CARRIED

From: Jean M. Adie, Co-Chair, Cultural Connections Committee
Re: Support of Resolution R-16-068, Affirming the City of Nashua as a Welcoming City

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED

From: Susan McHugh, Board Chairperson, and Michael Apfelberg, President of United Way of Greater Nashua
Re: Support of Resolution R-16-068, Affirming the City of Nashua as a Welcoming City

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED

From: Nashua Community Conservation on Race and Justice
Re: Letter of Support for Welcoming America Initiative

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MCGUINNESS THAT THE RULES BE SO FAR SUSPENDED AS TO ALLOW FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THREE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PREPARED

From: Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Re: Declaring Nashua a Welcoming City

From: Carol Baldwin, Executive Director, Adult Learning Center
Re: Affirming the City of Nashua as a Welcoming City

From: Marc Thayer, Executive Director, Symphony NH
Re: Legislation Declaring Nashua a Welcoming City

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MCGUINNESS TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING

Mr. Fred Teeboom, 24 Cheyenne Drive

On your agenda this evening is R-16-055 which establishes an ETF for the NH Holocaust Memorial at Rotary Common Park. Following your adoption we will deposit several thousands of dollars into this ETF to pay for maintenance, including the water irrigation system that is now being installed by the city. We have several outstanding monuments in this memorial, which The Telegraph declared to be one of the finest memorials in the Northeast. I should note that the monument we emplaced in the spring of his years is an approximately 9,000 pounds solid granite monument into which is carved the 48-inch tall life-sized image of a little girl taken from a photograph from the Auschwitz Album, a collection of photos of 424,000 Hungarian Jews deported to Auschwitz over a period of 8 weeks in 1944. Her photo can be seen on the card available to visitors from the brochure dispenser placed near the entrance. We hope to have captured her indescribable expression, shortly before she was murdered in a gas chamber. Above her image are engraved the words from Genesis Chapter 4 Verse 10, *"What have you done, the voice of blood cries out from the ground."*

There are no additional monuments planned for this memorial; it is complete.

With this ETF, we will transition ownership and maintenance of the memorial to the city of Nashua, consistent with R-10-43. We hope the city will soon construct a foot bridge across Salmon Brook, connecting what former Mayor Lozeau called the "sad part with the happy part." Eventually we expect to see Rotary Common become an integral part of Nashua downtown, extending from Library Hill past Simoneau Plaza. We hope to see public and private donations and grants deposited into this Expandable Trust Fund. I thank the city for its sponsorship of this memorial, and I thank in particular former Mayor Lozeau, Director Lisa Fauteux, Nick Caggiano, Bob Genest, Andy Patrician, and many others in the Department of Public Works who supported this memorial 100% and assisted with its construction. We thank you.

Mr. Mike Gallagher, 9 Old Coach Road

You have before you a piece of legislation requesting a transfer of monies from the conservation fund into a fund in the planning department. The purpose of this transfer is for the current and future maintenance of the southwest trails which was opened to great fanfare earlier this year. When that gets sent to committee I would really appreciate an opportunity to be notified so I can be there and answer any questions and if appropriate to also address the item that Mayor Donchess mentioned this evening about having a student member. We have already amended our by-laws to allow for it but we wanted to at least have a conversation with you all to see if you would be in support of it before we presented it to you for acceptance.

Vice President Wilshire

Because many of the people in the audience thought they were coming in to speak to this in the first public comment period and we did accept many communications regarding Nashua becoming a Welcoming City, I am hoping the Board will allow me to allow these folks to speak at this public comment period. Is there any objection? Recorder's Note: There were none.

Alderman Siegel

Just for the record, in case people don't realize, it's possible that this will be referred to committee so that their commentary would be given tonight at committee potentially and then at the full Board.

Mr. Jim Cutter, 86 Palm Street

Alderman McCarthy,

The 1949 plat plan ordinance specifically states a plat has to show the actual dimension and boundary line of the property. The Gilbertson's should have known their plat was wrong when they got approved from the city building inspector but ignored it and claimed our land. The Gilbertson's did not obey the 1949 plat ordinance and no one in government has done anything to correct the Gilbertson permit. Because of the importance of tax revenue, Angelo Marino, Chief Tax Assessor, had the 88 Palm Street tax map corrected. Many people have heard my comments and it has caused Nashua to lose thousands of dollars by the city ignoring us. There are people who want their businesses in a city or town that is good to their citizens. Sincerely, Jim.

Alderman Siegel

Just a reminder that the public comment is for comments regarding legislation that will come up this evening.

Vice President Wilshire

Thank you.

Ms. Janeth Orozco, 9 Forge Drive

I am a parent of two young teens and I am here in support of the Welcoming initiative that is being presented to you and also to say that I am one of the citizens that is active in the community. I am part of the Gate City Initiative as a co-chair who is a sub-committee of the Cultural Connections Committee. I have been welcomed by most of you.

Ms. Sandra Pratt, 24 Gingras Drive

I was born in Brazil and for the last 16 years I have lived in the United States of America. I am a certified teacher that earned a Masters Degree in education from Rivier University. I am also an interpreter for One Greater Nashua. I help build a stronger future for our future. I thank our Mayor for proposing Nashua to be a Welcoming City.

