

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman Richard A. Dowd led in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Wilshire

As President of the Board of Aldermen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

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b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

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In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods mentioned above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. **When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.**

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Alderman June M. Caron, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderman Ernest Jette, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Harriott-Gathright and Alderman Wilshire. Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu had technical difficulties and was recorded after roll call. Alderman Skip Cleaver was recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton, Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services Director, and Justin Kates, Emergency Management, were also in attendance via teleconference.

Alderman O'Brien

Present and I am by myself.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

I can hear you; can you hear us Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Yes, I can.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you very much. Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Yes, I am home, my husband my 2 greyhounds are in the house with me but not in the room at the moment and I can hear you.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you. Alderwoman Kelly? Alderman Dowd? President Wilshire, can you hear me?

President Wilshire

I can hear you fine Sue.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Alderwoman Kelly can you hear us?

Alderwoman Kelly

Can you hear me, can you hear me?

President Wilshire

I can hear you now.

Alderwoman Kelly

Ok I am here, I am alone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you very much. Alderman Dowd? I'll come back to Alderman Dowd and continue. Alderman Caron.

Alderman Caron

I'm here and I am alone and I can hear you.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

And I can hear you as well, Alderman Caron, thank you. Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Hello?

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Yes, I am here, I am by myself and I am participating via phone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you very much. Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I'm here, I am sitting by my computer and I am alone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you. Alderman Tencza?

Alderman Tencza

I am here and I am alone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk.

I can hear you Alderman Tencza, can you hear the proceedings?

Alderman Tencza

Yes, I can.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you. Alderwoman Lu? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

I am here, I can hear you and I am alone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you. Alderman Schmidt?

Alderman Schmidt

I am here, I can hear you and I am alone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Alderman Laws?

Alderman Laws

I am here, I can hear you and I am alone.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you. Alderman Cleaver? Alderman Harriott-Gathright?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am here, I am alone and I can hear you. Alderman Wilshire?

Alderman Wilshire

I am here, I am alone and I can hear you.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

And I'd like to go back to Alderman Dowd? I believe he was on before.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I can hear you, I am by myself, practicing social distancing and I guess that's it.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

And I can hear you as well. Thank you. We have 13 present Alderman Wilshire.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Is Mayor Donchess with us?

Mayor Donchess

Yes Madam President.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

President Wilshire

Mayor, do you wish to address the Board?

Mayor Donchess

Thank you. Well Madam President, we are now into the Coronavirus Crisis for a number of weeks. The City Employees are working hard to continue to deliver services to our citizens, our residents while at the same time trying to enforce social distancing, physical distancing whereby in many cases working remotely. Many of our City Employees are working 7 days a week on the Coronavirus Crisis. I want to thank all of them for doing that.

Right now Nashua is in a relatively good position, we have 96 cases in Nashua. In New Hampshire there are more than 1,000. But we see down south of the border of the border in Massachusetts that there are many more cases than we have up here, in part because of all the measures we are taking to do the physical distancing. In addition, unfortunately, we have 7 deaths in Nashua so far. The hospitals though are in good shape, there are about 10 positively confirmed Coronavirus cases in the hospitals. However, if you know someone whose family has been seriously impacted by this, which I do, it really brings home that even a single case is quite a tragedy.

But in any event, many people in the community are contributing and working very hard to meet this crisis. For example, we have many people making masks for everyone in the community or hospitals, first responders, we want to thank all of them. Also, over the weekend a company by the name of SoClean from Peterborough delivered 3,000 masks to the City, including 1,000 N95 masks. I want to thank Jorge Ortiz who is the Nashua resident who has been very kind enough to make this happen. Thank you So Clean and thank you to Mr. Ortiz.

What we have on our Agenda, Madam President, the first item is the necessity of transferring another \$200,000.00 into the Coronavirus effort. As you previously recall Madam President, the City has appropriated \$150,000.00. We have on the line Administrative Services Director Kleiner as well as Emergency Management Director Kates who can in the absence of time for a Committee Meeting are going to report to you regarding the need for these funds. But of the money appropriated so far, we have \$13,000.00 left. We are seeking approval tonight, so we hope you will suspend the rules for \$200,000.00 more.

What we need this for is for additional cleaning which we have been doing very extensively in City Buildings, but also for PPE, or Personal Protective Equipment; masks, and the like for our employees and First Responders and others. People working even in Public Works who we want to wear masks and who are picking up garbage, working on other Public Works duties. So in addition to that, we are the first line of defense sort to speak with respect to the Alternative Care Site which is located out of Nashua South. That needs to be outfitted now with some oxygen equipment in case people need to go there and they need oxygen. Although we are being asked to front this money, the Governor has assured the City both privately and all of the communities of New Hampshire publicly that FEMA and the State will reimburse us 100% with respect to any funds expended at the Alternative Care Site.

In addition, we will get at least 75% on all the money we are spending internally, the PPE and everything else that we are spending money on. So we will be reimbursed, but we do need to have money available now in order to do that. But as we discussed previously, Madam President, because we need this money immediately really, in order to inform the Board in more detail as to the need for the money and exactly what it will be expended for, we do have Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kates on who will report to you regarding those issues. So in conclusion on that item, I am asking the Board to suspend the rules and pass R-20-027 tonight so that we can proceed with our Coronavirus efforts.

Also, I wanted to address, Madam President, two other items that are on the Agenda. The next one is R-20-029, this is just on for a first reading; no need to act on this tonight. But we are proposing that various

Federal Funds be accumulated into what we are calling the Coronavirus Impact Fund, principally CDBG money as well as money in the existing revolving loan fund. This would be a \$1.2 million dollar fund which would be used to help our struggling small businesses and our struggling non-profits. We are suggesting that the average grant or loan would be in the amount of about \$25,000.00. Grants to the non-profits and loans to small businesses; we just need to take a drive down Main Street or anywhere else in the City to see how many small businesses are not operating as a result of the crisis and as a result of the closure orders; anything from hair salons to restaurants to any personal service business. These businesses are going to need help recovering so again, the Coronavirus Impact Fund is designed to help them, but of course, I assume you'll refer that to a Committee and we will discuss the details with the Committee.

Finally, Madam President, I wanted to mention R-20-028 which would authorize the City to enter into a development agreement for the development of the School Street Parking Lot into 150 units of housing. This would provide a boost, a big boost for the City and the Downtown and our economy as we emerge from the Coronavirus Crisis. It would bring in \$900,000.00 of cash initially and with 150 units would generate probably about \$300,000.00 a year in tax revenue. In addition, providing hundreds of patrons for downtown businesses who are going to need help in the coming months and years. And in addition it will result in the leasing of evening parking spaces which will bring several hundred thousand dollars, \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 of revenue to the City on an annual basis, plus the property taxes.

Now this, I know will be referred to a Committee, I am sure the Board will want to go through the details carefully, which I am sure you will do. But I wanted to let you know that this is one of the projects we are pursuing in order to help build a stronger economy coming out of the Coronavirus Crisis.

Beyond that Madam Chair, it is nice to see everyone here remotely even though we can't get together. I am sure many people on the Board and throughout the community are stir crazy, have cabin fever from staying at home. But we are advising people that you should get out and exercise, but still stay six feet apart from your neighbors, if you can, wear masks and help us to control the spread of the virus. Again, we have 96 cases in Nashua; it could be far, far more. It is a result of these measures that there hasn't been further spread. So with that, Madam President, I will conclude and just thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Mayor, any responses to the remarks of the Mayor? Hearing none, Recognition Period?

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR - None

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Board of Aldermen meetings of March 24, 2020 and March 31, 2020 accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services Director
Re: Resolution R-20-027

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file.

From: Carla LeClerc

Re: Imposing a moratorium on "small cells" and other wireless infrastructure permits process and deployment until the COVID-19 emergency is over

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Emergency PO Request - \$94,400 for Change Order 2 for 2019 Asphalt Testing from S. W. Cole Engineering, Inc.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO AUTHORIZE THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST FOR \$94,400 FOR CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR 2019 ASPHALT TESTING FROM S.W. COLE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Does anybody have questions?

Alderman Jette

Yes, I have a question. So could someone explain why this is required. What is the emergency that is causing us to increase the purchase of this asphalt testing?

President Wilshire

Did someone speak up? Mayor?

Mayor Donchess

Alderman Jette it is not an emergency; a program that we instituted along with the Paving Plan of Action has been in effect for several years now. It was to test the quality of the asphalt, both at the site and at the plant where it is being made. We were finding that some paving projects were not the quality of the paving – the asphalt that was laid down was not of the quality that it was supposed to be and not of a quality that would last for the dollars we are spending. So last year we had a contract with the same company and they did the asphalt testing; they did a good job. So what this is, this is simply a change order which would extend their contract by one year so they would continue as they did last year to do the testing this year.

And since this is an amendment to a contract that has already been approved by the Board, it comes before you in this form.

Alderman Jette

So the labeling “emergency purchase order request” is really misleading, it’s really not accurate, it’s just a regular ...

Mayor Donchess

It’s not as if there’s an emergency, it is just that they would like to engage them right away to do the testing because the paving has already begun.

Alderman Jette

Ok thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Jette. Anyone else? Would the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman O’Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Dowd

Alderman Wilshire?

President Wilshire

Yes?

Alderman Dowd

I think I had seen a couple hands raised and evidently you are not seeing them.

President Wilshire

I am not seeing hands raised.

Alderman Dowd

Not now but just before, so I would just be more on the watch for it.

President Wilshire

I was looking, I didn’t see any raised; good to know, thank you. Madam Clerk?

From: Larry D. Goodhue, CEO, Pennichuck Corporation
Re: Annual Meeting of Sole Shareholder and Proxy Statement

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PENNICHUCK CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: JAMES P. DORE, ELIZABETH A. DUNN, H. SCOTT FLEGAL, AND DEBORAH NOVOTNY, FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS; AND, AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO TRANSMIT, BY PROXY CARD, THE VOTE OF THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PENNICHUCK CORPORATION BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,
Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 13
Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee..... 04/07/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 7, 2020 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Pennichuck Special Water Committee..... 04/09/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 9, 2020 Pennichuck Special Water Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-027

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 192 “DEBT SERVICE”, ACCOUNT 75200 “INTEREST EXPENSE” INTO FUND 6500 “PROPERTY AND CASUALTY FUND”, ACCOUNT 68360 “LOSS PREVENTION”

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

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR A SECOND READING OF R-20-027 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Alderman Clemons we are in the middle of a vote.

Alderman Lopez

This is Alderman Lopez and you wouldn't call on me so it is a point of order. When do we actually get to sponsor this?

President Wilshire

I didn't call for sponsors.

Alderman Lopez

Noted.

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,
Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-027 BY ROLL CALL**

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,
Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-027 declared duly adopted.

R-20-028

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-large David C. Tencza
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Patricia Klee

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANSINGMELBOURNE GROUP, LLC.

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

R-20-029

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO ACCEPTING CDBG FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 CARES ACT; AMENDING THE FY2020 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO REPROGRAM EXISTING CDBG FUNDING; AND CREATE A COVID-19 IMPACT PROGRAM

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderman Klee

I am sorry Madam Chair did you call my name. I'm sorry Madam President. I just want to thank everybody for all that they are doing here. The City has been extraordinary from the citizens to our workers and truthfully there are just too many to name by profession and definitely by name. But I did want to state that I attended a State Meeting today and one of the things that I found that was quite interesting was that we have 763 ventilators in hospitals that exclude pediatric and infant. We are only using 68 of them at this time. They found that by using the BPAP, I guess they call them and the CPAP, that they are having a better outcome I guess, by using those things instead of ventilators. So I thought that was really good news.

The thing that I found quite disturbing was Nursing Homes and Home Care. We have been paying a lot of attention to hospitals as well we should and First Responders. But our Nursing Homes are in desperate need of smocks and masks and that is throughout the State. I tried calling a couple of the Nursing Homes today and I didn't get through to find out what their needs were. I am sure there are other people that are doing much more than that. And our Home Health Care Workers seem to be kind of at the bottom of the barrel when it comes out to handing out the PPE. So if anybody knows of any of these needs and so on, you know, try to see if you can help them as well as all the others. But I want to commend our City and the Mayor and everybody else, our Public Health people and so on. Everybody is doing a phenomenal job and I am proud to be here in Nashua, I truly am.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Klee. Anyone else?

Alderman Jette

So we know that there are many people in the City who have been really helping out during this crisis, but I wanted to make special mention of the United Way. Mike Apfelberg and his many volunteers have developed and implemented a plan to provide food for students and others; senior citizens who can't get to

the grocery store and other people that are in need. They have developed and implemented this plan to help those people throughout the City. All of that would not be possible, of course, without United Way's many donors. So I want to thank the United Way and everyone connected to them and encourage people to check out their web site; the United Way Nashua Web Site for more information on how you can access food or volunteer or donate.

And one more item, Madam President. You know, we seem to be getting the handle of this WebEx way of having meetings and I am wondering when do you see us being able to have Committee Meetings again? Because there are things coming up that the Committees need to deal with?

President Wilshire

I think, Alderman Jette, we have started to use WebEx on some of our sub-committees or our committee meetings. I know that Alderman Dowd has held Budget Meetings, so I think if there is something on your Agenda that we can take a look at whether it is time sensitive. But I think we are getting the hang of this so I agree; we should start holding more Committee Meetings if possible.

Alderman Jette

Good, thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

Alderman Dowd

Alderman Wilshire?

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes just a couple of statements and then a couple of questions for the Mayor. The first is, I don't know if people are aware that Battelle from Ohio has been providing Massachusetts with a capability of disinfecting masks so that they can be reused. I have a lot of experience with that company; they do a great deal of the Department of Defense work. They are an amazing company; they have more patterns than most people have grains of sugar. I feel that is probably something that could really help with the PPE until we catch up.

The other thing is on Monday, being the logistics person that I am, with the wind and the rain, I figured that Market Basket would be pretty much empty; it was. I was able to do my shopping with only a few other people in the store, which changed as I was leaving. But I thank the young people that are working there. They are working very hard and they are putting themselves out there and I think that sometimes they get overlooked and I just wanted to put a thanks out to all of them that are putting in the time. Obviously, food is a very important aspect.

For the Mayor, two questions; one – the State received a shipment of masks and they were going to be put for distribution. I am wondering how many of them actually found their way to Nashua. And the other thing is, the fast test machines that Abbott makes, another great company by the way. I know we were this week, supposed to get the cartridges that make them work, otherwise they are kind of useless. Have any of those machines found their way to Nashua?

Mayor Donchess

Yes thank you. The question on the masks, we have gotten masks and PPE from the State, those requests need to go what is called the State EOC and from there we get various, we have gotten a couple of deliveries of masks and other protective equipment. The exact number I am not sure, but I can get with Justin Kates and give you that answer.

With respect to the Abbott tests, there is no question that we need more testing. It would be very helpful. For example, the hospitals are very frustrated that they can't get everyone coming into the hospital tested. With a test like the Abbott test which takes a half hour for the result, that way they would be able to greatly reduce the amount of procedure they have to go through with respect to each patient. Now they have to treat every patient coming in as though they might be Coronavirus positive. If they had these tests available, they could test everyone and probably rule out 99% of the people or a very, very high percentage and therefore, could treat them with much less stringent protocols or procedures. This would save them a lot of trouble and a lot of time and a lot of money.

However, these Abbott tests are not available. What has happened is that the Abbott Corporation, Abbott Labs I guess it is called, has decided to distribute these tests through CVS. Those two companies rather than the Government, is deciding where the tests are available. So in Lowell, there is a CVS that is offering tests in the parking lot at the Lowell Cinema near the highway, that multiplex. If you meet certain criteria you can get a quick result test. But basically you need to be either a First Responder or live in a Nursing Home, that kind of thing, show some kind of risk factor and report symptoms and you have to be a Massachusetts resident. We checked out to see if New Hampshire residents could go down there, Public Health did that, and the answer was "no".

But the fact that the nation hasn't taken control of this and ordered the production of tests like these on a much larger scale is a problem and the lack of testing is frustrating (inaudible). The bottom-line answer is no that we don't have (inaudible), that could be an echo?

Alderwoman Lu

That's me I am sorry, hold on. There. (echoing).

President Wilshire

It didn't stop Alderman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

Pardon me?

President Wilshire

It didn't stop.

Alderwoman Lu

Sorry (echoing continues).

President Wilshire

Can you put it on mute?

(Echo stops)

Mayor Donchess

So back to the Abbott Lab tests, so those are not available in New Hampshire at all, it would be great if they were and if they were widely available, it would be a great help. But I did have a return question, which was, Alderman Dowd, you mentioned a company that could do the cleaning of PPE, what was the name of the company.

Alderman Dowd

Battelle.

Mayor Donchess

Where are they located?

Alderman Dowd

They are out in Ohio and they are the ones that are doing that massive testing in Massachusetts; they set up that – they are doing like 50,000 masks a day. I don't know what the technology is, but it sterilizes the mask. The mask can be used over 40 times.

Mayor Donchess

I'll definitely have Justin Kates contact you and sort of get the details and begin working. And he'll have an answer as to how many masks have come through the State.

Alderman Dowd

Alright great and another thing if you could give me a call tomorrow, if you have a chance. There was three people that called me today questioning what is going on with the Energy Program at the two high schools, so we can talk about that tomorrow.

Mayor Donchess

Everything has kind of been delayed as a result of the obvious crisis. But we should get that back on track.

President Wilshire

Anyone else have any remarks? Alderwoman Kelly

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. I just wanted to echo some of the comments about how continually impressed by our community. They have been stepping up and doing what they can to get through this and I appreciate that. I have had daily calls with City Hall and working through businesses, and they are all stepping up so I appreciate that. And then I just want to comment (inaudible) but we will have a meeting of the Human Affairs Committee next week. I think we are still working through the logistics of having to have a public hearing so we will post that as soon as we have the date.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderwoman Kelly. Anyone else?

Alderman Lopez

Yes.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

Alderman Lopez

I just wanted to acknowledge some of the community members who have been doing a lot of work to try to help the community with this crisis, particularly Latha Mangipudi, Meg Doucette, Shoshanna Kelly, Patricia Klee, there have been a lot of people that have been working to create cloth masks and we have actually been making sure that some of the residents and programs in the City are taken care of. So we provided some to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and shelters. We got some for Delaines House and the Harbor Homes Program, Keystone, the Group Homes. So we have been working on that front.

And then additionally, I really want to draw attention to Make IT Labs who have been doing an outstanding job of creating face shields. They have been connecting with businesses that are donating plastic. They have been working on designs, they have been re-casting their laser cutter and they really have become a regional hub for a lot of other makers. So not only are they helping the City of Nashua but they are multiplying their effort in that makers can. And they are engaging basically anybody who has a 3-D Printer. Make IT Labs they will take all the help that they can get. So I wanted to recognize those two efforts particularly.

I did want to just make a comment to the Mayor that is has been brought up several times, it might be a good time to try to look at paving some of the major roads. We realize that DPW workers can come down with COVID-19 as well, but it would be good to amend the plans as appropriate or comment as to why that is not possible. That's all I have.

President Wilshire

Is there anyone else who has remarks? Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

This is Alderman Clemons. Thank you. As some folks now, I haven't been, I am sure we are all in the same boat, but me more than others haven't been thrilled about everything that has been going on with the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and such. However, I wanted to point out something that our citizens should be listening to our local leaders, Mayor Donchess and Governor Sununu as opposed to some of the things that are coming out from our President. Mayor Donchess and Governor Sununu know a lot better about what is going on and what is the best things that we can do locally to protect ourselves. So I just want people to understand that when you are listening to the National News and seeing the President and things like that, please just keep in mind that you know, we here have a responsibility to protect citizens of Nashua and New Hampshire. And our local Government knows better how to do that than anybody in Washington, DC. So I just wanted to make that clear and I hope that everybody is staying healthy and safe

and hopefully we will come out of this sooner rather than later, but again, we have to listen to our local leaders to best do that. Thank you.

Alderwoman Lu

Hello? Can you hear me?

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

I just wanted to let the group know that I have actually been here since the beginning of the meeting; I've just had all kinds of problems. I could see you and I could see myself at the meeting, I saw my name on the roster, but I didn't realize also that we couldn't call in by phone tonight. So yeah, I called in and I spoke with Jim and he said, "No you can't call in tonight". So I want to make you aware that I've made my best efforts to get to the meeting. Madam Chairman it looks to me that there are call in members and you look as though you are skeptical about not being able to call in.

President Wilshire

Yes, I am, I didn't know that we couldn't call in, we do have a couple of callers tonight, so I am not sure if there is a restriction in the number of lines we have. I can check with the IT Department.

Alderwoman Lu

I will put a lot more effort – I will get ready; I will make sure I am set up for the next one. Is this a new platform that we are using WebEx?

President Wilshire

No.

Alderwoman Lu

No? Or is it the same one we used last time?

President Wilshire

It's the same one.

Alderwoman Lu

Ok, alright. That's all I wanted to say, thank you.

President Wilshire

Ok thank you. Ok I'd like to say that I appreciate everyone's patience and everyone getting themselves set up and to the meetings. It is really appreciated and I know it is not all that easy for everyone to do but taking the time and doing it is really appreciated.

I also wanted to wish good health and safety to all of you, my fellow colleagues, all your families and all the citizens of Nashua. I think everyone has done a tremendous job helping each other out. It is something we

have never seen. But I think everyone has risen to the occasion and really been there for each other. So thank you all for that.

Committee announcements:

President Wilshire

No Committee assignments?

Alderman Dowd

We do have a Budget Meeting on the 16th, this is Thursday at 7:00 and it will be covering all City Revenues. So that's a whole part of the budget, if you want to be able to comment on it, information will be going out from Donna on the meeting notice.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE APRIL 14, 2020, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken to adjourn the Board of Aldermen meeting which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk