

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber and via Zoom teleconference which meeting link can be found on the agenda and on the City's website calendar.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman Ernest Jette led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. If you are participating via Zoom, please state your presence, reason for not attending the meeting in person, and 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 12 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Cathey, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Clemons, Alderman Comeau, and Alderwoman Timmons were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton, were also in attendance.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

There were a few things I wanted to mention. First I wanted to give you some insight into R-22-040 something which has to do with the overlay account. What the overlay account is a reserve account that will enable the City to pay for property tax abatements when they are either agreed to by the Assessing Department or granted by one of the deciding bodies - the Board of Land & Tax Appeals or the Superior Court. We made an estimate regarding what the overlay would be with the knowledge that there was a lot of variability because of COVID. COVID and other factors have affected in a negative way the value of many commercial properties. So we were aware that many commercial properties would seek abatements this year as they had in prior years. We allocated \$3.5 million to overlay with the knowledge, and there was already some in the account, that there was a reserve that protect us from any kind of overage in the amount of \$1.5 million. So we were conservative. We wanted to tax people as little as we could on this for this purpose and in the end, the amount that was allocated into overlay given the abatements that have occurred was not sufficient and therefore we needed to draw into the reserve account and this resolution transfers the reserve account into an abatement purpose. The reserve was specifically for abatements. It transfers the funds so that they could be used for the purposes for which they were saved. We will still have some money left at the end but I wanted to at least give you some insight into that resolution and we will discuss the details at the Budget Committee and I believe there will be a public hearing as well.

I wanted to mention 0-22-15 which is Greeley Park Advisory Committee. This received the unanimous support of the Personnel Committee. This ordinance mirrors exactly the legislation that created the Advisory Committee for Mine Falls Park with one change and that is that the river running adjacent to Mine Falls is of course the Nashua River so there is a member of the Nashua River Watershed Association on the Mine Falls Advisory Committee. In the Greeley Park legislation, there is instead of Nashua River Watershed, a member of the Lower Merrimack Advisory Committee. Obviously the Greeley Park is adjacent to the Merrimack River as opposed to the Nashua River. When the last park study was done, the two parks that were designated city parks, in other words of citywide significance, were the two that I've already mentioned - those being Mine Falls and Greeley so this will just equalize it. I think you will find this will engage more people in the park. We'll be able to more easily organize citizen cleanups and create more people involved in the park. So I hope you will follow the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approve this ordinance.

I wanted also to mention Madam President that the Housing Trust Fund legislation is on the agenda. There is an amendment but nothing that is any kind of problem, so I hope you will endorse that as we move forward trying to assist with the problem of affordable housing in the City.

I also wanted to mention Madam President that a former Nashua resident, someone who grew up in Nashua, Joe Grandmaison passed away recently. He was a native of Crown Hill, Allds Street, right across from Danelly's. I think it was 92. I think it was the house that he grew up in. He became a national political figure in the Democratic Party. He ran Dukakis' campaign at one point but just received a lot of renown over the years but he never forgot where he came from which was a working class family. I believe his father served on the School Board here and that is a sad event that Joe Grandmaison a very significant Nashuan passed away.

I wanted to mention Madam President a couple of the activities which are coming up. First of all the Pride Parade is going to take place on Saturday, June 25th. We have not held the parade live for two years now because of COVID but the last two times we did hold it, it was a very active event, brought in a lot of people, a lot of excitement downtown so I hope you can consider joining us for that.

And finally, I wanted to mention July 4th the Independence Day celebration and fireworks. We do have a city box which at various times we have offered to public officials but last year in lieu of that, we made it available to kids in the community and that seemed to work out really, really well. The kids really enjoyed it and so we talked with several of the agencies and the one that was most interested in taking us up on having their kids use the box was Girls, Inc. So Girls, Inc. will have kids be able to watch the fireworks from the suite above Holman Stadium and I'm sure they will have greatly enjoy it and I think we'll offer a great experience to a few kids who never have been able to see the fireworks from that kind of perspective. So I hope you don't mind, but again, we're going to sacrifice ourselves a little and let the girls from Girls, Inc. enjoy themselves on that holiday. And I think that Madam President that is all I have for tonight

President Wilshire

Thank you Mayor.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you and I just wanted to say thank you for bringing up the Pride. It is coming up on the 25th and I just wanted to reiterate that we are starting at 2:00 p.m. from Elm Street. That's when the parade starts and there's a festival after. We're still doing the same route down to the library. We're still looking for volunteers if people would like to help pitch in on the day of and if you missed being able to get your shirts, we will have a bunch on hand at the event that you can buy.

President Wilshire

Anyone else?

RECOGNITION PERIOD – None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Special and regular Board of Aldermen meetings of the April 25 and April 26, 2022 be accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: David R. Heath, Treasurer, Nashua Airport Authority
Re: Summary of Financial Position and Operating Results

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication as read and referred it to the Budget Review Committee.

From: Larry D. Goodhue, Chief Executive Officer of Pennichuck Corporation
Re: Request for Approval of Loans from the New Hampshire State Revolving Fund to Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. AMENDED from May 24, 2022 Letter

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication as read and was included in the Pennichuck Water Special Committee held earlier this evening.

From: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Division Director
Re: Amendment #1 to Approved FY2023 Capital Improvement Program

From: Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager
Re: Communications Received from the Public

From: Lisa Fauteux, Public Works Division Director
Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen – R-22-029

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communications and placed them on file.

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: Follow Up Memo/Communication on Keefe Auditorium – Relative to Elm Street Middle School Feasibility Study

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication as read and referred it to the Committee on Infrastructure.

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: Communication – Approval & Place on File A Contract for Professional Engineering Services related to the Nashua Downtown Riverfront Implementation Project with H.L. Turner Group

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: Communication – Approval & Place on File a Contract Amendment for Professional Engineering Services related to the Nashua Downtown Riverfront Implementation Project VHB, Inc. for Water Street Design Services

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communications as read and referred them to the Finance Committee.

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

President Wilshire

I have one person signed up and one person online. Francis Murphy?

Francis Murphy

My name is Francis Murphy. I live at 72 Berkeley Street and I rise to speak in favor for the proposed Ordinance on Greeley Park. The Ordinance calls for a member of the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee to be on it. I am the current Chair of the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee. I know the limited role of what an Advisory Committee can do as set forth in the proposed legislation. It can advise and comment. We have no authority at the Lower Merrimack River does any advisory committee has no authority to implement legislation or issue any orders.

Let me digress just one moment. Frederick Law Olmstead on Saturday there were three articles about Frederick Law Olmstead in the Boston Globe. Who was he and why? The Globe tells us about him. He was the country's foremost prominent proponent and shaper of public policy, public space. As the father of landscape architecture, he created (inaudible) designs in the US Capitol grounds in Washington, DC, and New York Central Park, and our Greeley Park, as well as Boston's Emerald Necklace. As the Globe subtitle says "it's impossible to imagine Boston without its Emerald necklace designed by the man considered to be the father of landscape architecture". He left his stamp on the city Park in Nashua. As far as I know there is no other city park in New Hampshire that has the Olmstead involvement. The Anderson property on Concord Street also has some architectural design there.

The pedigree of Greeley Park is important. Greeley was a descendant of the forebearers who fought in the Revolutionary War and Matthew Thornton who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence for New Hampshire. So it has a special pedigree. The signature spot on Greeley Park is the Stone House. The Stone House was a gift from Joseph Cotton another prominent city father. It is probably the most photographed place in the City, especially this time of year. There are prom photos, graduation photos, and June is bridal photos.

Alderman O'Brien

30 seconds.

Francis Murphy

Unfortunately, it is in need of structural repair. I think the Advisory Committee would advocate for the restoration of that consistent with the spirit of Frederick Law Olmstead. Thank you.

Laurie Ortolano

Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. I wanted to speak about the Housing Trust Fund Committee that's being established. I feel this item should be tabled and explored further. I am a little bit concerned that there was no discussion on how this Housing Fund Committee or Trust Committee operates differently from the Nashua Housing Authority. You know when I look on the City website for descriptive information on the Nashua Housing Authority and their mission, it really does give one. Manchester has a very extensive website on their Manchester Housing Authority. But that organization covers low income housing, affordable housing, Section 8 housing, Meals on Wheels, and all kinds of programs.

So what is the purpose of this new Housing Board with seven members versus the Nashua Housing Authority with their five Commissioners and their host of people that provide services for assistance? I feel we do a lot of overlap in this City and I'd like to see a list given to the Board and to the public that shows all the services or organizations in the City that provide housing resources for people, what amount they provide, what sources of funding they have before we essentially establish another Expendable Trust Fund to do just that. I understand the need for housing and I understand the issue but it's almost like the Nashua Housing Authority isn't doing the job adequately so we've started another housing group of internal people to do it. I do not support having the two City people - Tim Cummings and Matt Sullivan be the Chair and Vice Chair of that Committee and be voting members. I think it should not be structured that way. It's too much of an inside City Hall group and I think if you want the perspective of what's going on...

Alderman O'Brien

One minute.

Laurie Ortolano

...then you should definitely set that up differently. Your Nashua Housing Authority your voting members are five Commissioners. Your group calls for a lawyer. You have Helen Honorow on the Nashua Housing Authority. It calls for a building expert. You have Mr. Moynihan on the Nashua Housing Authority. You have the other Attorney Eric Wilson on the Nashua Housing Authority. You have an insurance executive on the Nashua Housing Authority and another gentlemen.

Alderman O'Brien

30 seconds.

Laurie Ortolano

So I really feel like we need more information and somebody I'd like to tell me why that isn't an overlapping committee and function. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Is there anyone else on Zoom? Seeing no one.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess
Re: Multi-Year Contract Award - Single Stream Recycling

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GOUVEIA TO APPROVE, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING OF THE CITY OF NASHUA'S SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLES AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$400,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 FOR THE THREE YEARS, TO CASELLA RECYCLING, LLC, OF CHARLESTOWN, MA, PENDING APPROVAL OF THE FY23 OPERATING BUDGET AND SUBJECT TO ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVALS. THE TERM OF THIS CONTRACT WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH: DEPARTMENT: 168 SOLID WASTE; FUND: SOLID WASTE; ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION: 55 OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES

President Wilshire

Is there discussion on that Motion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: ARPA Funding Framework

This was tabled at Human Affairs Committee meeting on June 13, 2022.

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Appointments by the Mayor

Cultural Connections Committee

Nonyem Egbonu (re-appointment)
c/o Interfaith Council
P.O. Box 209
Nashua, NH 03061

Term to Expire: April 30, 2025

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the nomination and referred him to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.

