

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

President Brian S. McCarthy presided; Deputy City Clerk Judith Boileau recorded.

Prayer was offered by Deputy City Clerk Judith Boileau; Alderman David Schoneman led in the Pledge to the Flag.

I would like to ask for a moment of silence in memory of Jacob Goulet who was lost over the weekend

The roll call was taken with 15 members of the Board of Aldermen present.

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

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

I wanted to follow-up on the moment of silence to mention the tragic accident that happened last Friday night when Jacob Goulet was walking home from visiting a friend and who fell into an opening in the storm water system near the Bicentennial Park and died as a result of that accident.

Everybody in the community has been deeply affected by this, particularly those in city government, it's a very sad and tragic event and we feel so badly for Jacob's family; all parents understand how profound the grief that they are feeling is in the sense that we can feel a little bit what it would be like to lose a child, especially in that manner. Jacob was a sophomore at Nashua North High School and was 16 years old. He was on his way home during the rainstorm because he was mentoring another student who had moved to Nashua recently from another community and was trying to get home on time. He was a guitar player, a musician and he played in a band; he played bass. He was taking a number of courses at the high school and he was really into punk music. He was well liked and I just spoke to one person just outside whose children knew him. There are many in the community who will really miss him and realize what a tragic accident this is. There is a vigil tomorrow night at Bicentennial Park at 8:00 p.m. and there is a memorial service at Nashua High School North where Jacob went to school to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Of course you are all welcome to either or both of those events.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Lopez

I would like to observe that the family and friends of Jacob were particularly impacted by this. As much as all of us feel the sense of responsibility being public representatives, they are the ones who are really hurting right now, especially the kids that he went to school with who knew him and might be thinking about their interactions with him and how they parted. I would like to just comment that I hope everyone who is suffering from this is reaching out, particularly students. It's difficult enough being a teenager and having to deal with adult issues like this affects all of us. I hope students are reaching out and I hope the guidance counselors are well supported in the support that they are giving as well.

RECOGNITION PERIOD – None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2016, AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE BE ACCEPTED, PLACED ON FILE, AND THE READINGS SUSPENDED
MOTION CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE READ BY TITLE ONLY
MOTION CARRIED**

From: Fred S. Teeboom, President, Holocaust Memorial in Nashua, Inc.
Re: Assumption of Ownership and Maintenance of the NH Holocaust Memorial

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED**

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

Attorney Andrew Prolman, Prunier & Prolman, Nashua, NH

I represent the Renaissance Downtown, the developer of the Bridge Street Project that hopefully is closing this coming Friday. I am here in support of the temporary skate park easement and I am here to answer any questions the Board may have when that matter comes up.

Mr. Fred Teeboom, 24 Cheyenne Drive

You just acted affirmatively on the communication on your agenda. The purpose for this communication is to place on the city's record the assumption of ownership of the memorial. You will notice that it is signed by the mayor and myself, acting as the president of the corporation. It follows Resolution R-10-043.

It took six years to construct the memorial, a period from 2010 to earlier this year in 2016. It took an additional year of preparation primarily getting the 501(c)(3) designation for the corporation from the IRS and also to complete an engineering study that was required by the city and by the state to dig the six feet deep foundations into the site.

R-10-043, the enabling resolution, was unanimously adopted back in 2010 signed by then Mayor Lozeau in August, 2010. I want to note that six aldermen that unanimously adopted R-10-043 are still here. I'd like to mention their names because it is highly appreciated: Ben Clemons, who was then an Alderman-at-Large, Mark Cookson, David Deane, Brian McCarthy, Lori Wilshire and Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja. They all signed and they all agreed. There are nine new aldermen so you may want to take your time and actually read the communication.

R-10-043 resulted in a very successful public/private partnership. There was a lot of private involvement. There was a great deal of public involvement as well in getting the site ready, doing some of the foundation work, some of the landscaping and all around assisting with the engineering decisions to get it all built.

The Telegraph declared this site one of the finest in the entire northeast and I thought that was quite a commemoration.

The City of Nashua will now maintain this memorial in perpetuity. I understand a video maintenance contract is being negotiated for a fairly sophisticated video surveillance system for this site with the contractor that initially installed it almost three years ago. An engineering trust fund has been established and the corporation deposited a few thousand dollars, quite a few thousand dollars, to help pay the cost to complete the irrigation system which was just completed last month. If you look at it you see all of the roses in bloom and everything is coming up green.

I want to make a final point. There are those of you that really want a railroad built between Lowell and Concord. With this assumption of ownership, the city actually will own, I think it's the only ownership they have, a railroad track 58 feet long. You could put a standard passenger car on there or a standard railroad car on there. Fifty eight feet. Just don't tell anyone where it is going. Thank you.

PETITIONS – None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Committee on Infrastructure10/12/16

There being no objection, President McCarthy declared the report of the October 12, 2016, Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS – None

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-16-060

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Tom Lopez

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO DEED COVENANTS RELATIVE TO LAND SOLD TO PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG RADCLIFF DRIVE AND SHORE DRIVE

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-060

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-060 declared duly adopted.

R-16-069

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY SKATEPARK EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE DAVID W. DEANE SKATEBOARD PARK

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DEANE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-16-069

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-16-069 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-16-075

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF A CERTAIN ACCESS EASEMENT OVER 482 AMHERST STREET

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

R-16-076

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Ken Siegel
Alderswoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO EXTEND AND AMEND THE LEASE FOR THE HERITAGE RAIL TRAIL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Given its first reading; assigned to the FINANCE COMMITTEE and the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE by President McCarthy

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-16-020

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy
Alderman Don LeBrun
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

CLARIFYING AND UPDATING THE ELDERLY HOUSING SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS

Given its first reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF O-16-020, ASSIGN IT TO THE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD, AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016, AT 6:30 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER

MOTION CARRIED

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTMs. Mary Elizabeth Carroll, 91 ½ Chandler Street

I have been hospitalized three times in the last six months in the mental health ward because doctors don't see anything on me. This airborne chemical is microscopic like dust. You do see it on the streets, sidewalks, parks, yards, schools and libraries. You also see it on the dashboard of your car but you don't see it on you. I went to a new internist in May as my internist that I had for two years thinks I am hallucinating. I went doctor shopping and found another doctor and I've had two skin scrapings over the summer and they found nothing. I saw a dermatologist yesterday in Boston and she would not biopsy me because all she found was lumps and dry skin. I guess a lump isn't going to tell you that you have something under the skin. I did take a sample from my car and I told her what is in the car is inside me but with no cuts and rashes then no biopsies. I've been seeing the glass on me three times a week since March, outside, most of the time in the sun. Heidi does not believe me, she tells me to my face that it is a perception of mine. It's a common sense, what is on the dashboard is inside of me. I know what I did and I know what she did. I played with fire and burned myself. Heidi Peek played with fire and burnt the whole world. Every person in all seven continents has some type of mineral or chemical that feels like and looks like glass in the pores of their skin, in their cars and their clothes. Heidi did nothing, she did not call the police department or poison control, she called a psychiatrist and still three years later she is calling a psychiatrist every time I go see her. We all different, it's an allergy. Our allergies are different just like our favorite color. I guess if the whole world ends in ten years that's on Heidi and not on me.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderman Lopez

I wanted to express my condolences to the family of Amber Carroll.

I also wanted to invite anyone who would like to participate to the Nashua Crop Walk. It's a good way to walk in solidarity with people who are less fortunate around the world and to raise money for local charities such as the Nashua Soup Kitchen.

Alderman Siegel

I would like to thank Fred Teeboom for all of the work that he has done. There is no doubt that the memorial is a very good thing and I would like to thank him. I'm sure my colleagues would echo that as well.

I would also like to thank the Mayor and the city staff. We are a city but we actually have a small town heart and that was very clear in the wake of this tragedy. Everyone worked very hard and I appreciate that and all of the sentiment. I think the Mayor and his staff did the best job possible under pretty horrible circumstances.

Finally, congratulation on becoming a dad to Alderman Schoneman, welcome to the club.

Alderman Deane

I would like to echo with what Ken had to say. Jim, you and your staff did a great job handling what was a terrible accident. Things are being addressed but it's terrible to see such a young life taken. I'd like to send my condolences out to the family and friends of Mark McAfee who passed away last week at the age of 23 years old; another young life taken. As a city everybody came together and provided due diligence on what had happened. There was a lot going on at the time in the city behind

the scenes and a lot people aren't aware of what was happening. I'd like to thank Jim and all of the city staff who participated.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Dowd

Thursday of this week is the Construction Meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed immediately by the Joint Special School Building Committee at Nashua High North.

Alderman Cookson

We had originally scheduled an Infrastructure Committee meeting for tomorrow evening but we had also referred a couple of pieces to the Board of Public Works and they are meeting on the 27th so we have delayed our meeting until next Thursday, November 3rd.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. and then the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting will follow that.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SIEGEL THAT THE OCTOBER 25, 2016, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Attest: Judith Boileau, Deputy City Clerk