Ms. Lauren Osowski, 14A Artillery Lane

I am the director of adult education at the Adult Learning Center here in Nashua. I have the honor of working with students and teachers from 74 different countries every day and I have the privilege of seeing what education and a welcoming environment can do. When our students hear something on the news about the evils of the world they don't picture a faceless monster but their classmates. I am here to support the Welcoming City legislation.

Ms. Galina Szakacs, 25 Deerhaven Drive

I was born in the former Soviet Union and I came to Nashua 23 years ago where I build relationships and worked and contributed to this city. I have come to believe that only a community that is welcoming and collaborative can help people like me to feel that it is my country and my city. I support the resolution.

Mr. Gabor Szakacs, 25 Deerhaven Drive

I have lived in Nashua for 33 years and I am an American born son of European immigrants who received refugee status after World War II to come to the United States and were welcomed in the mid-west. I believe Nashua provides a welcoming face to immigrants that are just arriving.

Ms. Latha Mangipudi, 20 Salmon Brook Drive

I am here to support the legislation, 16-068, the Welcoming City. There are US cities and counties that support locally driven efforts to create a more welcoming immigrant friendly environment that maximizes opportunities for economic growth and cultural vitality and position communities as globally competitive 21st Century leaders. It's my privilege, following the legislation that recently passed for the Sister City Initiative, this is adding the tools to our city and I am proud to support it.

Mr. Mike Apfelberg, 7 Edson Street

I come to you this evening as a resident of Nashua living with my family in Ward 3 and as president of our local United Way. I am in favor of the legislation being presented by Mayor Donchess which will officially attach Nashua to the Welcoming America movement. I declare us to be a community which embraces ethnic and cultural diversity. At United Way our mission is to fight for the health, education and economic mobility of every person in every community that we serve and we take that mission seriously. For me personally it means that we look deeply at the potential areas of division within our city and proactively seek out approaches to create unity. I am from a family of immigrants, as are we all. My ancestors came from Eastern Europe riding on a tidal wave of Polish, German and Russian Jews. They came at the turn of the last century and in many cases they faced bigotry and ethnic stereotyping. Their lives were not easy but they overturned obstacles. Here we are today 100 years later talking about how to create an environment which welcomes and embraces outsiders and views immigration as an opportunity instead of a threat. I find this poignant, especially in the context of today's political environment. This is so complimentary to the pillars of One Greater Nashua and My Brother's Keeper. We at the United Way could not help but to express our support.

Ms. Vanessa Arbelaez Gomez, 15 Lucier Street

I attend Nashua High School North and I want to thank you for considering this Welcoming for immigrants. I am the president of the Diversity Club at Nashua North. We try to do volunteer services to get involved with native speakers.

Mr. Justin Munroe, 3 Carmine Road

I was born here in Nashua but my family emigrated from Canada 100 years ago. I am currently building a community garden in town. This project will help low income families because they can grow their own food and forge friendships in their neighborhoods. It's very important to me that this initiative passes. There are a lot of people working very hard to bring our community together.

Ms. Margaret Danguah, 32 Robyn Avenue, Litchfield

I am from Ghana in West Africa. I came to the USA in 2011 and Nashua has been my home. My husband has been in Nashua since 1992 and he always calls this city his home. We have been welcomed and we feel welcome and we wish this feeling to be extended to all who wish to make Nashua their home. My church is the Main Street United Methodist Church is one of the most welcoming places and the congregation is always ready to welcome a giving hand. Nashua has always been welcoming and I think it's appropriate to put a label on it and the right thing to do.

Ms. Martha C. Alvarado, 18 Gettysburg Drive

I come from Colombia and I attend an English class and I also do a lot of volunteering for the Nashua community. I became a US citizen in 2009 and now I am able to go out and vote.

Ms. Jennifer McCormack, 4 Casco Drive

I am here in support of the Welcoming resolution and I wanted to know the Board of Aldermen that welcoming work is already happening at the library. It's one of the goals that we stated in our strategic plan for the next five years and one of the activities under there is being host of the Cultural Navigator Team. It's a fantastic team of volunteers working towards immigrant integration and partnership with the library and the Adult Learning Center and proud to be friends of all of these people. Embracing diversity and being welcoming only makes us stronger and richer as a city and a community. I've only lived in Nashua for three months but the fact that this is before the Board and I can support it makes me really proud to be not just your library director but a resident too.

Ms. Manasi Kakade, 14 Baldwin Street

I was born in India and I have been living in the United States for thirteen years. I am an engineer, a marketer and an entrepreneur. I coach fellow professionals on how to communicate their ideas and expertise with clarity and confidence so they can be even more of contributing citizens to this country. My husband is a research scientist so we are both contributing to Nashua. I strongly support this initiative because there are many immigrants like me who want to be part of this city and feel welcome. Thank you for bringing this forward.

Mr. Syed Jafri, 50 Majestic Avenue

I was born and raised in Pakistan and have been in the United States for the last 23 years, more than half my life now. I have been a resident of Nashua for the last 11 years. I did my Masters in Business from Rivier University and have given 30 donations through Red Cross as a way of an initiative to pay forward to the community I live in. I have been at working at local masses and churches and soup kitchens, and I would highly request the committee to declare Nashua a Welcoming City to create an environment that is collective and welcoming to newcomers from all around the world. Thank you.

Mr. Muhammad Akbar, 9 Clydesdale Circle

I came to the United States about 29 years ago. I was in Louisiana and then all the way to South Dakota and then to Nashua. This is the place that I stayed most. This is my 15th year already. I support the Welcoming City for Nashua. I think I feel welcomed already before this imitative took place. I love our community, and I love all the support that I get from the community. I have volunteers for the Islamic Society of Greater Nashua. I am volunteering as its president. I also volunteer for our people who come from Myanmar. I speak the same language even though I'm from Bangladesh. If they need help for anything, calling anywhere because they can't speak English, I interpret for them. I also do taxes for them personally. I also help them if they need help if they can't pay rent or need a car. I really like this initiative. This should be the welcoming city a long time ago. I felt that all the time. I thank you, Honorable Mayor Jim Donchess and the Board of Aldermen and President. Thank you.

Ms. Gloria Timmons, on behalf of Linda Gathright, 28 Marian Lane

I live at 3 Rodean Drive in Nashua. On behalf of Linda and the Nashua Community Conservation on Race and Justice, we welcome America here. I've been here all my life. I can't give you stories about when I came which is probably decades through the passage of slavery back in the day. Jim Donchess and the Board of Aldermen; thank you and welcome America.

Mr. Jared Barbos, 77 Lawrence Road

I just want to say I am standing in front of you today as a proud, proud Nashuan speaking in favor this wonderful, wonderful piece of legislation. I am a proud Nashuan. I was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, but raised in Nashua for over 20 years of my life. I just want to say I wear several hats in the community, and recently received my dream job as a guidance counselor at Amherst Street Elementary. I serve as President of the Nashua Soccer Council and Co-Chair, along with my friend and colleague, Liz Fitzgerald, of One Greater Nashua, and through One Greater Nashua was able to develop a soccer program called "Latino Hispanic International Football Association Soccer Club." The soccer club was developed was based on the community needs and to combat the pay to play system to play athletics and to close opportunity gaps. The vision of the soccer program started with my father. A Brazilian immigrant, a former professional soccer player and a master educator of the beautiful game who spent countless hours with Nashua's youth. It was he who truly raised me to believe that it didn't matter where you were from, how much money you had or your gender. Anybody could and deserved to play the beautiful game, and to never give up on a goal. Thank you very much.

Vice Chair Wilshire recognized the following individuals who wished to be recognized in attendance but did not wish to speak: Mohammad Mustake, Nuv Karim, Abdul Manah, Mohammed Ali, and Ashikur Khandaker.

PETITIONS

Petitions for Street Acceptance (4)

The following Petitions for Street Acceptance were read into the record: Annabelle Court, a portion of Cherrywood Drive, Moonstone Court, and Tamora Court

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN COOKSON TO ACCEPT THE PETITIONS FOR STREET ACCEPTANCES AS READ, REFER THEM TO THE COMMITTEE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS BE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER
MOTION CARRIED**

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Appointments by the Mayor

The following Appointments by the Mayor were read into the record:

Nashua Airport Authority

Farrell T. Woods (New Appointment)
162 Bush Hill Road
Hudson, NH 03051

Term to Expire: August 31, 2017

Nashua Arts Commission

John F. Egan (Reappointment)
7 Beverlee Drive
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: September 1, 2019

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Pamela J. Anderson (Reappointment)
9 Plainfield Lane
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: March 1, 2019

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AS READ AND REFER THEM TO THE PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee 08/22/16

There being no objection, Vice President Wilshire declared the report of the August 22, 2016 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee 09/08/16

There being no objection, Vice President Wilshire declared the report of the September 8, 2016 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee 08/17/16

There being no objection, Vice President Wilshire declared the report of the August 17, 2016 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee 09/07/16

There being no objection, Vice President Wilshire declared the report of the September 7, 2016 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure 08/24/16

There being no objection, Vice President Wilshire declared the report of the August 24, 2016 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS – None

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS

R-16-055

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
- Alderman Ken Siegel
- Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
- Alderman Tom Lopez
- Alderman Don LeBrun

ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL AT ROTARY COMMON

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-055

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Siegel

I know Mr. Teeboom and I have often had interesting conversations, however I truly appreciate the work that he has done in this memorial and I would also note that one of the most moving things that I have ever heard somebody say before the Board of Aldermen was the speech that Mr. Teeboom gave when he was talking about this. While we do disagree on many things we certainly have common sentiments on this except for the financing which we don't agree on.

Alderman Deane

I would like to thank Fred for all of his efforts as well; he has done a great job.

Vice President Wilshire

I agree. This received a favorable recommendation from the Board of Public Works.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-055 declared duly adopted.

R-16-056

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman-at-Large Daniel T. Moriarty
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderman Sean M. McGuinness
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH ON THE NASHUA RIVER

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MCGUINNESS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-056

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-056 declared duly adopted.

R-16-057

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
RELATIVE TO THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR FY 2017 ESCROWS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-057

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Schoneman

This did go before the Budget Review Committee, and I am on that committee and I was the only vote against it. I do want to express here at the full Board what my main concerns are. I like the things that we are doing on the top part of that sheet, as part of the legislation, the \$243,000; the various initiatives, the fall music festival and holiday lighting. I think those are a good use of left over funds and good for the city. We are also transferring some funds to the city building expendable trust fund and to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. Both of those are funds that may potentially have been neglected over the years for various reasons but I think they are legitimate expendable trust funds and that we want to maintain buildings and amortize the cost of our vehicles. \$900,000 – 40% of the total amount is going to the pension expendable trust fund and my only objection there is that it's not really a cost that is amortized the same way that vehicles would be. It's an operating cost that is due in the next operating year. I understand the logic behind moving funds and making it available for spending but what came out in the Budget Review Committee is that the main reason for doing this is not the only way to accomplish it and certainly doing this is not necessary for meeting our pension obligations, we have to meet them no matter what. The main reason for doing this is to avoid the vote on a spending cap override that would otherwise result if this had to be appropriated in next years' budget. This means that although we call it a savings we are not actually spending less money, we are spending more money. All we are doing is avoiding the spotlight that the spending cap override legislation would involve and I just don't think that we should do that so I didn't vote for it at the Budget Review Committee and I don't plan on voting for it here.

Alderman Siegel

I'd like to address some of my colleagues' comments. One is that it absolutely is an amortized expense because it represents the shortfall that the State of New Hampshire has dropped down on our heads like an anvil to pay down over a period of time; initially I believe it was 25 or 30 years and we are several years into that. It's adjusted biannually and this is something that we don't control. I am absolutely sympathetic to the spending cap arguments. The spending cap argument is stuff that is in our control but this anvil was dropped on our heads. Obviously this has gotten quite a lot of scrutiny and nobody is hiding anything because there were several attempts at legislation to try and use what we had already set aside for that and it didn't pass. At this point we do have these obligations and they are not going away. This money would not have been my preferred solution; I had other legislative action that I would have preferred, however, the bullet is out of the gun barrel and it is on its way and we cannot pretend that we don't have to pay this down so I strongly urge my colleagues to support this and also I would point out that one of the big problems that I had in the budget hearings was CERF being effectively gutted. This backfilling the CERF fund I think is critical for the health of the city because we can't pretend that the vehicles and the rest of the major equipment that CERF funds don't need maintenance.

Alderman Schoneman

There is no pretending, I think I understand the CERF. I was one of the advocates for doing more for CERF and I'm glad to see that. I think there is no pretending about the city buildings needing some funding or better maintenance. The objection is simply to the pension fund. It's a current obligation and there's no pretending that we don't owe it. The only thing is that it ought to be part of a budget and not transfers to avoid any spending cap. This represents more spending and by doing this we are allowing a little more room, \$900,000 more room in next years' budget for things that we've already probably committed to that may I think, in my mind, have been excessive. I don't like the idea of relieving that pressure on us. I think that we owe it to the taxpayers not to find ways to avoid bullets even if they have left the gun. We owe it to them to live within the limits and I think the limit is defined by the spending cap.

Alderman Clemons

I will respectfully disagree with the previous speaker. Escrows are money that we have already taken from our citizens. We've already collected that revenue and it's sitting in the bank. The difference is that we are taking a portion of that and we are carrying it over into the next year and in this case with the pension money we are putting it into an account that we can then use for future expenses when the state brings down the hammer on us. I have no problem with taking money that we have already collected from our citizens and putting it away in a savings account for an expense that we know is coming. I would rather do that than to tax those residents again in a separate budget next year.

Alderman Lopez

I would like to agree with Alderman Siegel and Alderman Clemons. If there is a bullet leaving the gun we probably shouldn't stand its' way. Alderman Schoneman's concern is that he doesn't want to override the spending cap. We shouldn't encourage a situation where we have to have that discussion. If the need is not going to go away and it's still going to be there next year but we have a way that has already been given to us to solve the problem, I think we owe it to our constituents to start working on the problem instead of waiting until we do have to make a very difficult decision.

Alderman Schoneman

Again, we are going to spend the money on the pension and to the fact that we are going to spend whatever percentage next year our spending cap allows plus this \$900,000 means that we are spending more money. Ultimately, whether it's this years or next year, every dollar we spend is taxpayer money and it's not money that they give us, it is money that we take from them. I don't think there is anyone who says they want to pay more taxes so to invoke the spending cap; what I am saying is that this ought to be contained within that. I don't approve of the spending more and this is a mechanism to spend more.

Alderman Dowd

We discussed this at the Budget Review Committee and we know for the next two years there is a \$2 million hit coming down from the state in '17 and '18. It was explained that the money that we would be putting in this escrow account is to be used partially to offset those two years in particular so that it's not as big of an impact on our budget. With this money being allocated for pensions in the next two budgets there is still going to be a significant tightness of the budget. We can't afford a \$2 million hit in the '17 budget and stay under the spending cap. We have two alternatives if we don't have this money. We had the discussion about overriding the spending cap which will increase the taxes to cover things that we need to cover or we are going to have to cut services to the citizens that they need. There is absolutely no way that we are going to find \$2 million in the '17 budget without impacting city services. This is the most prudent road from an economically standpoint, both for the city financially and the citizens of Nashua.

Alderman Schoneman

We are spending more and I don't see how spending more is prudent for the taxpayers. This is not a problem that the citizens of Nashua caused; it's a problem that we caused because our budgets are a little too much anyway. Here we are avoiding the override question and finding a way to spend money that skirts it.

Alderman Dowd

When we do our budget planning we take into account things that we can envision. We did not envision the state reneging on their guarantee to pay 35% of the pension cost and sending it back to the cities.

Nashua is not the only one that has this issue and they don't like it any more than we do. It's a \$2 million bill that we have to pick up in our budget that is not something that we have any way to avoid and to take that \$2 million out of the budget and start impacting schools, fire, police, DPW and paving, I don't think the citizens of Nashua want that to happen.

Alderman Schoneman

I don't think the citizens want us to just spend more money. If this is for next year, for something that requires budgeting for fiscal '17 then we should have that conversation anyway.

Alderman Lopez

I think the assumption that we are spending more is based on the expectation of a particular Aldermen's mind that we should cut services. To the point that was made earlier that there probably are not a lot of people who are incredibly eager to pay more taxes but I've never heard anyone say I don't want my garbage picked up or my kids to go to a good school. I'm not excited about the police department or the fire department not being able to respond effectively. I think for the most part the people who voted for me understand that the taxes that they are putting into the City of Nashua are providing services and they probably don't anticipate us deciding to cut those next year because we don't want to handle a problem that was dropped on us this year. We know that the problem is here. We didn't create the problem but we should do something to fix it, I think that's what all of our jobs are.

Alderman O'Brien

I hear a lot from one particular Alderman and I really do question the facts because I don't see where this costs more. The process is what is important here. In my home if I need to put a new roof on to avoid a leak we squirrel money away in the budget in anticipation of eventually getting the roof done. We are going to be faced with the pension problem next year. To me this is prudent. The taxpayers of this city has done this for years, they all have roofs. They understand and trust us as Aldermen to try to come up with the best way to manage the budget in this city in anticipation of our liabilities. We are an employer and our employees have a pension program. Unfortunately things happen up in Concord and it's nothing that this Board can control.

Alderman Clemons

The conversations that I have had with taxpayers regarding issues like this, the spending cap in particular but particularly this legislation...when you pose the question like this, I've already collected \$900,000 for the City of Nashua, would you rather me cut your services next year by \$900,000 or would you rather me take the \$900,000 that is already in my pocket and apply that to a liability that we know is coming down from the state? We could just pay the bill or your trash pick-up could be cut back to once every two weeks and maybe lose a few firemen and policemen. When I present it like that most people look at me and say why is this even a discussion and I say exactly. I guess I just respectfully disagree. We have no control over this but we do want to fund things that we do have control over which is our police department, our firemen, education and our roads. We have the money to do both and this is the mechanism by which we can do both. The fact that some of us don't understand that is something that I won't ever understand.

Alderman Deane

The one thing that hasn't been mentioned about this is that this is a reoccurring cost. We met with the state about the pensions and maybe somebody can help me with this but they set up a scenario where they wanted to get that pension plan funded at 100%. That's absolutely ridiculous. It doesn't have to be at that percentage. The public works plan I believe is at 83% which is unbelievable. It was more than a bad economy that caused the states pension plan to tank. I've set up a number of expendable trust

funds where we took additional money for paving, salt and sand. It was prior year escrow money that we put in there. You've seen some communities that run out of money on January 1st. The money has got to come from somewhere, as it always will but there has been some creative financing done in this city. We are bonding fire trucks. We never use to do that before. So now you are taking a \$1 million expense over a 20-year period and it comes out of CERF so that's not in there. Look at all those fire trucks that we bonded, those aren't funded in CERF. You know there's a problem and it's a reoccurring problem. We've had different departments that were able to come in and provide us with some effective management and some cost avoidance in areas and as we do every year we end up with surplus funds and the Mayor chose three or four different areas to utilize these funds and this was one of them. At the end of the day this problem is still going to exist. It's going to reoccur every year but I think it's up to the state to come back and put a more feasible plan on the table that is not crippling cities and small towns. It's brutal. Alderman Schoneman, I always look at escrows as it is additional money that's now being spent in another fiscal year. I've always been a supporter of having some funds behind us to support shortfalls in areas that were unanticipated. That's why I put legislation in for expendable trust funds. If this wasn't such a bone of contention with the spending cap override of the \$2.3 million when it all first happened, this would probably just flow through. I've never seen a lot of discussion about escrow legislation. It's a tough decision that has to be made and one way or another we are going to have to come up with this money. I'd like to see the state get a grip on what they are asking from these municipalities to do.

Alderman Schoneman

I appreciate all of the comments. I certainly realize the reality of the situation. I do want to address a question that Alderman O'Brien raised; that he didn't understand how this represents that it costs more. It costs more because the spending cap would only allow a certain amount of money and this \$900,000 comes out so that the spending cap can still accommodate whatever it would have accommodated plus this \$900,000. Regarding comments about cutting services, I think one thing that we need to do and the only thing that really does it is to strive further for increased efficiencies in the various departments. Some are more efficient than others. Just look around at operations. I think our taxpayers want to spend more if they need to but get more for it. There are some good examples out there of other operations elsewhere that operate efficiently.

Alderman O'Brien

I agree with Alderman Deane. I want to remind our voters that coming up in the fall in electing a new legislature; I would encourage people to ask people who are running what their opinions are on this particular pension system. We are paying a very advanced accelerated rate here on something that I question myself. I don't think it's as bad as people are saying. A lot of people like say oh, the sky is falling but I don't think it's really that bad. The pension system is tied in with the stock market but we are getting off topic with a lot of this. We have to come up with the money. This is a smart way to budget this and maybe in the future, generations of people going to the New Hampshire Legislature can reflect how communities of Nashua and Manchester that have police, fire and teachers; that they can change the pension system and decelerate an advanced to make the liabilities better.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-057 declared duly adopted.

R-16-058

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Tom Lopez

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO BORROW AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,900,000) THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR A LOAN THROUGH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PRIMARY TANK UPGRADES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-058 BY ROLL CALL

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Deane, Alderman Cookson, 13
Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Siegel,
Alderman Schoneman, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja, Alderman McGuinness,
Alderman LeBrun, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Wilshire

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-058 declared duly adopted.

R-16-059

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman June M. Caron

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO BORROW AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$779,000) THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR A LOAN THROUGH THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BOOSTER STATIONS PROJECT

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-059 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Deane

This is a project that is long overdue. All of our booster stations are so antiquated. This will add consistency for pumps for entrance areas and everything. This is a great project and I'm glad it's finally being addressed.

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Deane, Alderman Cookson,
Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Siegel,
Alderman Schoneman, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja, Alderman McGuinness,
Alderman LeBrun, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-059 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-16-011

Endorsers: Alderman Don LeBrun
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderman David Schoneman
Alderman Tom Lopez

**ADOPTING PROVISIONS FOR REDUCED TAXATION FOR CERTAIN CHARTERED
PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES**

- Tabled at Full Board Level – 5/10/16

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-16-062

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA TEACHERS' UNION, LOCAL 1044,
AFT, AFL-CIO, UNIT C, SECRETARIES FROM JULY 1, 2016, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018, AND
RELATED TRANSFERS**

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

R-16-063

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman David Schoneman

ESTABLISHING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE FOR TAX RATE

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

R-16-064

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$7,072 FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INTO FIRE GRANT ACTIVITY "FY2015
ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT"**

Given its first reading; assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

R-16-065

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderdwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Tom Lopez

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$33,021.38 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY "FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("FTA") OPERATING GRANT"

Given its first reading; assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

R-16-066

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderdwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR DONATIONS FOR PAVING

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

R-16-067

Endorser: Alderman David Schoneman
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderdwoman Mary Ann Mellizi-Golja
Alderman Don LeBrun
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$33,614) FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND FOR LONG TERM MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SOUTHWEST TRAILS

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

R-16-068

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderdwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Benjamin M. Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

AFFIRMING THE CITY OF NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS A WELCOMING CITY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WELCOMING AMERICA INITIATIVE

Given its first reading; assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-16-016

Endorser: Alderman David Schoneman
Alderswoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Don LeBrun

AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOCK STREET AND CROSS STREET

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE by Vice President Wilshire

O-16-017

Endorser: Alderswoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

AMENDING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Given its first reading; assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by Vice President Wilshire

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Shea, 102 Tolles Street

I am the Executive Director for Great American Downtown. I came here this evening in case there were any questions about the escrowed items relative to the holiday lighting and the music festival. I stayed to say thank you. It is great to have a Mayor and a Board of Aldermen who are supportive of the initiatives that we are taking. There have been music festivals in other communities that have been a boom for the local economy. It's our hope to have proof of concept for this idea for Nashua this year. It's not going to be anywhere near the full scope that I believe it can be with a few years of building. On September 24th from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. and September 25th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. I will have a full line-up of programming. We are also working to development a few small additional venues throughout downtown for Saturday's events. The response from the community has been prenominal, we've already seen about 1,200 folks that are interested. I want to thank Alderman Lopez for holding it down at the community garden today. I also want to thank Alderman Schoneman for working to get us a stop sign at Lock and Cross Streets.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Lopez

I'd like to thank the public for the support of the Welcoming City initiative. I had initially planned to suspend the rules to allow for final passage because the Welcoming Week is next week but in speaking with my colleagues I thought it was important to recognize the process. I would like to encourage the public to come to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee meeting and hopefully the following Board of Aldermen meeting as well.

We recently had an unfortunate incident in my Ward with the Islamic Society where stones were thrown directly through their window on September 11th. Although the facts are not known we do know that community was hurt. I am proud to say that my community does not approve of that and was very vocal about saying that we should step up and let people know that they are welcome in our community. I organized an event in about six hours and it was a great opportunity for neighbors to meet each other.

This Saturday I am doing a library trail clean-up in the morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. That evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Positive Street Art is organizing a movie with Veteran's. We've arranged for Top Gun to be shown at the Renaissance Park and it's open to the public and the idea is to build a stronger community between civilians and Veterans. The following day is the Downtown Art's Festival. There is a lot of talent and excitement and will be running from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

My last comment is that on September 23rd I will be sleeping in a box to support the United Way's United We Sleep campaign. It is very important for me to recognize the people in need right here in our own community.

Alderman O'Brien

The city clerk did a great job on the election but I was very disappointed with the turnout. I want to also thank Alderman Lopez who in very short order organized a display to the Mosque and I just want to voice my distain for actions on a house of worship to be disrespected. In general Nashua is not a city that reflects that and it is probably an isolated event.

Alderman LeBrun

I too would like to thank the city clerk for the job she did at Ward 5 in changing the polling location. Everything went extremely well except for parking and that was because school was in session. That will not happen during general election.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

In addition to expressing condolence to Griff Delainis and Mr. Latvis I would also like to express condolences to the family of Michael Daley. Also I thank Alderman Lopez for his response to what was certainly an unfortunate incident in our community. It was interesting to hear everyone say with regard to the Welcoming City legislation how welcome they feel. Finally, I just want to express support for the idea of having a student on the Conservation Commission. With another hat on I am in conversations with foresters up north and they are constantly talking about the need for young people to understand forestry and the environment.

Alderman Schoneman

I want to echo the thoughts on Election Day.

Alderman Siegel

I also would like to thank the city clerk and the poll workers. I would also like to single out my colleague Alderman Lopez for doing a yeoman's job and that's what I call real leadership. I would also like to thank Mayor Donchess and Chief Lavoie. No piece of legislation is meaningful, it's what we do. I think the people of Nashua feel welcome. The people that were hurt the most by it felt we were supportive and that's most important.

Alderman Caron

I too would like to say thank you to the city clerk. It is a yeoman's job. Alderman Lopez did an excellent job putting that together. I also want to thank Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja because a few weeks ago we had Nashua Goes Back to School and we had about 1,500 children that came through and picked up their bags. I send accolades to her as well as to Judge Katis for getting the money for us to buy the supplies that we need.

The elderly RSVP, people who came by bus from Davidson's Landing to work at the library that day and they had a really good time.

Alderman Dowd

My condolences go out to the Delainis and Latvis families. I support the student member of the student member Conservation Commission. The Board of Education has one student from each high school and they do provide their opinions. You get a good insight of what is really going on in the high schools. We did have a great election day but I was disappointed by how little people showed up. I really like the new voting booths though. We have two candidates running in November who will be spending about \$100 million to educate the students in the State of New Hampshire. People are tired of seeing negative advertisement; it's why people don't come out to vote.

Alderman Deane

The Conservation Commission operates under their own rules and the only authority they have is to issue recommendations could they not just take it upon themselves to appoint a student?

Mayor Donchess

That's what I was basically suggesting. If the Board of Aldermen wanted to be involved then we could propose legislation but I felt we could informally appoint the students.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE TO ASK THE MAYOR TO WORK INFORMALLY WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR TO APPOINT A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman O'Brien

Would that include both high schools?

Alderman Deane

The Conservation Commission is citywide. Was Mr. Gallagher looking for a student from each high school?

Mayor Donchess

Possibly, depending on what we get for responses.

Alderman Deane

Why don't we give the Mayor the authority to informally meet with Mr. Gallagher and if they want to appoint a student from each high school so be it.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Clemons

My condolences go out to the Delainis and Latvis families but I also want to send condolences to the family of Glen Marshall, my good friend. Glen was a mortgage originator like no one I've ever seen. Glen helped countless numbers of Nashuan's get their home for the first time or get a lower rate. He did a lot of things for this community which some people might think are just business transactions but things that we take for granted most of the time. He passed away unexpectedly in August and he will be missed.

Vice President Wilshire

Tomorrow is the dedication ceremony for the Legacy Playground at 5:30 p.m. at Labine Park.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Dowd

There will be a Budget Review Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber. On Thursday the 22nd is the School Construction Projects Committee and the Joint Special School Building Committee will meet at Nashua High School North. JSSB will be immediately following the CPC meeting.

Alderman Clemons

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee will be next Monday at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Alderman Cookson

The Infrastructure Committee will immediately follow the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee on Monday evening.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Since there was no business before the Planning and Economic Development Committee we have cancelled the meeting for September 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL THAT THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Attest: Patricia D. Piecuch, City Clerk



Nashua Area Interfaith Council

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September 11, 2016

To: Jim Donchess, Mayor, City of Nashua
To: Board of Aldermen, City of Nashua

Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

The Executive Board of Nashua Area Interfaith Council (NAIC), on behalf of the entire Council, would like to express our wholehearted support for the legislation declaring Nashua a Welcoming City. As an organization we strive to improve: community relationships, outreach to those in need and a dialogue of respectful welcoming among the faith communities we serve. We also recognize that when a community is inclusive, not only will its residents' lives improve but that the social, and economic life of the larger community is also enriched. It seems more than appropriate to write this letter of support on the 15th Anniversary of 9/11.

This legislative act is more than ornamental to the lives of people in Nashua. As our partners at United Way have also affirmed, research has shown that 40% of the health outcomes for an individual are based on factors related to social inclusion. When people are not isolated, they are less likely to need emergency or other costly medical services. As a result, both the individual and the community benefit absent the burden for those costly services.

Other research centers around economic development; demonstrating that immigrants bring needed skills and job creation to our community. In fact, the foundation of what Nashua is today was built by immigrants and in order to sustain growth into the future we will continue to need to welcome and effectively include immigrants in our community.

Since the 1980's NAIC has represented a collective effort to improve our community through partnerships and coalitions. We also have established efforts that support people in need, such as: Ann Marie House, the Greater Nashua CROP Walk and most recently, Circles Greater Nashua. Therefore, we embrace this legislation as the next step in affirming what is good about our history and common life and we encourage you to pass it with your fullest possible support.

Respectfully submitted and unanimously agreed to by the Executive Board and entire membership of the Nashua Area Interfaith Council.

The Rev. Alanna M. Van Antwerpen
NAIC President

The Rev. Sally Newhall
Vice President



September 14, 2016

TO: Mayor Jim Donchess

Nashua Board of Alderman

Dear Mayor Donchess and Aldermen,

The Adult Learning Center is proud to support the Resolution affirming the City of Nashua as a Welcoming City. As the largest ESOL program in the State of New Hampshire we know that immigrants are good for our community. The United States was founded on principles of freedom and opportunity for all people and it is part of our rich heritage to welcome newcomers, help them assimilate into our midst and embrace our civic culture and political institution. America was formed to function as one nation from many people – *e pluribus unum*.

The immigrants of today are no different than the immigrants of the past, many of whom are our own parents, grandparents and great grandparents. The immigrants of the past helped to build our community and have contributed immensely to our economic development. Our new immigrants are looking for the same opportunities to provide for their families and they, too, are willing to work hard. The Nashua community is good for immigrants and immigrants are good for our community.

From September of 2015 through June of this year, 1,108 immigrants from 72 countries took classes in English, reading, writing, and math here at the Adult Learning Center. They also participated in workshops on writing resumes and interviewing. They took citizenship classes, attended Mayoral forums, took field trips to City Hall, and participated in mock elections. They did all of this, while working jobs and caring for their families, because they very much want to assimilate into our culture and become productive members of our community.

Over the years many of our students have gone on to begin their own businesses. They own landscaping companies, restaurants, and cleaning services, to name a few. Many have worked round the clock to send their children to college and some have even come back to teach here at the Adult Learning Center.

We invite anyone from the community to come by for a visit while classes are in session. You will see hard working, grateful, happy, and hopeful people. Most of all, they will welcome you warmly.

Thank you for considering the Welcoming City Resolution.

Very truly yours,

Carol Baldwin
Executive Director



Wednesday, September 7, 2016

TO: Jim Donchess, Mayor, City of Nashua

TO: Board of Aldermen, City of Nashua

Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

I would like to express my wholehearted support for the legislation declaring Nashua a Welcoming City. As a Nashua arts organization entering our 93rd season, we strive to serve the community through our educational programs and high quality performances. We recognize that when a community is welcoming and inclusive, this benefits the city and all of its residents.

Research shows the benefits to the economy, education and jobs brought by immigrants to our community. More importantly a diverse is a more interesting, more beautiful and more artistic community in which to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Thayer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
14 September 2016

R-16-055

Expendable Trust Fund for the NH Holocaust Memorial
Rotary Common

On your agenda this evening is R-16-055 which establishes an ETF for the NH Holocaust Memorial at Rotary Common Park.

Following your adoption we will deposit several thousands of dollars into this ETF to pay for maintenance, including the water irrigation system that is now being installed by the city.

We have several outstanding monuments in this memorial, which The Telegraph declared to be one of the finest memorials in the Northeast.

I should note that the monument we emplaced in the spring of his years is an approx. 9,000 pounds solid granite monument into which is carved the 48-inch tall life-sized image of a little girl taken from a photograph from the Auschwitz Album, a collection of photos of 424,000 Hungarian Jews deported to Auschwitz over a period of 8 weeks in 1944. Her photo can be seen on the card available to visitors from the brochure dispenser placed near the entrance. We hope to have captured her indescribable expression, shortly before she was murdered in a gas chamber. Above her image are engraved the words from Genesis Chapter 4 Verse 10, "*What have you done, the voice of blood cries out from the ground.*"

There are no additional monuments planned for this memorial; it is complete.

With this ETF, we will transition ownership and maintenance of the memorial to the city of Nashua, consistent with R-10-43. We hope the city will soon construct a foot bridge across Salmon Brook, connecting what former Mayor Lozeau called the "sad part with the happy part." Eventually we expect to see Rotary Common become an integral part of Nashua downtown, extending from Library Hill past Simoneau Plaza.

We hope to see public and private donations and grants deposited into this Expendable Trust Fund.

I thank the city for its sponsorship of this memorial, and I thank in particular former Mayor Lozeau, Director Lisa Fauteux, Nick Caggiano, Bob Genest, Andy Patrician, and many others in the Department of Public Works who supported this memorial 100% and assisted with its construction.

We thank you.

Fred S. Teeboom
President, Holocaust memorial in Nashua, Inc.
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