Joint Convention with the Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees

There being no objection, President Lori Wilshire declared that the Board of Aldermen meet in joint convention with The Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees for the purpose of re-electing Trustees Robert McIntosh and Douglas Gagne and called for a nominations.

Trustee Maffee nominated Robert McIntosh and Douglas Gagne for a five-year term both to expire on March 31, 2027.

A viva voce roll call was taken on the re-appointments of Robert McIntosh and Douglas Gagne which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Cathey, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Wilshire	13
	Trustee Andrade, Trustee Hollis, Trustee Lozeau, Trustee Maffee, Trustee McIntosh, Mayor Donchess	6
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

President Wilshire declared Robert McIntosh and Douglas Gagne duly re-appointed to The Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees with terms to expire March 31, 2027.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel to Robert McIntosh.

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared that the Joint Convention now arise.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Human Affairs Committee..... 04/18/2022, 05/02/2022, 05/09/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the April 18, May 2, and May 9, 2022 regular and Special Human Affairs Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee.....04/19/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 19, 2022 Planning & Economic Development Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee.....04/20/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 20, 2022 Finance Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee.....04/25/2022, 05/05/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the April 25, and May 5, 2022 Budget Review Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure..... 04/27/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 27, 2022 Committee on Infrastructure be accepted and placed on file.

There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for the oral report of the Human Affairs Committee meeting held last night regarding proposed Resolutions R-22-025 and R-22-037 and the communication from Director Cummings on ARPA funding.

Alderman Lopez

So we met multiple times regarding the CDBG discussing the structure of it, discussing the different needs that were being presented, and we made sure all of that was made available to the public and it be documented. Ultimately we were not awarded the same level of CDBG that we anticipated so we had to make some minor adjustments. The adjustments that we made were to programs that have existing balances and that can benefit from additional funds that may be available due to staff compensation being available. Several staff members in Urban Planning have left over the past year, so the remainder of their salary was budgeted to previous CDBG's and we were assured by this make-up that all of the non-profit organizations that were looking for CDBG funding for projects won't have their funding altered in any way.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Lopez.

There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for the oral report of the Pennichuck Water Special Committee meeting held prior to tonight's Board of Aldermen meeting regarding proposed Resolutions R-22-036 and R-22-039.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. Just prior to this meeting we had a Pennichuck Water Special Committee meeting where we heard the two Resolutions that have been mentioned - R-22-036 and R-22-39. One is the extending of a line of credit and the other one is actually a loan. The reason for having to have a special meeting and for such quick turnaround of something like this is that in order to be able to get the line of credit as well as the loan, it has to happen by the end of June. The way meetings are done and so on, that's why we kind of introduced it really quickly at least one of them on Monday.

It takes approximately 60 days for the bank to be able to authorize the line of credit, as well as the loan, and the amount, and so on. They take their financials at the end of March and they submit this in. Based on their standings obviously, the line of credit will be given.

A quick overview of the line credit is just simply that it's not a loan so that is what I believe R-22-036 is the line of credit. They have a continual line of credit that they use for - I'm trying to find the proper words here - they use it as they need it. So as they said, they use it on a daily basis. They pay it back, they use it, they pay it back, use it. It's to keep that constant flow of cash going. Unlike some businesses, it's very cyclic. During the summer, they have more money that comes in. In the fall, they have less money that comes in. So that's how they do it. When we do get to it, I can explain a little bit more, but they do what they call an annual clean out of this. It's part of the prerequisite of 30 days. They have to make sure they have paid it all up for a 30 day period to show that they are of good standing. That's kind of the lending as far as line of credit is concerned.

And the revolving loan, again, it's for two projects. One is for the community water supply - \$300,000 for that - for the Twin Ridge in Plaistow, NH. The other one is \$240,000 for the community water supply of Sweet Hill also in Plaistow. Based on the conversation with Mr. Goodhue, we discussed they're getting a very favorable rate. He could not give us an exact rate because they don't necessarily going to take it right away. It also has to get approval by the PUC. It's not just the matter of

the City of Nashua, the sole shareholder, saying “yay” or “nay”. They need to get PUC approval as well as the Governor and Executive Counsel have to approve it as well. That probably will not happen by September. They feel that they will get about a 2.5%. If they could do it right now, I think they said the rate would be like 1.57% but that isn't going to happen before September. So all that being said, this is the reason why it comes in so quickly and with very short notice. Mr. Goodhue did answer all of our questions and I feel very comfortable putting this forward to the Board and it did come through with a favorable approval. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Klee.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Board of Registrars

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of William Grady, 14 Tinker Road, Nashua, to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire May 1, 2025.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Conservation Commission

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new alternate appointment of Richard Widhu, 23 Syracuse Road, Nashua, to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2025.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Cultural Connections Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the following reappointment and new appointment to the Cultural Connections Committee: Deepa Mangalat, 18 Wild Rose Drive, Nashua, for a term to expire February 28, 2025; and Claudia Decker, 59 Robinson Road, Hudson, for a term to expire May 24, 2025.

Oath of Office will be administered at a later date.

Nashua Arts Commission

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the following new appointments to the Nashua Arts Commission: Joseph Olefirowicz, 35 Newbury Street, Nashua; Deanna Hoying, 361 Whitford Street, Manchester; and Lauren Spira-Savett, 39 Coburn Avenue, Nashua, all with terms to expire May 31, 2025.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-025, Amended

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Given its third reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO AMEND R-22-025 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY OF AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JUNE 13, 2022

President Wilshire

Motion is to amend. Discussion on that Motion? Alderman Cathey?

Alderman Cathey

Thank you Madam Chair. I just have two clarifying questions if I may? The first one being do these grants require any matching funds or just straight grants for us?

President Wilshire

That is a straight grant. We are an entitlement community so we get that without matching funds.

Alderman Cathey

The second question I had was item #14 says there is no money being allocated for contingency in the case that reserve funds would be needed. Where would that money be coming from? I know it gets approved by us but would it come straight out of General Fund or is there a specific place that it would come from?

President Wilshire

As Alderman Lopez alluded to earlier, there has been a vacancy in that Department for some time. At the end of this Fiscal Year which is June 30, they will calculate what funds there are left through attrition and that will go back into the fund.

Alderman Cathey

Okay great. Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome. Motion is to amend. Any further discussion on that? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-025 AS AMENDED**President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage. Discussion on that Motion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-025 declared duly adopted as amended.

R-22-027

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,700,000) FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CATHEY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-027ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

You've heard the Motion, is there discussion on that motion?

Alderman O'Brien

Yes, thank you Madam President. I just want to say as we vote on this most of us that know electronics it doesn't take a very long time for something that is electronic to go obsolete and our radio system is one of them. Our Fire Department depends upon it, our School Department depends upon it so therefore I am in total support of this. From time to time, we'll see this come up again as these radios. Some of them do take a pounding and some of the equipment. They're used 24/7. So we'll see this again but right now it's sorely needed. Thank you Madam President.

President Wilshire

You're welcome. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-027 declared duly adopted.

R-22-029

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO BORROW AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,900,000) 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 DRY WELL VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-029ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

This is regarding our wastewater treatment plant and the Superintendent Boucher spoke to the Board of Public Works and to the Budget Review Committee and explained that all of the wastewater in the City goes through this wastewater plant. It goes through one main pipe. It's a 36" steel pipe and there's a pump that pushes it up two stories. During the recent 20-Year Facility Plan, they did some pipe thickness testing of this pipe and it has significant wear and has to be replaced. So it is essential that we keep this wastewater treatment plant going. Interestingly, I don't know how many people know this, there's 50 million gallons a day of sewerage that flows through this pipe. So it needs to be replaced and we cannot neglect this any further and so the Committee's both voted unanimously to approve this I ask that you do the same.

President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage of Resolution R-22-029. Further discussion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-029 declared duly adopted.

R-22-030

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman John Cathey
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$25,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY", ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY" TO DEPARTMENT 109 "CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 56 "OUTSIDE AGENCIES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELDERLY

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-030

President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage. Is there discussion on that Motion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-030 declared duly adopted.

R-22-031

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman John Cathey
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE SOUHEGAN VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE, NASHUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVIER UNIVERSITY, TOWN OF HUDSON AND TOWN OF MERRIMACK FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-031

President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage. Discussion on that Motion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-031 declared duly adopted.

R-22-036

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING PENNICHUCK CORPORATION TO RENEW AND EXTEND ITS LINE OF CREDIT WITH TD BANK,

N.A.

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-036

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much. I briefly spoke about this or not so briefly spoke about this at the very beginning when it was introduced for its first reading. This is a working line of credit and it's really referred to as a "safety net". It allows them if funds get depleted that they stay on cash ready and so on. As I stated that there is a clean-up period of 30 days every single year, it is a two year, \$4 million line of credit. It will expire on 6/30/2024. The current one expires on 6/30/2022. All of the terms are the same as in the previous year.

As I stated earlier that during summer months, there's more revenue that comes in during the fall and other months that people aren't watering their lawns, or filling their pools, or so on there is less revenue coming in. So this keeps them flush. There are times when they put money in their account and times that they're taking money out to pay for bills and so on. They stated that this is used daily. So it's used daily as either to pay it off or to use it. So I hope that we have a favorable - and I did ask them the question and they addressed it during the meeting why is this such a rush and so on and as I stated before, it takes 60 days for TD Bank, which is a commercial bank to give them the appropriate approval. They cannot start until their financials close on March 30th. So that gives them April and May that they have to get it through and that's why we tend to rush a little bit on this particular thing. There's nothing nefarious going on or anything, it's just the way business happens. Being the end of the fiscal year and so on, they do need it by the 30th of June. I'm happy to answer any questions if necessary.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Madam President. So this line of credit. It's like having a credit card except they're constantly paying it off, taking some money, paying it off, taking some money. The only way we would really be in trouble here in any way is if they defaulted on it or they couldn't pay the money back, right? Other than that, it's business as usual pretty much or?

Alderman Klee

I'm not sure that I'm capable to answer that. I think Attorney Bolton.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

The City of Nashua is never liable for the debts of Pennichuck. So the only way we can get in trouble is absolutely no way.

Alderman Thibeault

That's a great answer. Thank you.

President Wilshire

That's a good one. Further discussion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-036 declared duly adopted.

R-22-037

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$1,031,630 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO VARIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITIES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-037

President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage. Discussion on that Motion?

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-037 declared duly adopted.

R-22-039

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING PENNICHUCK CORPORATION AND PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC. TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-039

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

I believe this has been fully explained by Alderman Klee and it's like at 2.5%.

President Wilshire

Further discussion?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I just want to reiterate that it is a revolving loan through the State of New Hampshire and as I stated, they may have been able to get a little bit better but because they're half way through September where the PUC which is the Public Utility Commission has to approve it, then the Executive Council and the Governor will also give it final stamp of approval, and then they will be able to go forward to it. It is for two projects - a \$300,000 community water system for Twin Ridge in Plaistow, New Hampshire, and a \$240,000 community water system in Sweet Hill, Plaistow.

Just as side note, this is all part of the 11 communities which also include Nashua but this does not affect the Nashua waters and so. I think that's basically just the additional information that I had restated but wanted to state it here as well.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Motion is for final passage.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-039 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-22-015

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman John Cathey
Alderman Derek Thibeault

ESTABLISHING A GREELEY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO FURTHER AMEND O-22-015 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY WITH THE FOLLOWING EDIT: UNDER §12-42, SECOND TO LAST SENTENCE, STRIKE “A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OR” AND CHANGE THE WORD “ANY” TO “AN”

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Kelly

I think that was the right way to do but the last two sentences actually contradict each other and this was to fix that.

Alderman Clemons

I turned 40 in March and now I'm losing my eyesight and my hearing. Can you repeat the amendment?

Alderman Kelly

Hey, I'm right there with you.

So the Motion is to further amend the golden rod copy by changing the third to last sentence in 12-42. We would be removing “a member of the Board of Aldermen or” and changing the word “any” to “an”. So it would read “no member of the advisory committee shall be an employee of the Board of Public Works and Recreation Department”. So as you can see, it's fighting the last sentence.

Alderman Sullivan

I would like to make a motion to amend this ordinance by striking “Greeley Park” and substituting it with “a city-wide park advisory committee”.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN TO STRIKE “GREELEY PARK” AND SUBSTITUTING IT WITH “A CITY-WIDE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE”

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you. I watched the Personnel Committee talk about this and debate it. As I was watching it, I could kind of sense from the group that there were questions about perhaps turning this into a city-wide advisory committee for all of our parks. I thought about it and I thought when I saw this tonight it would be an opportunity to take care of all the parks in the City of Nashua in addition to obviously Greeley Park. I think what this does essentially is it prevents siloing because if you have a Greeley Park Advisory Committee, and then where I am you have Roby Park, and you have all these different advisory committees and people sit on them, I think it can cause siloing and that's a bad thing at least in the world of business.

I think here but it allows it to do is to kind of increase the brain trust and increase the ability of this body to oversee all of our parks. I see this as an opportunity to build a committee where you would have think of it here where you might have a couple three members specifically assigned to Greeley Park and then you would have at-large members that would oversee different areas of the City. I think what that allows it to do is, again, speak to the larger vision of all our parks in Nashua and it prevents “whataboutism”. So if we leave tonight, what about my park? What about St. Andrews Park in Ward 9? Why don't they get one? This prevents that. We have the opportunity here. We're motivated, we're focused,

we're all thinking about our parks. This gives us the opportunity to take care of everything with one vote and that would be my motion.

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much. While I completely understand what my colleague to my left is stating, I did speak with Public Works and the last thing they want is an advisory board for all of the parks whether it be generic or so on. When I spoke to them about this particular one, they reached out to me after having seen the last meeting that references and they had a complete kind of anxiety that we were going to do just that - to create an advisory for all the parks. That's what the Board of Public Works is for and we are usurping their authority if we do something like this. The difference between what has been recommended of doing a generic advisory committee and whether that would be to also throw in to eliminate the Mine Falls one and to throw that in here, I don't know if that's what the intent is but the main reason for having a separate Greeley Park Advisory is much like we have for the Mine Falls one. It's a very large park in that it has a different view towards all the other parks. I have Tot Lots in Ward 3. I know others have other little parks and so on. Roby is a very large park. I think Roby is probably our third largest park in the City.

The difference here with Greeley Park is Greeley Park technically has a non-official Friends of Greeley Park. Someone had said to me well if we do this aren't we kind of creating nimby of some sort, which is for those who don't understand it's not in my back yard type of thing. The answer is "no" it will not. What it does is it takes this Friends of Greeley Park, which are really Ward 3 residents, and they kind of unofficially look over the park and kind of give information. What this would do is it would say this Greeley Park is not Ward 3. This Greeley Park is the City of Nashua and we would put people from the City not just Ward 3. Then it actually is the opposite of nimby. It is not creating that kind of thing and it legitimizes. It's the same thing with the Mine Falls Advisory Park because it is a large park, because it does have a connective waterway, and so on. There's a whole lot of issues that go on with it in that there is park clean-up. There's kind of watching over things. While the Board of Public Works does a phenomenal job in that it's kind of what we did with some of the trust funds like for 12 Court Street, we kind of took it out of the general definition of a building and said that this is something a little bit different. Just like we did with Mine Falls, this is different and it deserves its own kind of advisory committee.

As the speaker who spoke earlier mentioned, it's an advisory committee. It's going to be creating like a tick list or just a - this is something to bring to the Board of Public Works, to bring to maybe the Board of Aldermen and they have no authority to spend. They have no authority to authorize anything. It's just kind of something of that nature. It's basically as you can see it's a citizens group that involves the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee - a member from them, and so on, as well as citizens. The difference between this as the Mayor pointed out and the Mine Falls Advisory is that the Mine Falls Advisory has a different waterway personnel on it. What also makes us different is there's a Board of Alderman on this Committee.

We spoke about putting a person of Public Works on the committee and Public Works said please no don't do that either. I think it was actually brought up that we don't have the authority really to say someone from Public Works would go on there. They are volunteer. They are understaffed, overworked and it was something we did not want to do. It's one thing that we put an Alderman on there but something different. So this is not the same as doing that. The Board of Public Works or at least Public Works in general - I shouldn't say the Board. I don't want to speak to them. I did not speak to those member but Public Works in general would be very much against a generic advisory committee. So I would strongly recommend voting against that. While I think it was well meaning and it was a discussion that happened, I think it would go in the face of what one of our departments is really looking for.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

So I plan to vote against this. It was discussed in the Committee and I think it would be a square peg in a round hole with this as its written. As Alderman of Ward 4, I have a number of small parks that need attention. Mayor Donchess is aware that I'm trying to get neighbors together to work on renovating or upgrading the skate park which is called the "Ash Street Skate Park" but is actually more of a BMX park at this point. I don't really see a role for the Lower Merrimack Advisory Committee to really weigh in on that or help. I'm not aware of their skill in that. So I think by creating a committee that serves all, you're going to create a committee that serves none. Some of the smaller parks that I have that I represent like Los Amigos Park for example, they may have needs for short term renovations like we need our annual mulch done but that's kind of my job as an Alderman to make sure my local area, and my residents, and my constituents that have concerns are being given the attention they deserve. So I work with Parks & Recreation. If there is development need, I

work with the development department. I organize neighbors when they need to do clean-ups and that kind of stuff. I think just creating an advisory committee would let future versions of me not feel like they have to do that or to refer somebody else to it. I don't know that an aldermanic liaison who is assigned to a committee that is presenting the entire City is really going to give each individual park the attention it deserves.

So while I understood the conversations as they unfolded in the Committee, and I participated, I also understood trying to create a "one size fits all" situation really just eliminates the years of good that the Mine Falls Advisory Committee has been doing - volunteering, organizing, clean-up events, all that type of things, and neutralizes the possibility of having something similar happening in Greeley Park. I think parks the size of Greeley Park and Mine Falls have very different needs than parks the size of the Ash Street Skate Park. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Madam President I have two quick things. One is a comment about what we're talking about. The other one is that sign in the back of the plate. We're not supposed to have any signs up. It's got to come down.

President Wilshire

Yes, please remove that sign from the room please.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you. In regards to this, it feels like we're talking about two different issues. One is really a lot of the little parks. I know Roby is a bigger one but we have a ton of little parks and they all need work. Greeley is our center and it takes a lot of work. Greeley is a lot of work. There's a lot of things going on there – waterways. We just had the prom there. I have pictures if anybody wants to see. I think Greeley is a gem and I think we do need people just like Mine Falls because I think and we talked about it in committee. The Mine Falls Advisory Committee did a great job of bringing things to the former Aldermen that were able to make it better than what it was. And again like Alderman Klee said, we don't have to do anything. They can come in here and say we want this, and that, and this, and that, and we don't have to approve that. But it's nice to have people who are very passionate about that park.

If we have a committee that three year, two year, four year, they're all going to be passionate about their thing and it's going to be hard to get ideas for specific parks I think. I was okay with a city-wide advisory with the exception of Greeley and Mine Falls but it sounds like even now the Board of Public Works or Public Works doesn't want that so. But I would vote against the motion just because I think Greeley Park is too big. It's just like Mine Falls where there's a lot of pieces to it and a lot of things that we have to listen to and be advised about. That's where I fall on that.

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. I just want to point out I totally support this, but what is concerning to me is I'm going to apply the State House Rules. If you got one amendment pending, we have the Kelly amendment and we have the Sullivan amendment. So I've got to ask the question, is this ready for prime time? So Madam President through you can I ask the Chair would the Chair be open to referring this back to Committee to discuss it because I don't see a 5-alarm fire to it?

President Wilshire

You can make a Motion to do that?

Alderman O'Brien

No, I would like to...

Alderman Kelly

I am the Chair, can I respond?

Alderman O'Brien

...if that's okay.

Alderman Kelly

I would entertain it, but I would like everyone who had their hands up to have the opportunity to speak on that.

Alderman O'Brien

Oh and that's fine. I'm okay. Others can speak. It was just happened to be my turn Alderman Kelly but the thing is if it's not ready, I think we could do a really good job with this. I'm supportive of it. I'm not against it, but it needs to be vetted better.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. In my opinion, the original legislation was vetted very well. The original legislation was about Greeley Park and creating an advisory committee similar to the Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee and the purpose of it was to make sure that there was a group of people that were dedicated to that Park and the various facets held within it, which are many including the Nashua River, the stage, there's a pool there, there's forest, there's gardens, there's soccer fields, there's all kind of things in Greeley Park. The idea was you have an advisory committee. The advisory committee can oversee and recommend. There are people that do different things. There are people that are dedicated to that park that know the ins and outs of that Park supposedly and can be kind of the eyes and ears for the Board of Aldermen. That's sort of what I saw this as being.

It was vetted very well. What was not vetted was having an advisory committee that oversaw all of the parks. To me in my opinion, that's a separate issue because I still think even if we're going to do that, fair enough conversation, but in my opinion Greeley Park needs to be carved out from that. Because as I had mentioned, Greeley Park is too big a place. I agree with Alderman Thibeault. It's too big of a place and has too many things going on within it to be lumped in with a small park in Alderman Lopez's Ward and things like that. So if we want to talk about having an advisory board for all the rest of the parks, I think that's fair debate. I don't know that I'd necessarily support it. I don't know where I'd go on it but I think it's fair debate. But I don't think Greeley Park that should be a part of that. I think Greeley Park is big enough on its own. It's a gem of a park and it needs its own advisory committee. So I won't be supporting this amendment. I also wouldn't support bringing the original legislation back to the Committee either.

President Wilshire

Alderman Gouveia?

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you Madam President. I have to agree with Alderman Clemons on this. I think the legislation that we came up with in Committee was good legislation. I feel any time we can get a group of people in the community together who want to do a park better, I think that's a good thing. I feel Greeley Park with what it is and what we all know it deserves its own committee. I'm not really against other parks getting as well. I feel the issues in my Ward at Lincoln Park are going to be different than Alderman Sullivan's Kirkpatrick Park. I feel it's a different issue set. I just feel if we have people who want to get together and volunteer time to make a park a better place, who am I to stay no against it. I will not be supporting the amendment and would not support putting it back in Committee as well. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I don't want to muddy the waters nor do I want to see this go back, so I'm going to ask to move the question that was put to us from my colleague to my left.

Alderwoman Kelly

Could I speak on it first please? I literally let everyone else speak on it.

Alderman Klee

I will hold my comment.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. I appreciate your thinking and the amendment that you brought forward. I believe that some of it was stemming from comments that I particularly made. I had concerns about committee creep about well why not Roby end up with a park advisory committee, and the Tot Lots had their own committee, and that was one of the concerns that I had. The arguments that you heard were some of the ones that were vetted at the Personnel which was it's their second largest park. It has a lot of facets. It makes sense for it to have a similar advisory committee to what we've had at Mine Falls for so very long. Then I said, I think that I can go along with this but I think that the other parks need a voice too. My concern was that when we started to have Greeley Park and Mine Falls Park have advisory committees, they're going to bring forward all these things and they're going to get taken care of and the other parks don't get a voice. That was my concern. I think to what Alderman Clemons said, it is a separate issue that I would very much like to see talked about and vetted and that was intent with my comments that evening.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Just to clarify a few things. First of all, we'll have to address each one of the amendments separately.

Alderwoman Kelly

Yes we will.

Alderman Dowd

I didn't hear, and I appreciate what Alderman Sullivan is trying to do in his thought process, but I didn't hear anything in his amendment that did away with the Mine Falls Park. If you can have one group, I think that would have to be handled under separate legislation since it already exists.

The other thing is that we have over 30 some odd parks in the City. If you have one person for every park, you get 30 people in this advisory committee. Trust me you get 30 people in a room, you're not going to agree on anything. It's just going to be a waste of time and I know that the Department of Public Works does not like this having a committee for all their parks because they feel it will be too confusing. We also have the Chairman of the Board of Public Works sitting with us and I'd like to get his thoughts.

Alderwoman Kelly

Is he on Zoom?

Alderman Dowd

He's here. It's the Mayor.

Mayor Donchess

Well by Charter I am Chair of the Board of Public Works.

I couldn't have said it better than Alderman Lopez, Alderman Clemons. Greeley Park has a special status. Last time that we did a park study, the status of city park meaning a city-wide park was given to two parks - Mine Falls and Greeley. So I don't know about the city-wide thing but at this point if we created a Greeley Park Advisory Board similar to or really the same as Mine Falls, I think we're going to get more volunteer involvement. We're going to get more people involved in a park that serves the entire City and really beyond. If you go there on a weekend, there are people from everywhere, all over the City, people who don't have back yards, people who are using the grills, even people from Massachusetts come and use that. So it is really a park of regional significance and therefore I think it deserves its own advisory board like Mine Falls.

President Wilshire

Thank you Mayor. Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you. So from what I've heard, I think I would support an Advisory Committee for Greeley, but I think Alderman Sullivan brings up a good point. When I hear that the Public Works Department doesn't like the idea of a Citizens Advisory Committee advising them about needs of the parks, it kind of raises a red flag in front of me. I wonder why they would not want public involvement to alert them to various issues. I know at one time there was a Park Recreation Committee and I don't remember if they were elected or appointed, but there was a group that kind of oversaw the Park Recreation Department. I don't know if people that have been around longer than me on this Board remember that, but I would personally I would vote for the Greeley Park Advisory Committee but I would encourage Alderman Sullivan to pursue his idea about a committee that would advise the Board of Public Works and the Park Recreation Department about the parks. I'm not aware of all the details but it seems like things have been occurring recently that under the governance of the Board of Public Works about one of our parks it didn't seem to be fully vetted. So I think they could use all the help they can get and I don't know why they would resist it. Those are my thoughts.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

I'm going to reiterate my request to move the question.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO MOVE THE QUESTION
MOTION CARRIED**

President Wilshire

So before us we have Alderman Sullivan's amendment to add all parks.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN TO STRIKE "GREELEY PARK" AND SUBSTITUTING IT WITH "A CITY-WIDE
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE"
MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO FURTHER AMEND O-22-015 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD
COPY WITH THE FOLLOWING EDIT: UNDER §12-42, SECOND TO LAST SENTENCE, STRIKE "A MEMBER OF
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OR" AND CHANGE THE WORD "ANY" TO "AN"**

ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Alderman Sullivan?

Alderman Sullivan

Did Alderman O'Brien make a Motion to refer this back to Committee?

Alderman O'Brien

There was discussion not a motion.

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

If I could, through you, Madam Chair ask the maker of the Motion. Your Motion is to strike "no member of the Advisory Committee shall be and striking "a member of the Board of Aldermen" so it reads: "no member of the advisory committee shall be an employee of the Board of Public Works and Park Recreation Department" but it retains a member of the Board of Aldermen shall serve on the Advisory Committee as a non-voting member. It retains that?

Alderwoman Kelly

Correct. Those were fighting each other.

Alderman Jette

Could I ask what the reasoning is? Why are you making that motion? I assume this motion is different than what the Committee came up with?

Alderwoman Kelly

And this and actually you'll be hearing a lot from me this evening but another golden rod copy there were just a couple of tweaks that didn't make it into these amendments and this just strikes redundancy, right? So it can't say there can't be a member and then say a member of the Board of Aldermen shall serve.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

To the Corporation Counsel. We have this golden rod copy that's coming from a Committee. I believe if we are going to change that golden rod copy that we have to approve the change and then approve the changed amendment?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Well my opinion would be a straight forward way to accomplish what I think the maker of the motion desires to accomplish is first to move that the legislation be amended by replacing it with the golden rod copy and then a motion to further amend by striking the words that Alderwoman Kelly asked to be stricken so that it no longer retains that contradiction in terms where it says "no member will be a member of the Board of Aldermen" and the very next sentence says "a member of the Board of Aldermen shall be a non-voting member".

Alderman Dowd

A quick follow up though. If the amended Motion from the Committee was put on the paper wrong then she is making that editorial correction to actually have the amendment read the way the Committee passed it? Does that need to be done or can it just be administratively changed?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

No. It cannot be administratively changed. The Board of Aldermen passes the legislation. The administration does not. We cannot change a single word of what the Board of Aldermen does. So if it's put down wrong somehow, this meeting is the time to correct it. If there's disagreement as to whether it was put down wrong, this Board can decide what is the right way and adopt it whatever it determines tonight to be the right way.

Alternatively it could be, in fact, rereferred to Committee if some further discussion is deemed necessary but the Committee itself does not make amendments. Does not even make proposed amendments. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Aldermen. That recommendation may be to amend it. That recommendation might further be to pass it with those amendments but it's only a recommendation of the Committee until this Board does something. Until this Board does something, nothing has changed about the piece of legislation from the night it was introduced.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons and then Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderman Clemons

I think I can help everyone here clarify this. I think what we're doing here is word smithing. I think what we are agreeing on from Alderwoman Kelly's amendment or motion if you will - I guess it's a motion is to change the wording of the piece of paper in front of us. I think if we vote on that and then vote to adopt the wording that we have word smithed via this motion, I think we'll accomplish the same goal. There's another one that's coming that's going to be similar so I think we should get a process down right now and do it. I would go along with what we're doing.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. Through you to Attorney Bolton, I just have a clarification question and I don't want to belabor this anymore. My question is the actual motions is replacing it with the golden rod copy of amendments made at Personnel Administrative Committee. So if it's not accurate, how would make that?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

That is improperly worded.

Alderwoman Kelly

Okay. So you would prefer I make a motion to amend by replacing it with the golden rod copy and then further amended it. Is that correct?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Yes. You can propose amendments to two levels before taking a vote.

Alderwoman Kelly

Okay. If I could amend my motion to amend O-22-05 by replacing it with the golden rod copy.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO AMEND O-22-015 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY

President Wilshire

Okay, you've heard the Motion. Discussion on that Motion? Alderman Klee?

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

Just for clarification, so once we vote on this then she will make a Motion? Okay thank you.

President Wilshire

The Motion is to accept the Golden Rod copy. Further discussion? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

If the Motion is to amend by replacing it with the golden rod copy and we pass that, doesn't the golden rod copy then become...?

Alderwoman Kelly

No.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

I think you have to finish your question before I would know how to answer it.

Alderman Jette

I was hoping you'd fill in.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

I don't know what the rest of the question is.

Alderman Jette

So I thought that Corporation Counsel was advising us that we should first make a motion to replace the original legislation with the golden rod copy but then before we vote on that, a motion to amend the golden rod copy would be in order.

President Wilshire

After we vote on that.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Either way. Whatever the will of the Board is.

Alderwoman Kelly

So back to combining the two steps as I did would work is what you're saying? Okay.

President Wilshire

So the motion before us is to amend by replacing it with the golden rod copy. That's the motion? No further discussion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I'd like to move to amend 022-05 further by changing the wording in §12-42 as you all know the second to last sentence will be striking a "member of the Board of Aldermen or" and changing "any" to "an".

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO FURTHER AMEND O-22-015 BY MAKING THE FOLLOWING EDIT: UNDER §12-42, SECOND TO LAST SENTENCE, STRIKE "A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OR" AND CHANGE THE WORD "ANY" TO "AN"

President Wilshire

You've heard the Motion. Discussion on that Motion? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-22-015 AS AMENDED

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Kelly

Thank you for the discussion here. I think there's a lot to take in and I think that Alderman Sullivan and other Aldermen felt similar to me in terms of the other parks needing a voice. I'd love to hear from the Board of Public Works as well as Parks and Recreation about their thoughts around that. I'm willing to give this a try and see what happens.

Again, my concern is Greeley Park is one of our best maintained parks. We're giving them an Advisory Committee and all these other little parks don't have a voice. So I am willing to work in a way that will make everybody feel like they're – if we don't want to micromanage our city departments. They do a good job but I want to make sure the citizens are getting what they want.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you Madam President. I just have one clarifying question for Alderman Kelly or Alderman Klee. Was the point other than the two members that are on the Conservation Commission and the Lower Merrimack Valley River Advisory Committee were the rest supposed to also be from Ward 3 or can they be from throughout the City?

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

No. They are not meant to be - currently there's already an independent group of something called "Friends of Greeley Park" that does work towards trying to get people within the vicinity to take part of the park, and to clean, and do all these type of things, and they do a great job. But the issue is that Greeley Park does not belong to Ward 3 nor does it belong to the people from Berkeley, or Swart, or Bartlett Street, or my street of Maywood Drive. It belongs to you and it belongs to everybody else within the City as does Roby Park, as does Mine Falls, as does every other park within the City. That's been kind of the problem. I think that group of Friends of Greeley noticed that when the controversy came up about the Bartlett property, and all the controversy about nimnie, and Ward 3, and being elitist, and so on, and so forth. I think they took that to heart saying this is not a Ward 3 park. This is a City park just like Mine Falls is and just like anything else. It just happens to live within Ward 3 and that's kind of what it is.

I do take some exception to the fact that Greeley Park is so well maintained and so on. Parks and Recs does do a fine job of it but trust me, it needs a lot of work as does everything else. There are a lot of trails within the park. There are constant organizations and I'm one of them lead to clean the park, to maintain the park, to do things like that. You heard about the Stone House. The Stone House needs work. It needs work inside. We've had pipes that burst. We've had many things that have happened - the stones and so on. It's a historic building. It's a beautiful, beautiful park. It has pickle ball in it. They've taken some of the baseball fields and turned them into soccer fields and so on. The Advisory Park is not going to ask for anything like that. I think it hit everybody that Greeley Park does not belong to Ward 3. Greeley Park is a City park. So I would be very much against if somebody said oh put everybody from Ward 3 on that. Then why do it? We would just have the Friends of Greeley and we really don't need that. We need a Greeley Park Advisory city-wide kind of thing.

Alderman Moran

And that's exactly what I was hoping to hear because it is a city-wide park and I think that people from throughout the City will have input on it. I know I bring my kids there. I've seen many people throughout the different Wards there and I'm glad to hear that.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. I am very passionate about Greeley Park and not just because it's in Ward 3. I am very proud of Greeley Park. I have the pleasure of being able to drive through Greeley Park – literally through Greeley Park because it's to the left and the right as you drive down Concord Street. So drive down Greeley Park. I drive down Manchester Street and I see the other side of Greeley Park. So I do feel very blessed to have it my Ward 3 but it's amazing on any given Saturday or Sunday you see that park filled. You see every picnic table being used. Every grill being used. They move the picnic tables around. This weekend I passed by and there were weddings, there were proms, there was everything you can think of being taking pictures in front of the fountain, in front of the Stone House. I know that there were events at the stage that were going on. The horseshoe pits, the pickle ball courts. They're all being used all the time and I think it was the Mayor who mentioned that it's not just Nashua that are using it. I would say a good amount of those people that are there have Massachusetts plates on them. So it's well known beyond Ward 3. Beyond this. It deserves to have its own advisory.

I think it was well thought out. When your Committee met, one of the things you talked about was the word "silo" was brought up. The word forgetting about the other parks. At that point, I said I would have no problem supporting it. I did get contacted by Public Works - not the Board of Public Works and I need to make that very clear. It was Public Works. Two different groups of people. I did not feel like they were trying to hide anything. I felt like this was going to add one more responsibility to them if we start creating a group with parks because there are so many parks and we suddenly start doing that. I think it was more of an overwhelming feeling than a let's not do this type of thing. We can sit here in judgement and say I think they're trying to hide something and red flag. I think that is being misjudging. I think we should talk to them first. It doesn't mean that you should stop doing what you're doing but I would prefer us not to judge their intent any more than we would want our intent to be judged. So I really do think this is an important thing and I had spoken too much already and I will stop. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Cathey?

Alderman Cathey

Thank you Madam Chair. I am not necessarily not in favor, but I do tend to side with Alderman Sullivan about the other parks. What really came to my mind was government is already a bloated animal with a bunch of different mechanisms, committees. So we're going to add - we already have Mine Falls. We're going to add Greeley well if it passes. Other people have parks that they like. Roby is probably big enough that it deserves one of its own and other people might want committees and then next thing we know we have 5, 10, 15 committees for different parks, which is just overkill. So there definitely needs to be a committee for all the parks.

I do have some concerns about DPW having their own concerns about having these sort of advisory committees. I would prefer if they were working with us to come up with recommendations for how they think the advisory committee should go so it's a hand-in-hand type of thing. I'm also a little confused about what this committee specifically can do than The Friends of Greeley Park cannot or does not argue outside of the fact that they're all from Ward 3. They're already very passionate people taking care of the park so why aren't they looped in? Why aren't we jumping in on them and adding them into this? I don't understand why there needs to be a difference. It just seems like we're adding in another governmental mechanism that we don't necessarily need. I've some concerns about that. I just don't know if it's 100% necessary the way that it is right now. Thank you.

Alderman Klee

May I address the question?

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you. Friends of Greeley Park let's make it very clear is not a governmental thing. It's just a group of neighbors and citizens that have banded together that live and border Greeley Park. It's just a passionate group of people. That's all it is. If I hadn't mentioned it, you would have never even known that they had existed. The truth is that, that's all it is. It's just a park. So they said okay you know what there was something going on so let's go and clean, let's try to do this.

They meet once a month to discuss if there are any things that we can think of that would be helpful and so on. They're a non-committee committee. It's just a group of people that get together in a living room and have it. They have a board - don't get me wrong, they have full disclosure of everything that they do but it is not the same thing as a city committee. They're not going to be bringing advising to that. They would be no different than any other citizen that says "hey do this". I think you might have gotten an email from Mr. Murphy that kind of referenced some of the things about Greeley Park, the uniqueness of Greeley Park. The fact that he brought up the Olmstead and so on goes to show the uniqueness of this particular park. So do not equate The Friends of Greeley Park as a government organization. It is not a city committee. It is just a group of neighbors. I don't think there's anybody outside of the close proximity of Ward 3. I am not a member of it. I've never attended any of their meetings other than the fact that I know they exist.

President Wilshire

Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Madam President. So these things aren't mutually exclusive. We can love Greeley Park and love all the other parks as well. You know I think at the end of the day, and we're going through budget season, but I always think that the DPW, Parks & Rec don't have enough resources. Because I've been dealing with Parks for 12 years as a coach as a President of Cal Ripken and I'm telling you, there's fields that don't ever feel ready. I've gone to them many times and said there is a spot in this field that isn't safe, and can't get fixed, and I'm coaching over at Ledge Street and there's one rake. That is a 90 foot diamond. You have one person with one rake trying to get that field ready to go. So I just think its resources, or its money, or its people or something but we need people to help us with all our parks. I think by doing the same thing we do for Mine Falls for another big park and Olmstead is a big name, I don't know anything about parks and I've heard that name. So it's important that we take care of two biggest parks.

I would not vote for a committee for every single park in the City separately so we have 30 committees. No way. That would be ridiculous. But I too want to know why Parks & Rec, or Public Works, or whatever doesn't want us to do something overall for all these other parks. I think it's critical that we have good parks in the City. We're trying to keep out crime from these parks. We want kids to use these parks. We want adults to use these parks. To Alderman Cathey, he's always talking about having citizens more involved and hearing the public more and this is exactly - so one of us sits on their as a non-voting member but we have a bunch of citizens that care and want to give feedback. It doesn't mean we have to do it, but maybe they have some ideas that we haven't come up with and we can actually do something great like we've done over in Mine Falls. I think the more people participating in government, their voice is heard and I think that's important.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Briefly. I couldn't agree more with the previous speaker. I think these citizen committees are some of the best part of what our government does in Nashua. Whenever we can get the public involved, whenever we can get a group of passionate people together to advise us on the best way forward, I think that's a good thing. That's what this does. I agree with the previous speaker. I don't want a million committees. That would be excessive but I think where it's appropriate, I think any time you can get a group of citizens together to advise the government, that's a good thing.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I hear a couple contradictions being presented here. We are the Board of Aldermen. We're going through the budget process. We just heard from Public Works and all the things that they're doing. There's as much transparency and cooperation from them this year as any year has even been. So saying that there's a red flag or there's alarm bells because they're not saying what we want them to say is not in my mind fair. I think we rely on City staff to give us accurate feedback about some of our ideas that may or may not be so great. So if we were to create a bunch of committees and expect Parks & Rec to be a member of it, obviously that's going to take staff time. So if somebody here is really eager to see them have a staff member dedicated to working in the community, feel free to make a motion to

amend the budget to allow them to have a person to do that but we've been subdividing their staff to do different roles and different initiatives for years. It's not fair to while we're watching the bottom line for taxpayers and looking at the whole picture and comparing different departments, also target them for not having the resources to do something that for us is just a discussion that might be an hour or two in a committee that we either go to or see remotely and have a hands-on. I think we need to listen to our Parks and Rec staff as individuals. I work with them pretty effectively when it comes to parks in my Ward and I strongly encourage local Ward Aldermen to do that. To develop those relationships, work with Lauren Byers, work with Director Sullivan if you think there needs to be development changes and that kind of stuff because that is how you can represent people without creating an advisory board for every single park or an advisory board that somehow is supposed to parse through every park.

If you want to talk about making sure the government doesn't get big and unwieldy, we probably don't want to duplicate the Board of Public Works which is an elected body that oversees this type of area with a non –I don't want to say ineffectual but like a non-funded advisory committee that is going to offer an endless supply of opinions about individuals parks and still miss the majority of the parks because it's impossible to selectively review each individual one on an individual basis unless your paid to do it, unless your department has first-hand knowledge of that like Parks & Rec does. So I think this legislation is addressing the outlier the same way that Mine Falls is an outlier. It's not a typical park. It's much larger. It's much more complex and Parks & Rec benefits from having additional people there to be involved in it. There is nothing saying you can't get neighborhood groups together to clean up parks or to advocate for a change in parks. As elected representatives, we're supposed to be the liaisons for that. So if we don't want bigger government, we can just do our jobs as we're elected to do, look at our parks, and advocate for their needs, and do that kind of work instead of trying to elect a Board to do it for us that doesn't have the ability to do it without checking with us. I think we're just going to create a lot of administrative burdens. I think this is an idea that needs to be very, very thoroughly vetted if we're going to look at a committee for all the parks. There's not evident problem with the Greeley Park in my opinion. The Greeley Park Advisory Board presented here tonight. I think we're making this more complicated and if people are very passionate about taking on these different challenges, then do the work. Start forming legislation and bring it to committees.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I move to rerefer to Committee.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO RE-REFER TO COMMITTEE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Kelly

I think Alderman O'Brien had thoughtful comments on and we then had an hour conversation about it or nobody seems like they are fully confident in what the Board of Public Works thinks about advisories or what an overall city committee could be. I know. I move to rerefer.

President Wilshire

I'm going to hear from Alderman Dowd. Did you have your hand up?

Alderman Dowd

I just wanted to find out where we were on this Ordinance because we seem to be getting off track. We either pass it or send it back to Committee. I think we need to stop discussing it because we're doing what would normally be done in committee and I don't think we need any more discussion on it.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

I just am requesting a roll call on the pending Motion to re-refer.

President Wilshire

To re-refer?

Alderman Clemons

Yes.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you. I completely disagree. Will not obviously will not support a re-referral. I think the Committee discussed it in nauseum to the point of making the amendment. I think the fact that it was brought up to create an overall committee was an incorrect action obviously as I voted against it as did the rest of the Board. I don't think that this is being discussed other than the fact, and I hate to put it this way, its Ward 3 and its Greeley Park. I think there's nothing wrong with this the way it's been put. I'm not happy and I apologize for being emotional about this. I don't think it's necessary to go. I think we discussed it as a Committee. I think we discussed it here. I don't think any new piece of information is going to go through and I want to move the question, and I also back the fact that I do want a roll call. Thank you. And I'm moving the question.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO MOVE THE QUESTION
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO RE-REFER BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Jette, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Clemons,
Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Cathey, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderman Wilshire 9

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-22-015 AS AMENDED

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MORAN TO MOVE THE QUESTION
MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Lopez

May I request a roll call?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran,
Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Cathey, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Wilshire 12

Nay: Alderwoman Kelly 1

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-22-015 declared duly adopted as amended.

O-22-016

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Thomas Lopez

CLARIFYING ANIMAL PROHIBITIONS IN PARKS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-22-016ON THE QUESTIONAlderman Klee

I'd like to speak briefly on this.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

This is nothing more than just changing the current Ordinance or legislation that basically changes it from I want to say "horse and hound" to "pets". It just truly is a clarification of the current prohibition of animals. I spoke to it again quite a bit at the other one, so I don't want to get into too much. I'm happy to answer any questions. It has nothing to do with stopping pets from going through Greeley, or Roby, or Mine Falls, or anything else like that. Where they are allowed now, it will be allowed. What it does is if you're not allowed to bring a dog or a horse, you're not going to be able to bring your pet alligator, boa constrictor, goat, or whatever. Simple as that. Thank you.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-22-016 declared duly adopted.

O-22-017

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ESTABLISHING A HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO AMEND O-22-017 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPYON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Discussion on that Motion? Alderman Sullivan?

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you Madam President. It was brought up in Public Comment tonight. I'd like to get clarification as well because I was thinking about that. What specifically is the difference between the Housing Trust Fund Committee and the Nashua Housing Authority?

President Wilshire

Well, the Nashua Housing Authority is a stand-alone. They're not part of the City per se. They do their own thing. They have their own funding. They don't get funding or anything from the City.

Alderman Sullivan

But is their mission the same?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Sullivan

Okay. One more question?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Sullivan

I was looking through the membership requirements and other than the Aldermen, there is no specification for memberships that they have to be a resident of Nashua.

President Wilshire

I don't have that answer, but I think Alderman Kelly or Alderman Clemons may have the answer. Alderman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. I wanted to speak to the previous question but you're gone too quickly and then I will answer this one.

So we actually talked about that in Committee about Nashua and I asked specifically if it would make it harder for them to find some of these people with this qualifications if they weren't in Nashua. So we made sure that the resident that's on the committee is in Nashua. That is one of the amendments, but that some of the other subject matter expertise doesn't necessarily have to be directly from Nashua. So that was the discussion around that.

In terms of the Housing Fund, this was a piece that I helped (inaudible) here, it's simply to - and we do this all the time - they're a committee that looks at the money that goes into the Housing Trust Fund and decides where we are going to use that money. As it stands now, we actually discussed the framework that Director Cummings brought forward. Funds would go in and then projects would come through. A lot like how we do in either the (inaudible) Committee or Human Affairs and people would request funding for specific projects. So it would be a lot of public/private partnerships to get some more affordable housing in Nashua. It wouldn't necessarily be enough to fund a whole project. It would be here and there, what types of things we can help to support moving forward. So it's purely about the money that goes into that fund and how it gets expended.

Alderman Sullivan

Okay. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Alderwoman Kelly did a wonderful job.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you Madam President. Just a follow up regarding the resident of Nashua. There is no way we could find a licensed New Hampshire attorney that is also a resident of Nashua? I get the idea of pulling from outside for expertise, but I mean attorneys are - there are a lot of them in Nashua. There's an old saying from, I think it was Plato or some philosopher that said, "A society will fall based on the amount of Attorneys they have."

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

There are two in this room.

Alderman Moran

I hope we would do our best to appoint people from Nashua, especially for that particular one unless you're looking for a real estate attorney or something but it doesn't say that here. So I'll go with this.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Sure, I'll try to answer this one. So that was discussed and the hope is that there will be somebody from Nashua that will fill that role. They did not want to put specifically in the legislation real estate attorney because they wanted to keep it open to maybe somebody who, for lack of a better term, understands real estate but also understands the law in general. We wanted to keep this kind of broad and that's why you don't have the residency restrictions. If you think about too if you have a real estate attorney or an attorney who is familiar with real estate that does most of their business in Nashua but happens to live in Pelham but they spend - I don't know about you but where I work or I work from home now but when I used to, I would spend 50% of my time in Lexington, MA. I got to know the area. I got to know that. Especially if you're an attorney and dealing with these types of things. If you're in the City and especially where the court houses are and things like that, the Registry of Deeds, you're part of the City if you're dealing with that. I think to say to somebody "well, we really love your expertise. You'd be a great fit for the committee but unfortunately because you chose to live in Hudson, we can't have you." I think would be an unfortunate thing to happen. So that was kind of the emphasis around why we didn't want to put a residency restriction on there.

I think the idea though is to get somebody that is very familiar with Nashua. I don't think you'd have somebody that was more familiar with Manchester, or Concord, or something like that on this Committee. I think the idea is that you want somebody who's familiar with the locality. Simply because they live outside of the City shouldn't necessarily be a road block for them being appointed. There's plenty of pressing for that on a number of different of these advisory committees. We have very good people that do the majority of their work and livelihoods in the City that know the City very well, but they happen to live in Hollis. They may happen to live even in Massachusetts. So I think that's really the reason why the only one that we wanted to make sure was the person who is actually living in one of those communities that is appointed to be from Nashua. Other than that, I think leaving off the residency requirements was the reason why we didn't do that.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Just to add on to what Alderman Clemons was pointing out. If a person six years from now who's been serving on that committee for five years and then moves to Hudson, then they have to leave their spot? They're very qualified. They know the whole board so I feel like that is kind of tying our hands.

I would also encourage all members of the Board to go to the Nashua Housing Authority meetings at some point and get to know them because they do a very broad scope of work. We repeatedly had conversations when we had, I think, two tenants over the Performing Arts Center that the City's not a great landlord and we don't really want to get into that business. That's a large part of what Nashua Housing Authority does is manage large housing properties.

The intent of this as outlined in the Ordinance has a number of roles. We probably don't want a different organization to be doing, managing our ARPA funds, setting our guidelines, overseeing how we're going to manage affordable housing projects that are the result of our own zoning ordinances. I think that's probably something we should keep in house. I think that's why the Chair of this is meant to be the Director of Development and the Vice Chair is Economic Development

because the role being imagined here is building more housing, using the trust fund, and that's a combination of economics and urban development and urban planning. I think they do perform very different roles and I guess an analogy would be take the names away, it would kind of be like having Neighbor Works run our Housing Trust Fund. That wouldn't make any sense, but they're a similar organization to what our Housing Authority does just in different cities.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you Alderman Clemons and Alderman Lopez for clarifying that. I do appreciate it. I find that this particular type of subject matter, in my opinion, require like a very emotional connection. So hopefully the person is very, very familiar. I would prefer someone who lives and works and here. Yes, it would tie them if they moved to Hudson but who would do that? Who would move from Nashua to Hudson?

I have another question, however. With this committee also maybe look at zoning barriers in the City that would restrict future affordable housing development and then refer back to maybe changes that we can make citywide?

President Wilshire

I don't know the answer to that.

Alderman Moran

Could this Committee do that?

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly, do you want to take a stab at that?

Alderwoman Kelly

Sure, and I had a couple other questions for Alderman O'Brien. I think that the intent of this committee is to expend the funds and really look at where we can be most impactful with those funds. I think zoning is something that is being discussed as part of other things that Director Sullivan is working on and other things as about as deep as my - his knowledge is much deeper than mine but I think zoning is something that needs to be part of how we go forward in terms of affordable housing in this City but it wouldn't be appropriate for this committee. That's just my thoughts.

Alderman Moran

One last statement. Hopefully Director Sullivan is listening. I know I've had conversations with him about rezoning but while this is a great start and I do support this and one I will be voting for it, I do think the City needs to move in a direction of - and say this is in the softest way - build anything anywhere within reason because there is neoliberalism housing initiatives that really crush affordable housing initiatives. Massachusetts is a perfect example. We have people who can't buy their first home because they're priced out of the market, rents are too high, and we need to be re-examining where single family homes are and say if there's a lot that can be taken down, can we build some townhouses instead. But I think that's a conversation we need to have more as a City and with Director Sullivan.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. So I just wanted to wrap the question around if they had to live in Nashua. I think that many previous Aldermen explained some of the discussion. I think the other safe guard that was put in there and I know needs to be further amended was that the BOA would be approving the people who come forward. So we would have those discussions about the people who go on the committee. So we'll still see those people there.

I also think there is something to be said about outside perspective. While I agree that passion for the community is going

to be really important but sometimes you can get very insular looking at your own problem in your own City and sometimes that experience from an outside perspective can really be helpful. So I think a mix is going to be right here and I trust that the Mayor will do his best to make sure the committee members that are pulled forward have a good diverse background for this.

Can I move to further amend? We still haven't voted on this amendment. We're still on the amendment. So Attorney Bolton previously said that we could either make the motion and pass it or we could still further amend, correct?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

You can go to a second level. You can amend a proposed amendment.

Alderwoman Kelly

I would like to further amend. So the further amendment would be under 12-45 Membership; terms A.3. We would like to add "subject to approval of Board of Aldermen". Just to note that these were things that were requested and vetted by the committee. Number 4 same end of the sentence "subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen", and 5, adding "subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen". That was discussed in Committee. It was supposed to go on all of them except for the two and it was omitted.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO FURTHER AMEND O-22-017 UNDER §12-45. MEMBERSHIP; TERMS, A (3) TO ADD AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE "SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN"; A (4) TO ADD AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE "SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN"; AND A (5) TO ADD AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE "SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN"

President Wilshire

Okay. Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. To the Alderman to my right here, your comment about the zoning and potential barriers and so on, I do think that's addressed in 12-44. The establishment of it. D specifically says, "identifying opportunities potential barriers to implementing the City's affordable housing goals and making recommendations.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee, can we stick with the amendment piece?

Alderman Klee

Okay, I apologize. Yes.

President Wilshire

Okay, so we are all clear on what the amendment is?

MOTION CARRIED

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

So what is before you now is the amendment as amended. The golden rod copy as amended. You don't need any more motions, you can just discuss or vote on that.

President Wilshire

Okay. Discussion? Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Madam President. I just want to say one sentence or two sentences. Director Sullivan was on line and Director Cummings. Both of them do not live in the City. One lives out in Portsmouth; one lives down in Massachusetts. I hear he's in Boston all the time and never here. He'll get the joke if he sees this. But I think they do a great job and they know Nashua very well.

President Wilshire

Okay. No further discussion. The motion is for final passage as amended.

Alderman Cathey

There's a motion on the floor right now, right?

Alderwoman Kelly

We already voted on the amendment.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

No you didn't.

Alderwoman Kelly

We didn't?

Alderman Cathey

We voted on your amendment to have Board of Aldermen. Now we have to vote to accept the golden rod that you amended and then we can vote on it after we have the golden rod accepted. Its three steps deep.

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ACCEPT THE GOLDEN ROD COPY AS AMENDED
MOTION CARRIED****MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED**ON THE QUESTIONAlderwoman Kelly

Not discussion. Just quick comment. I promise. I think we got lost in the motions in the motions but I just wanted to say how grateful I am for the support of my fellow Aldermen on this trust fund. It's really important in terms of making sure that affordable housing becomes a real piece that we look for as a City and really move forward to make sure that people can come live here. This will really start to do that. So thank you for your support. I know that there's lots more steps to come. They're going to get appointed, and then they're going to talk about what they're going to do, and what those types of parameters are, and then hopefully we'll put some money in the trust fund, and then some work can get started. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. So the motion is for final passage as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-22-017 declared duly adopted as amended.

O-22-018

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AMENDING ALDERMANIC JOINT COMMITTEES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEAULT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-22-018ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Motion is for final passage. Discussion on that Motion? Alderman Cathey?

Alderman Cathey

Thank you Madam President. Mine is more of a clarification of how this came about. As I read it, there is already language in the Charter that states that this is what should have been done already. Am I understanding that correctly that we're just sort of now backing into what the Charter has told us to do in regards to these Committees and so we're correcting that or is there some other reason why this legislation is before us?

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. Alderman Cathey you're absolutely right. When I was on the Fire Department, somebody thought it was brilliant and changed all the stationary and everything else and decided to call it "Nashua Fire Rescue" because we actually rescued people. I personally rescued several others when it was the Fire Department so it didn't affect me anything.

But in modernization, someone changed the term from "Lands and Buildings" to "Infrastructure". Many years have gone by and since that time if you think solely on the Lands and Buildings, several projects have been built and different things like that and hasn't really come under aldermanic control. So this is really a clarification, and a step back, and an auto-correction is the best way to explain it. I used it at the Committee the other night. It's a little bit of house cleaning that will make it proper as we go forward. In the future, there will be aldermanic control whether it be the police station renovations, fire stations, everything except the school that is separate under the Joint Special School Committee. So this is the other municipality buildings that the City does own.

Alderman Cathey

Thank you. I appreciate that.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes. This is when we started building the DPW building there was struggle to try and formulate the process the way the Joint Special operates. It took us a while to get there. This legislation that is written by Attorney Leonard and I think is phenomenal. She did a good job on this. This is codifying so that we don't have to keep reinventing the wheel every time we build a building whether it's a fire station, or police station, or whatever. The way that it's going to be done will be codified in this Ordinance.

President Wilshire

Further discussion?

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-22-018 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-040

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$160,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 162 "STREET LIGHTING", ACCOUNT 54100 "ELECTRICITY" TO DEPARTMENT 159 "HYDRANTS - FIRE PROTECTION", ACCOUNT 54835 "HYDRANT FEES"
Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-22-041

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 OF FY2022 ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO FUND 7025 "CITY RETIREMENT TRUST FUND"
Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022, by President Wilshire

R-22-042

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$320,000 FROM FY2022 ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO DEPARTMENT 152 "FIRE", ACCOUNT 51330 "SHIFT COVERAGE"
Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022, by President Wilshire

R-22-043

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

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

R-22-044

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 OF FY2022 ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO DEPARTMENT 126 "FINANCIAL SERVICES", ACCOUNT 68500 "ABATEMENTS"

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022, by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None
PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Scaer

Beth Scaer, 111 East Hobart Street. At the May 10th meeting of the Board of Aldermen after I spoke about my Save Women's Sports flag, Alderman Melbourne Moran responded by saying...

Alderman Moran

Point of order. It's Melbourne Moran, Jr. Thank you.

Beth Scaer

Alderman Melbourne Moran, Jr. responded by saying I've had many, many people in the City that have approached me to say that the satanic flag needs to fly with the Save Women's Sports flag in the City because they are so closely related together. These aren't my words. These are the words of my constituents and I just want to share them with you that it may be a good idea and symbolically to have these two flags flying together as they are so closely related. I am a God fearing Catholic. I can't stand on the side of satanic temple but thankfully people like Miss Scaer can lock arms with them and I do appreciate that for the sake of freedom and the freedom of speech for everyone around the country.

In his comments three weeks ago, Alderman Moran claimed the right of free speech saying free speech is uncomfortable but when speaking at the Board of Aldermen, the Aldermen don't have free speech. The Aldermen comply with the Code of Conduct. He claims he must be willing to hear both sides of the story, but what story was he telling except for trying to take me down a notch. What if another Alderman said I've had many people approach me to say the satanic flag needs to fly with the pride flag? I can't stand on the side of satanic temple but thankfully people like Miss Moran can lock arms with them. Think about how all of you would react. I wouldn't blame you if you were beyond furious with an Alderman who said that. It's tragic to hear that Alderman Moran has clients who are suicidal over the Save Women's Sports flag, but this only indicates that they are being steeped in lies about what the Save Women's Sports organization flag stands for. Of course if a depressed person is told my flag means I hate them...

Alderman O'Brien

One minute.

Beth Scaer

...they're not going to feel good about it. Has Alderman Moran entertained the idea that he and his clients are being lied to about the flag? There's absolutely no reason to perceive my flag is about hate or anti-gay. Like Winston Churchill said, "a lie gets half way around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on". That is truer than ever with social media. I brought cards and trifolds with the facts about what is happening with women's sports and would love to share them with anyone here who would love to see them or have them.

Alderman O'Brien

30 seconds.

Beth Scaer

Speaking of people lying to Alderman Moran, someone told him that I wrote an opinion piece about the morning I stood peacefully outside a Coffee with the Mayor event at JaJa Belle's with my flag. Jessica the owner was startled and I asked her – I asked her to call the police because I appreciate it when the police come and clarify where I'm allowed to be. Jessica and I talked and agreed that it was a misunderstanding and there were no hard feelings. I did not write about it. I never intended for this situation to be publicized because I did not want to hurt her business. Thank you.

Steven Scaer

Steven Scaer, 111 East Hobart Street. I'd like to wish all the dad's on the Board and in our City a Happy Father's Day. As we try to address the crises of homelessness, drug addition, mental illness, incarceration and suicide in the Merrimack Valley and in our State, we should remember that the government can't fix all our problems and no government program can replace mom and dad. The rate of children in fatherless homes has risen from about 1 in 20 in 1960 to about 1 in 4 right now and our children have suffered. Although no family is perfect and some parents are abusive, children are growing up without dads are four times as likely to be poor. Young men without dads are three times as more likely to go to jail and they are 279% more likely to carry guns and deal drugs. 85% were likely to exhibit signs of behavioral disorder in middle and high school.

If we're serious about improving our health and welfare of our citizens, we need to infringe dads to be involved in their children's lives. For example, Florida passed legislation to create a creative campaign to promote the importance of toddlerhood and give dads resources to stay engaged in their children's lives. The legislation also provides a mentoring program for at risk fatherless teenage boys so they can have a positive male role model and maybe the closest things to dads in their lives.

Nashua can lead and alleviate human suffering throughout New England by using its resources to promote the importance of fatherhood through public campaigns and also work to help dads stay involved in children's lives. So thank you and Happy Father's Day.

Laurie Ortolano

Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. A couple things about the development of the Housing Trust Committee. I sort of disagree with what President Wilshire stated that the Nashua Housing Authority is independent of the City. They might be independent but when you look under volunteer boards and committees, they are listed as a committee of the City and are governed by RSA 91-A and must post their agendas and meeting minutes. The authorities that are responsible for doing that do so because they perform or to be a business that is linked to the City and often financially linked to the City that requires them to comply with 91-A. That Committee has two liaisons, board members who are appointed to serve on our Nashua Housing Authority, and our attendance isn't good on that Committee. In the last 6 months, we've only had an Alderman attend one meeting. I would recommend that the Planning Board - and what I noticed is most other municipalities the appointment of a member to their Housing Authority is through their Planning Board. Their Planning Board attends the Housing Authority meetings. Our Planning Board does not. Don't have a Planning Member that goes there and I think if Matthew Sullivan is going to be on this Committee, he should be assigned to be on that Committee as well because there is overlap and some parallel. I think we should try to understand that a little bit more.

With regard to the parks, I really like what John Sullivan recommended. I think there should be an oversight group. I don't know why the Board is opposed to allowing volunteer committees that work outside of being a government agent or government recognized groups. I think that's a better choice.

Alderman O'Brien

One minute.

Laurie Ortolano

Let them be a group of volunteers that do what they do and let them make recommendations to their Ward Alderman to carry them forward. You have committees that are so large they're unruly - Cultural Connections Committee 20-21 people on there. It's huge. They struggle to hold meetings because they can't get a quorum. I'm not recommending you do that for a committee that is made up of parks, but you could have a person from every Ward.

I'm also concerned that the DPW group would be in opposition to that or have concerns about a citizen group providing some direction, or guidance, or thoughts, or improvements for any of our parks. I see park areas that I think are under maintained and I think there is a resource issue there and how we stage our parks people to get out and do the work and I think we have to look more closely at that. So that's my two cents on that. Everyone have a great evening and Happy Father's Day to everyone on the Board. Thank you.

Matthew Gouthro

Matthew Gouthro, 104 Fawn Lane. Madam President, Mayor, Aldermen, and staff more and more the residents are

becoming more concerned the amount of money you are pouring into our downtown. For example, on June 27th you are holding a public hearing to spend just shy of \$2.5 million on streetscaping on Pearl Street to create a more desirable runway for the Performing Arts Center. Why couldn't this have been included in the PAC bond or at the very least the project resides in the TIF District. We would use TIF funds for this project instead of a new capital improvement bond.

It's been several weeks since the barriers have been placed in our downtown for the purpose of outdoor dining and I'm still waiting to hear about a traffic study, economic viability study, and how much if anything you'll be charging the restaurants to offset the cost of over \$115,000 to the Nashua taxpayers. \$115,000 - it doesn't sound like a great deal of money for a city that spends almost \$300 million in their general fund budget but that amount could double the number of School Resource Officers in your Police Department. In light of national news stories, many of our residents would be alarmed to find out that there's only two - that's correct, two Resource Officers for the Nashua School District that's comprised of 18 schools. I know the City budget doesn't account for school personnel and the School District doesn't have to account for the City's police budget. You would think in the name of safety for our children we would have someone on this dais who has a committee assignment with both the School Board and the Police Department that could somehow bridge the gap but unfortunately hasn't seem to happen yet. It's a shame that we continue to pour out taxpayer money into unnecessary aesthetics for our downtown businesses...

Alderman O'Brien

One minute.

Matthew Gouthro

...when this money is sorely needed in other places in our City. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the remarks by this Board of Aldermen.

President Wilshire

Thank you. I believe that concludes our public comment period.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

President Wilshire

Alderman Sullivan?

Alderman Sullivan

A quick congratulations to the three Nashua High Schools that released on the world a fresh batch of seniors' diploma in hand. Nashua South, Bishop Guertin, and I believe tonight was Nashua North. So congratulations to all the seniors and I hope they make their mark felt on the world. Thanks.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I'd like to thank those that came out for the Salem Street Tot Lot clean up. It was amazing to see the young people that were there. I think we had probably about eight young people that came out. When the Tot Lot was cleaned up, they spread out, went down Whitney Street, the sides streets, and Locke Street. We had loads of bags of blue trash that we had brought back to the Tot Lot. I had one young lady that came over to me and said to me, "it's been a pleasure and thank you for letting me help clean up the streets". It was amazing and I'd like to thank Officer Howe who volunteered to come out and help clean up. When we realized we could do it a little bit quicker than we had thought, I contacted him and told him there was no need to come because he was going to have to start his shift at 2:00 and I didn't want to have to clean up the park and then go to work. He was on his way. He was just leaving his house as I got a hold of him, so I'm grateful that he volunteered to be part of the community action.

I also want to let residents know - and this is actually for the entire City not just my Ward but there are Crime Watch Committee meetings that happen throughout the City. I know that we could probably use some more and I'm trying to get a second one in Ward 3 over for the French Hill area. I will be holding a Ward meeting on July 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hunt Building. I want to thank Scott, and Alderman Lopez, and my husband for the Best Buddies Walk. It was quite

amazing to see these excited young adults and so on dancing, and doing Zumba, and all kinds of things. We did about a mile walk. They set up all these little “fun stations” along the route to cheer us along as we went. It was a truly, truly an amazing thing to be part of.

I'd like to wish every father a Happy Father's Day whether your child is a 2 footer or a 4 footer. So Happy Father's Day. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you Madam President. First, I would want to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day to my fellow members who are dads and everyone out in the City of Nashua and whoever is listening.

Second I want to wish those who celebrated Happy Pride Month. As Alderwoman Kelly stated, June 25th is the Pride Parade here in Nashua. I hate this month around the Country. I read this article out in Idaho where there were some people who don't like the gay community too well were planning to riot and thankfully they were caught. Innocent until proven guilty of course, but all I can say to people like that, who think like that, and want to riot, and cause just hate, you have the opportunity to repent and let the Holy Spirit just wipe that hate out of your heart for the gays that you hate.

Other than that I'd just like to wish everyone a Happy Flag Day. Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome. Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

So first, I want to say Happy First Father's Day – first of all to my little brother Tim who I don't know if you guys noticed my Irish goodbye two weeks ago, but he and his wife Patricia just had their first child Henry. So Happy Father's Day to everyone who identifies as a father.

I also want to put an announcement that the Tree Streets Block Party is going to be July 2nd on Ash Street between Central and West Hollis. Everyone on the Board is invited. It's happening in the tree streets. It's called the tree streets, but everybody is welcome in the tree streets.

Summer blast off is this Saturday, June 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at Greeley Park. It's the kick off for all the summer fun festivals and events. Anyone who has kids in the City of Nashua, I highly recommend going to Parks and Rec webpage and looking up Summer Fun schedule. There's a lot of really cool stuff that's going to be happening.

Finally, I'd like to echo my colleague Alderman Klee's' comments about Best Buddies as an organization. I think that is something that our City could do a lot more with. Concord put on a great show and it was a truly community outpouring. It was a community effort. Those fun stations were composed of all kinds of different volunteers, cheerleaders or neighborhood groups. It was very inspirational to see everybody rallying around people who have neurodivergent issues and supporting an organization that does some really good work for them with vocational training, peer support. It's something we can use in Nashua. I did reach out to President Wilshire about potentially having Scott come in to present on the program. I think it's something the Board of Education certainly should look at. I definitely took note of the fact that a large number of their biggest group of fundraisers with New York Life are from Nashua. So I think we have the support in the community to do a lot more with that. I think Scott is a good a cheerleader as anyone can be and he deserves our support. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you Madam President. I wanted to wish everyone a Happy Father's Day. I also wanted to take the moment to recognize the fact that this weekend and this Monday in particular will be the first City holiday – well second federal

holiday but first City holiday observance of Juneteenth. That was an effort that was led by myself, Alderwoman Kelly, and we hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday.

I just wanted to say one other thing. I could not agree more with Alderman Lopez. I think we need to do some stuff with Best Buddies. I think it's a great thing and I just wanted to leave tonight on a positive note and I think I'll end with that. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I always like following a positive note. I know I said it at the top of the meeting, but just again I'm really excited about being back in person for the Nashua Pride. The Committee and the Mayor's Office has been working to make sure that the first one in person is going to go seamlessly and I know we'll have lots of participation from our citizens. I hope that anyone from the Board of Aldermen who would like to walk with us will come. I believe we're still planning on doing a trolley if you are unable to walk. I hope you'll all be there.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

I just want to send my condolences to the Grandmaison family for their loss.

Also wish a Happy Father's Day to my three son-in-laws. I have four beautiful grandchildren and I fully want to have them have a great Father's Day. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Gouveia?

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you Madam President. I just want to say Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there and congratulations to the Class of 2022. Went to Nashua South's graduation last night and it was a great ceremony so congratulations to all the graduates out there!

President Wilshire

Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

I was going with the last ones. Every time I go around, I had to bring something down just like Alderman Klee does. So just to start off, I want to support, again, Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran Jr. I don't know why we keep belaboring the point of that one meeting. If there's a group of people that are offended by something whether you mean or not why keep fighting it or at least publically where the government would have to get involved. If you want to talk about it everywhere, that's fine but I think flying the flag where people are offended is the wrong idea.

I was thinking about this as we were going around. Parks how about Ward 9 advisory. Throw that out there and think about that because I wouldn't need one. Ward 8 doesn't have any parks. I wish I did, I don't. Maybe it's a Ward thing and Greeley Park won't need one because that Ward won't need one because you have Greeley Park.

Also school. It was mentioned in Public Comments about the Resource Officers and I talked to Chief Rourke and Interim Superintendent Garth McKinney this week through email because I had a constituent that asked about the safety of our schools. They both 100% said our schools are safe here. I shouldn't say 100%. It's never 100%, right, no matter where you go. No matter how many people you have, it's never 100% safe. But they have taken lots of action and I believe the school said they were getting more funds to do some more things to help prevent any kind of disaster from happening. So

I feel very confident in our Chief of Police and I'm hoping our new Superintendent Mr. Andrade will also support that. I'm assuming he will. It's common sense hopefully.

I want to echo what everybody's been saying about the Pride Parade. I think it's incredibly important because it hasn't been able to go on the last couple of years in the way we wanted it to go on in the City. It's a group of people that get a lot of hate and I'm hoping it goes off smoothly. I'm hoping that if you don't like it, don't go. If you don't like it, stay home. Go somewhere else. Go on a trip. Let people do what they want to do. I expect to be there barring any tournament baseball games or anything. I'm going to be there. I think I've already registered too hopefully.

Lastly, I have to say it. I know a couple other people did but I have to celebrate the three big schools that graduated this week and last week. My son graduated last night. I got to go to it like Alderman Gouveia. It was a beautiful night. Beautiful. I think North tonight is probably just as beautiful because the weather is great. That's it. Good luck guys in 2022 and best of luck.

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam Chair. Just looking at the screen. It must be a long meeting. We almost timed out on Zoom but anyways. I just wanted to wish everybody Happy Father's Day, particularly to my son, my two son-in-laws. They've truly blessed me with the grandchildren which are the apples of my eye. I really like and thank you very much. I do have a request, no tie this year. Please can I get a chain saw? Thank you very much.

President Wilshire

I too would like to wish all the dads out there a Happy Father's Day.

Committee announcements:

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam Chair. We have a Joint DPW Infrastructure meeting on Wednesday, June 15th. It will be at 1800 or 6:00 p.m. for those non-military types. Please note the location has been changed. It will be upstairs in the Auditorium. Thank you Madam Chair.

President Wilshire

Any other announcements? Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes Thursday the Budget Committee will be hearing the Police Department's budget. They look forward – I talked to them today. They're looking forward to presenting. If you look online, I'm sure that Donna put the – they used to send us a notebook every year. They're trying to save money this year so they sent the package to Donna Graham and she's put it online. So you should have access to it. It relates all of the activities that they've had for the previous year and the year before – or the previous year and what they've done to to-date this year.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JUNE 14, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE
ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk