

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Alderman Chamber at City Hall, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Chairman Donchess declared the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Donchess

Alright we're going to call the Board of Public Works meeting to order on June 16th, 2022. Would, Ms. Fauteux would you call a roll please?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Yes, absolutely.

Mayor Donchess

Here.

Commissioner Moriarty

Here.

Commissioner Shea

Here.

Commissioner Schoneman

Here.

Commissioner Lemen

Here.

Also Present:

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison
Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works
Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development
Dan Hudson, P.E., City Engineer
David Boucher, Superintendent Wastewater
Jeffrey Lafleur, Superintendent, Solid Waste
Bryan Conant, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation

Mayor Donchess

Great, thank you. So, we have a, and we have Alderman O'Brien our liaison. I don't see any other members of the Board of Aldermen here.

II. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

First motion of course is to approve the agenda. Commissioner Moriarty.

Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

III. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING OF MAY 25, 2022

Mayor Donchess

Next, we have the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Shea.

Motion by Commissioner Shea: To Approve the Minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of May 25, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Donchess

And next have public comment. Is there any member of the public who wishes to address the Board of Public Works? Please come up to the microphone up here, where the podium is.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Right now?

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, right now. And give your name and address and you have three minutes. Each person.

Thomas O'Brien, City of Nashua Resident

Hello, my name is Thomas O'Brien. We live at 6 Midhurst Road, and I'd like to ask for accommodations. Because of a medical procedure there's no way I can get through this note.

Mayor Donchess

Pardon?

Thomas O'Brien, City of Nashua Resident

Could she read my note? I can't -

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, you want to read his statement?

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Yes. Because he's having trouble with his voice.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah, yeah. Fine, fine.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Let me know when I can -

Mayor Donchess

Right now. Right now. Just go ahead okay. I suppose technically we would need - we need your name and address as well.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

I'll also be making the statement as well

Mayor Donchess

Alright.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Denise Muccioli. 6 Midhurst Road. This is Thomas' statement. "I abut Roby Park. Like most abutters I was shocked and disgusted to learn about the 18-hole disc golf course. I oppose this project for so many reasons, but we'll talk about parking and trash. The abutters have a valid concern which is available parking that currently can only support what Roby Park was meant to be: a small neighborhood park and playground. We already have a wide variety of free outdoor activities at Roby. In addition, we already have nine holes of disc golf that are essentially abandoned but could easily be expanded and revived. No need to destroy forest trails, habitats, and wetlands." He said at Greeley Park. Sorry.

"Last summer Alderman Skip Cleaver, Mayor Donchess, and the police department were made aware of safety hazards related to overflow parking. Nothing was done to alleviate the hazards. People entering and exiting the school, church, and condo complexes along Spit Brook Road from Roby Park to just shy of the Spit Brook Road Fire Station during weekend events at Roby can't see oncoming cars and oncoming cars can't see them when event goers park on both sides of the very busy Spit Brook Road. Tickets were given out this weekend. You literally have to inch out inch by inch and pray someone doesn't T-bone you. This photo represents an example.

There are no lights at the entrance of any of the condos, the church, or the school. There have been many accidents at the Oak Hill intersection and with the speed of the cars averaging 45 to 50 miles per hour" I'm sorry his words were 45 miles per hour "posted 25 there could be a fatality. How is a fire engine going to get Sky Meadow for a house fire if cars are parked on both sides of the street and cars are in both travel lanes? There is no place for people to go to make room for the emergency vehicles. By adding a full schedule now of professional frisbee tournaments or disc golf tournament" sorry, his word was frisbee tournaments "on top of all the other activities that Roby, I'm anxious to obtain a written plan" he's anxious to obtain a written plan "the city will address overflow parking. Once a fatality happens it will be too late.

Those golf tournaments can have 100 to 600 or more players not including spectators or support staff. This 18-hole course designed by a professional isn't suitable for a small neighborhood park. Parking at Roby is a problem that the city needs to address now.” He suggests the following measures and have event organizations foot the bill.

- put a traffic light at Oak Hill and Spit Brook
- no parking allowed on Spit Brook as it puts pedestrians crossing and bicyclists at unnecessary risk of severe injury or death
- police traffic detail at large events paid for by the event

Mayor Donchess

So, you have 30 seconds left.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

- no parking signs erected on both sides of Spit Brook Road
- move the golf disc to another location that will allow for sufficient parking
- he's asking all of you to approve his request for the Mayor to call a special meeting and to appoint a Roby Park advisory committee to address this project in full

Did you show the picture?

Thomas O'Brien, City of Nashua Resident

Yes

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

That's your statement.

Mayor Donchess

Alright thank you very much.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

And now do you have your own?

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

I do.

Mayor Donchess

Okay. Now just for clarity just give your name and address before you start.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Sure. Okay. Let me just catch my breath because I had to read that fast.
Denise Muccioli, 6 Midhurst Road. Longtime resident of Nashua. Been using Roby Park trails since 1993.

I take objection at many many things surrounding this project. One being we have a professional disc golf player come into our city and tell us that Roby Park is basically useless. That's not true at all. Roby Park isn't useless. It's used by dog walkers, the school across the street brings its classes, it's used by people wanting to get into nature, relax by the book, and so forth. I'm very concerned about the way this whole thing went through.

I don't see any, the State of New Hampshire did not have any permit application for wetlands, to interfere with wetlands and disrupt wetlands. Nobody filed anything with the State of New Hampshire because I checked. I

filed my own complaint on April 29th, okay? As far as I know they're still investigating this. What I saw was downed trees and all of the mud that's accompanying when you cut a tree and you're trying to pull out the stump that was all across the brook and you can see where that was because there's fresh foliage here and then you can see the mud that has interfered with the critical wetlands. The Nashua Conservation Committee said that they had concern with the cutting of trees at Roby. I think it was Mr. Sullivan said he was contacted by Commissioner Crook - I hope that's his name - about these critical wetlands.

So, you know, you do a project like that you have to apply for a permit. I don't know if you didn't apply for a permit because you forgot to? You didn't think you needed it? Or it was a strategic move. Because rest assured if I had seen a site variance posted on that property there would be mounting opposition immediately. Immediately. This course is not safe to have on trails with elderly people that can't hear, there's dogs walking, classes walking, a disc can fly anywhere from 40 miles an hour to 80 miles an hour up to 400 feet. I don't think a 10-year-old kid is going to do that, but when you're having professionals using the course and professional level people, you're going to have an issue. Use at your own risk - it's not going to work. You will be sued.

Mayor Donchess

Alright so there's the 30 seconds.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

You will be sued. You're cutting down more than 125 trees that I can see so far. You're interfering with a diverse wildlife habitat. I think you guys had, I think when this was presented to you, you had the wool pulled over your eyes, I really do. I'd like to, I've gotten, we've gotten no communication from anybody other than 3 or 4 Aldermen have given us comments. You can't, I mean we're constituents. Don't we have a right to know what's going on? Time?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Denise Muccioli, City of Nashua Resident

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you very much. Alright. Any other members of the public wish to address the board?

V. BOA REFERRAL

A. R-22-038 - Authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed the Amount of Two Million and Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,450,000) for Walnut Street Oval Intersection Project and West Pearl Street Streetscaping

Mayor Donchess

Alright we'll go on to item roman numeral 5, Board of Aldermen referral. Commissioner Schoneman.

Motion by Commissioner Schoneman: To recommend a positive referral authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to issue bonds not to exceed the amount of \$2,450,000 for Walnut Street Oval Intersection Project and West Pearl Street Streetscaping.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, thank you. So, the motion is to make a positive recommendation on this. We have Mr. Cummings and also Mr. Hudson who can address it.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Thank you, Mr. Mayor. For the record Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development, and I'm here before you this evening to ask for your favorable recommendation back to the Board of Aldermen on r22038. It is a bond authorization piece of legislation and as noted it would authorize two projects. One project being the squaring off of the Walnut Street Oval and then coupled with that it would be the streetscaping of West Pearl Street.

The reason why we're asking for this money is the squaring off of the Walnut Street Oval Project has been a project a long time coming. It has been in the state plan for many years, and it is has started to rise to the top. But in addition to that we got a federal commitment for the project recently and with that happening it made sense to pair the two projects together with the West Pearl Street Streetscaping, which is a separate initiative that is a hundred percent designed, but the construction funding is necessary to proceed and so with the state's 2 million dollars it seemed advantageous to move forward now with the with the two projects. With that being said the Walnut Street squaring off of the oval initiative is just starting. That project still needs to be designed. That will take a year or so to happen and then we would expect construction to happen in the following in the following year.

As I noted, the West Pearl Street Streetscaping actually has been designed. There's a dedicated webpage to this project on the city's website. We've had community outreach meetings, we did a site tour, and in fact the Infrastructure Committee, that's the entity that has jurisdiction over this, approved the preliminary design back in, I want to say mid to late winter of this year, January / February timeframe. And so, we're now at a point of needing to proceed to construction. So, the projects have been in the capital improvement plan and have been favorably recommended and does not affect the capital debt service plan because these projects were planned on and can be accommodated. I'll leave my comments there. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Donchess

Questions or comments from the commissioners? Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

It would be nice to see the design given to us in our packet, so we know what we're voting on, what we're approving. Also, the breakdown of the funding package. We don't know what we're shelling out almost two million dollars for. You know there's nothing here. What is streetscaping exactly?

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

So, it's in your - So if I may Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Donchess

Yes.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

So, the legislation's broken down the two projects for a total of 2.45 million, the Walnut Streetscaping would be \$555,000 and the West Pearl Street Streetscaping would be, you know, just under 1.9 million. And that would be coupled with 2 million that would be coming from the state to do the both projects in its entirety. As I noted there's a webpage dedicated to this project, to the West Pearl Street Streetscaping Project, which has the design. If you were to go there, you could see the design that has been approved by the Infrastructure Committee. That webpage has been on the city's website since January or so. I didn't bring it with me, I mean you could pull it up here if you'd like. But I didn't have it. This was the legislation that was filed with the Board of Aldermen.

Commissioner Schoneman

Okay so we're going to approve this based on not knowing what the design is, not being given any information about how the 2 million dollars is going to be -

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

You're not approving anything. You're just making a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

Commissioner Schoneman

Okay, but if we want to make a positive recommendation it should be with a conscience that says, "Okay, yeah, this is a good plan" but we don't have a plan. We weren't given anything.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Okay.

Commissioner Schoneman

But apparently that's not relevant, so.

Mayor Donchess

Alderman O'Brien.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison

Yes. You know, I kind of agree in essence with what Commissioner Schoneman is saying. And I find that perhaps maybe it was an oversight, I do not know. But this has been vetted by the Committee of Infrastructure at length. And the Committee of Infrastructure kind of gives it unofficial approval. But to go through the steps to the next phase I think we need the recommendation of this particular board. And looking at the downtown and

everything. Yes there's certain people out there that say we pay too much attention to the downtown, but this isn't the case. The whole downtown at large is a piece of a puzzle and we put these little pieces together and this particular project is part of the pieces to enhance. And it goes along with the performing arts center and will make, you know, the downtown area much better futuristically.

So therefore, it would be my, as Chairman of Infrastructure and also as your liaison, if you were to give a formal approval to this it'd be my pleasure to reintroduce it to the Board of Aldermen and to, you know, have them approve it for final passage. But like I said, it did go before the Committee of Infrastructure, and it was extremely well received.

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Would it be possible to perhaps pull up the plan on the website Director Cummings and show the Board of Public Works?

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Could I sit where you are for 10 seconds?

Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

You absolutely can.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

So here on your website is the West Pearl Street Streetscaping Project. Here's, you know, just a general condition. Let me bring this down a little bit so people can see it. So, you can kind of see the general condition of West Pearl Street so you can get an understanding of what's out there. There was a presentation done in October of 2021. There was site walks done and then the presentation I referenced that was approved by the Infrastructure Committee was on January 26th of 2022.

And as you can see the design here, as laid out. So, the mission is to enhance the value of the city's creative and economic life by engaging artistic, educational, commercial neighbors through excellent design practices and programs. The vision to create a dynamic, and safe urban destination for locals, tourists, patrons, and businesses alike. The values that drove this was collaboration, education, community, inclusion, equity, and innovation.

There's project goals of greening of the street experience, enhancing pedestrian and vehicular safety, building an ADA compliant street, and creating a destination. The investments were planting and soil, sidewalk pavements, curbing, pole lighting, asphalt roadway, pavement markings, furnishings, irrigation, and creating some sort of branding for the streetscape.

We're talking about from Main to Walnut Street which has Elm Street running at the 50-yard line right here. And we'd be looking to add some dynamic features. These are just some visual aids to help show you essentially what we're talking about it -

Commissioner Shea

Is that a rendering of what it's actually going to look like? That picture kind of went by quickly. Yeah, that's a different -

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Correct, that is not a rendering. What it is, is something that you could suggest would be inspirational okay? Something to give you an understanding as to what we're striving toward.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

One of the goals of the project would be if you note that as you make Elm Street here as my cursor shows if you ever try to make a left it's pretty tough due to sight distances. So, we'll be looking to make that type of correction. We're also going to be designing the street so you can reverse. So, if ever decided by the city and so you could have it happen that the street would flow in another direction. But as it notes it currently flows from Main Street to the oval. Why it makes sense to connect up the two projects, is you got the oval right here, that's going to need to be squared off. It has been a long-time goal of this city, as I understand it, to do the reversal of West Pearl Street.

So, as we're going to be doing the squaring off of the oval and making the improvements right here, you could do the streetscaping changes as well which would allow for the next iteration of this phased approach of reversing West Pearl Street. Why is that as important is because that is an impediment right now for the Broad Street Parkway or now the Veterans Memorial Parkway. Where it ends or terminates at Central Street it leaves you unconnected to the full vision of that Parkway Project which was to bring people to Main Street. Once you have this reversal occur and this intersection squared off and the streetscaping to occur you'd be able to have that vision completely realized. Here's just some other elements about the existing condition. Here's a cross view that would just show you what we would be looking to try, of what we currently have to work with as an existing condition.

Then we're talking about again streetscaping enhancements like public art opportunities in certain areas, again to help just kind of create a brand. Maybe doing some lighting fixtures at the either end and some signage again just to kind of help provide some identity for West Pearl Street. Oftentimes we hear about the idea that the city has only focused on Main Street itself and the side streets are sometimes neglected. I think, I believe this is a start to start looking at some of the side streets as well. There's Pearl Street, Factory Street, Temple Street, and so on, as we continue on to make improvements.

And here's just some inspirational designs as to what the construction documents would produce for you.

And that is the end of the - oh nope sorry - I have my cross sections here. So, this is what would be built, I believe right here to just kind of show you the additional pedestrian usage that could occur. The adding of some street trees and the such. Examples of some street trees that would be used, some possible seating options, some lighting options, some bike infrastructure, public art opportunities, we put something that would be from the city as examples, we identified where those opportunities could be, this is the signage we talked about potentially for branding. and that's pretty much the slide deck right there would you like me to leave this up?

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

Commissioner Shea

Could you go back up to the flow of traffic? The one with the with the red arrows?

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Sure.

Commissioner Shea

Thank you. So that is the direction of West Pearl Street as it is now, correct?

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Correct.

Commissioner Shea

Okay. And once Walnut is squared off, that direction would be reversed?

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

That would be a separate action that could occur. But at least with the streetscaping that occurs, if you so choose, you would be one step closer to be able to do it.

Commissioner Shea

And as far as that concept goes, the reversal versus two-way traffic, to what extent has that idea been explored?

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

I'm sorry say that again

Commissioner Shea

So as far as the reversal of traffic so we're so the reversal of traffic there's openness to that if if we lay it out like this um has the alternative of having two-way traffic uh been discussed and and are there advantages or disadvantages to that so this design could accommodate two-way flow if so desired okay or you could if so chose reverse the direction and have it two lanes

okay um yeah i i very much like the idea as you know of the reversal um i i believe that squaring off walnut and being able to come on to west pearl street and and take a nice clean right-hand turn onto elm for our city's largest parking garage at least municipal parking garage anyway um i i i think that that's great it makes parking more intuitive and it makes the flow into downtown neat and and clean

if i know mr mayor the one thing i want to be abundantly clear on is this would provide us the opportunity to move in that direction again i want to be

clear that doesn't mean that we would do that with this project there's a second element that needs to be explored and that is when you reverse and assuming you reverse one way west pearl street additional studies going to be necessary to make sure we can accommodate that change to occur without having to potentially do something on the east side of main street either reversing east pearl street

can you start that over sorry i'm trying to i'm i'm getting spatially lost

so to so assuming that we were to reverse west pearl street in its entirety and not be two-way flow but it's one one direction now all the way to main street you'd you then need to potentially and this is what needs additional study look at reversing east pearl street potentially or if it can be accommodated leaving east pearl street as is but that would but depending on what happens then you'd also may potentially need to do something with temple street and how the traffic flows onto temple street so that additional study would need to occur there's been some preliminary study done by vhb on this but we would need to further investigate that and make sure everyone had a comfort level before we actually made the reversal happen but you can't even do the reversal with the current infrastructure that's in place

thank you commissioner did you suggest that there's enough room in this plan to make two-way traffic on west pearl street

yes my understanding is you'd be able to do two ways

you would have to take out parking on both sides right

it would be part there is a in this plan does suggest a loss of parking

um it's it's extremely narrow

it it it would be uh 37 stalls of parking would would is what this plan would accommodate if it was reversed or if it was two-way or just as is just as is which you know as is correct so 37 spaces

but if you were suggesting two-way traffic on west pearl there's no way you're going to fit two lanes of traffic in opposing directions and parking on that little street without significantly widening the street maybe mr hudson can chime in there it doesn't seem possible but that's maybe that's not an issue to discuss right now

well look i mean to elaborate on that um you're correct you would lose a lot of parking in a two-way configuration and there's been a lot of neighborhood outreach on this to the businesses and residents of pearl they do not wish to see a loss of parking i think is a fair statement and therefore you know it's extremely unlikely i mean the board of aldermen you know makes its own decisions but it's extremely unlikely that the two-way plan would be adopted because of the concerns you've expressed so all you know in reality the choice would be leave the one-way flow the way it is or reverse it there is the possibility i think but mr trump coming to you could do two-way traffic for one block that building between elm and maine without disrupting parking too much because it's wider in there but uh but generally speaking you know certainly west of elm street you know two-way traffic would create a very significant loss of parking and i think it's fair to say that the businesses in the uh and others would very much like to see the reversal but they don't particularly like the two-way approach the the businesses here really like a tube you know general they really like the idea or reverse of creating at least you know a an eastbound traffic flow because it would enable someone to drive from the broad street parkway through a squared off oval directly to pearl street without having to you know certain you know go all the way around and little as it is currently configured

commissioner shay

uh for for source of funds is is the west pearl street area located within the tax increment finance district

it is

okay and and would any of those funds be utilized for this project

the legislation reads right now would be just not be a tiff project if that's what you're asking

um and and has to what extent has that been considered using the tiff because i see the building being constructed which i'm very excited to see congratulations on that by the way i know that that's been a long process and a big dream for the neighborhood and key to the performing arts center so good job um and so i'll go back to my question um to what extent has that been evaluated as an option for funding for this project

so um i had not really evaluated it in any great detail because it was very clear when the tiff was created for um a few years back for this area there was two expenses that were you know envisioned for using that that money and that was for the assist the performing arts center and it was for the construction of the public parking garage which would be on the first floor of the apartment building that you're referencing right now it was very clear during those discussions that we would not use tiff funds other than for those two specific purposes and so i did not even entertain the idea of looking at whether the tiff could support the streetscaping uh project do in a follow-up

do we have an idea at this rate of uh the the cash flow on the tif and the costs for those two items

i i could i could do it off the top of my head i would have to i would have a ballpark up that's why yeah i would have to ballpark it so um right now it's not cut it's not generating anything the tif rate is not generating anything right now but we anticipate it will start generating money next year and it will only continue to increase to you know conservatively somewhere around six hundred thousand dollars um and then the two expenses uh the the public parking garage if you will the first floor parking infrastructure is 2.5 million dollars and the performing arts center was 5 million dollars so you'd have something the order of magnitude of 7.5 million dollars that would need to be accommodated off of that 600 000 i don't know if the debt service could be

supported uh for additional spending if that's the direction that you and others would like to go that's the analysis that would need to occur we would need to be able to support essentially two million dollars additional money out of that tiff and um i can i can absolutely run and do that exercise i just i was trying to stay very true to the spirit of what was said a couple years ago which was we would you know only use the school street tiff for those two very specific projects

thank you and and what's what do you know and ballpark i know that interest rates are wild right now right so um do you know roughly what we're paying and we do 20-year bonds majority of the time yeah do you know roughly what the the debt service the percentage on those is

the interest on yeah on which one on on the performing arts center the 1.6

1.6 so that's going to be a very favorable interest rate do we have a projection on the interest rate for the parking garage project and has that been bonded already

it has not been bonded yet

okay

um it's gonna be more ballpark three percent

you know interest rates have gone up maybe high twos but of course interest rates are changing yeah uh i think weekly i think a 30-year mortgage now is like 6.2 percent or something bananas we typically borrow at very favorable rates because of the bond rating so so not including interest roughly between those two expenses it's like 375 thousand dollars a year and then you have the interest on top of that i think there's a fair likelihood that there there may be additional capacity for the tip um i i would for for me personally i would like to see us look at that and see if that is something that that we might be able to leverage for this project because it does serve the the district and it would also leave us with capacity for other projects schools and and what have you

so the way the current school street tiff is is uh set up is the excess funds were to be at the excess funds above and beyond the debt service needing to pay for those two eligible projects would be transferred to the general fund so i'm just letting you know that so it's not like that additional money stays segregated and isn't used for the benefit of the general fund it so we would have to change that legislation and you know work towards that but um something we could explore

sure thank you

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Moriarty.

um i just wanted to say i think we're late to the game here at this board i think we should have been involved sooner i mean we do have jurisdiction over sidewalks we have jurisdiction over the streets according to the city charter i know there's an rsa that gives um alden some authority but we're in this together and we're late to the game here so i'm disappointed by that i like the project i'm for the project but i'm disappointed that again this board is left out uh to that to that matter i just wanted to know the employees of the division of public works are they going to be used or is this all self-contradict sub contracted out because if they're going to be used we need to know why to what extent are the employees going to be used

you're referring to the construction all of it the whole project so the construction would be subcontracted out but the design element has been all run through the engineering department

okay so the project itself then is going to be all subcontracted out so we're not going to be using any city employees so that's what's important

not for the construction well you have engineering oversight

justin the engineers would be used

yeah yeah professional staff

yeah just just so this board is clear because again we're involved with the budget of this uh division and we need to know you know where the employees are going to be being used and basically i think we just should have been brought up to speed on it that's all

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Shea.

i would generally agree with commissioner moriarty's sentiment um the the board of public works shall have cognizance direction and full control of the construction alteration cleaning water and repair of streets highways bridges and sidewalks um i i am surprised that the process and the approval and the way that this has been presented to us for referral um has been conducted the way that it has and and i really do believe that we are entitled by virtue of this board and the language that establishes it to not just be positively recommending but approving and being a part of the process we haven't been a part of the process at least not during my time here um can you speak to them mayor well you know i think you have a point that this you should have been briefed on this earlier but the but remember all we're doing now is seeking authorization for funding the design is not approved there is no there is no detailed design so um that would when prepared come be here so the all we're doing now is there's kind of a concept and we're seeking and there's not even um i mean you see some level of design uh there's no construction drawings right oh there are oh sorry well on the wall on the walnut oval there's nothing no design no construction drawings there is more detail on west pearl and you should i agree we should have come to you earlier on this uh you know it's just people get you know it's been discussed in such depth for such a long time i think people just overlook the fact that there are others that would be interested or could be involved and they weren't you know as you heard i mean it's been you know not a year but close

to it thank you i it's just a follow-up question i mean it's public you know there's public disclosure it's on the website there's been public meetings infrastructures held meetings now i'm not saying that you should have been aware of that but and I just want to be clear i it's it's been very clear to me that the infrastructure committee is the committee that has design control over this so they approved the design and plan back at their january meeting that so i i just want to be clear on that on on that point so with with the word alterations and and you know authority over alterations that to me would indicate that we would have some role in design um and and i may be wrong i'm i'm new uh to to this seat but but in the way the language of of our what establishes our board and the authority that we have um it's my interpretation that on the alteration side you know we should be part of that process and and i don't i don't want to conflate this with me not supporting this project because i love this project like i think it's going to be awesome i think it's progress um but as far as what what we're here to do i've already expressed my view on it and again i could be wrong but but i think what mr cummings says is correct if there was a failure was not mr cummings if you look at the way this was drafted by legal you look at the you know the resolution itself is in the packet they say um i mean they're they're basically saying that the legislation they are saying should be referred to the board of public works for its review and approval i mean he's so he's sort of following the playbook that he was given now i'm not saying that i'm just saying this wasn't a cummings decision sure uh in any event um yes it would have been better to brief you earlier no question now that you it's just hard when like i've been looking at this for like so long you know it's like it's like doesn't everybody know about it you know maybe they don't and maybe we should have uh and we should have um we should have anticipated this earlier yes commissioner excuse me uh alderman yes um thank you mr mayor um i'm not here to fix any blame but maybe a clarification as chairman on the committee of infrastructure i've held many joint different committee meetings one on barriers one on the schools i'm getting quite used to hurting cats and we're doing all right but the thing is uh i don't know how to explain this there was no intention to slight this particular board but keep in mind this is only part of the process the board clarified too even the committee of infrastructure does not have influence on the budget committee and this is going to go through budget for

them to you know and so what we're talking about is on one little piece of the particular project you can say what you want on the budget but it will ultimately come up to the budget committee which is under the approval of the board of aldermen to make that particular decision uh so this way to look at it may be an attempt to bring you up to speed with the projects but your concerns to the chairman of infrastructure to me personally is duly noted and i think i will work with mr cummings in the future that if you want i'd be more than happy to offer a chair of the joint committee of infrastructure but the board of public works again for items such as this that want to come up on the radar but there was no real negative intention so therefore with that being said let's look at the worthwhile of this particular project exactly what you commissioner shea has said i mean let's look at the goal this is something that's going to enhance the city so instead of get tied up in the schematics i am willing to work to make the right mayor cooper in the future between the two boards but i urge you to support this project and not get tangled up in the particular weeds and we'll see if we can rectify that and i'll speak to you you know offline and work and come to a joint conclusion on this because i do believe when the boards do work together we are better well served so that will be the goal going forward i can guarantee you that so i urge your support thank you mr man

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Schoneman.

back to the resolution at hand thank you mr o'brien um you mentioned that someone was going to be the state was going to be chipping in two million of this two million four hundred and fifty dollars or on top in addition to it so this is actually a four and a half million dollar project correct okay can you um can you tell me what the final uh project cost for the performing arts center is up to right now roughly budgeted 25 million and it's on five million so this is another five million dollars two and a half million dollars of debt that we're adding on to what the taxpayers are going to have to bear in an economy that is quickly becoming very very difficult so i would have to say that i would not be in favor of doing something like this at this time if i may

mr mayor yes the money has been uh accommodated in our debt service plan so this would be not an additional cost it would be anticipated with our traditional debt service spending it wouldn't be in addition to by any stretch and i wouldn't want to um co-mingle the performing arts center project with the squaring off of the walnut street oval or the streetscaping of the west pro street um those infrastructure improvements need to happen and can stand alone based on the the you know current conditions you know the the oval and and the street itself are are in pretty pretty dire shape they don't even make 88 compliance which is a big which is a big concern back to the original point of can do better when it comes to the walnut street oval there uh we don't have any anything other than that needs to be squared off there's no design there's no preliminary design there's nothing so um and the state will be participating and if this is approved by the board of aldermen you know we will begin to undertake design but uh on that portion of the project you pointed out we should have come to you earlier on what you see in here uh but on that portion of the project um you know it we you know it'd be we will correct the deficiency and keep you advised frequently about how the project is progressing and how the design is progressing i'll be happy to do that when when we get to that point in the project i i know in other lpa projects i've come before you uh prior to going to the infrastructure committee to take your input in i'd be happy to do that with this project as well and then bring it to the infrastructure committee for its uh for its approval or we we could do this jointly or do a joint committee whatever is the desire because uh i think the point is well take and there was no means for sliding and uh i'm not saying that there is but uh yeah where i was the best i i think maybe the briefing might even be better because not everybody catches the meetings and uh you know to see what we're doing so what you were saying directly cummings here either way works i'll stop sharing screen now any other comments yes so to what ext so we have a we have a rendering which i think we probably did internally right the the map and all that layout and everything looks similar style to other things that i've seen come out of engineering is is there there there's design work like beyond that map am i incorrect in that assumption i i'm not exact necessarily refer knowing what you're referring to but I can tell you there's 100 design on the project okay okay um all right thank you oh oh there commissioner moriarty right so

moving forward i assume this may pass uh but i i would expect you to have somewhere in the future another motion to approve the project before the shovel is put into the ground yes thank you commissioner may i move the question

Mayor Donchess

You may. Moving to question means if this motion passes debate is ended and a vote should be taken, and this is a non-debatable motion.

uh always in favor of the motion say aye aye aye opposed nay

Motion passes

Which means we go to the vote, which of the main point the main question which is to recommend final passage of resolution r2238 uh

all those in favor of the motion say aye aye aye opposed nay

motion passes

Thank you very much Mr. Cummings.

Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

And again for Mr. Cummings it wasn't, you know, it wasn't his decision as to how to work through the bureaucracy here. It wasn't, you know it should have been done better, there's no question about that. So, we'll do better in the future. Thank you for your corrections, I don't know, your input, as to how we could do a better job.

VI. SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To approve the three-year Cooperative Service Agreement between the City of Nashua and the USDA Wildlife Management Service for a combined three-year total not to exceed \$317,428.91. Funding for this agreement is through Department: 168 Solid Waste; Fund: Solid Waste; Account Classification 53 Professional & Technical Services.

Mayor Donchess

Alright next is Solid Waste Department. Item A Commissioner Lemen.

the motion is to approve the three-year cooperative service agreement between the city of nashua and the usda wildlife management service for a combined three-year total not to exceed 317 428.91 funding for this agreement is through department 168 solid waste fund solid waste account classification 53 professional and technical services

jeff lafleur superintendent solid waste this is the company that does all of our uh seagulls they keep our seagulls off of our landfill during the day they also take care of any vectors throughout the city if there's any turkey vultures that land in any of the apartment complexes he'll go scare those away for them he'll take care of any uh rodents around the landfill as like uh woodchucks that dig holes in our cap of our landfills removes all of them um he also is working on taking care of some of the other birds that are around our landfill inside our garages there's some sparrows that have been moving in he takes care of those and scares those away this is part of my des permit that I have to do we have to have this person or a person like him around doing this every day of the you know the year that we're running trash in the landfill questions discussion commissioner thank you um so this uh personnel compensation seventy thousand dollars this is for one uh one staff member is that correct correct and the next year they're bumped up to 77 000 a year correct and then the next year 81 000 a year for one staff member correct it may it may change this is a government position they're a government employee so if the uh yeah if the increases are a little bit less they'll charge us less okay so this is

his uh or her salary for chasing away vermin from the landfill yes uh jeff leflor superintendents always yes it's it's their salary but it's also their liability if there's they use guns on site so if there's any accidents or anything that happened they use pyrotechnics so if there's any issues or any uh god forbid any accidents it's their liability on them they also help us fill out all of our permits that go to the state to the new new hampshire fish and wildlife so it's their salary but they also do a lot of administrative and field work thank you mr lerflair i'm clearly in the wrong business anyone else always in favor of the motion say aye aye aye opposed motion passes thank you

VII. WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To approve the User Warrants as presented.

B. Motion: To approve the initial six months of FY23 purchase of polymer from Polydyne of Riceboro, GA in the amount of \$340,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

C. Motion: To approve the purchase of the chemical Sodium Bisulfite in the amount of \$77,000 from PVS Chemical Solutions. Funding will be through: Department: Board of Public Works Meeting of June 16, 2022 2169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

D. Motion: To approve the purchase of the chemical Sodium Hypochlorite in the amount of \$355,000 from Borden & Remington of Fall River, MA. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

next wastewater department item a commissioner Moriarty move to approve the user warrants as presented oh any discussion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye opposed motion passes uh item b uh commissioner shea

the motion is to approve the initial six month of uh six months of fiscal year 23 purchase of polymer uh from polydyne in riceborough georgia of riceboro Georgia gosh in uh the amount of 340 thousand dollars funding will be through department 169 wastewater fund wastewater account classification 61 supplies and materials oh wastewater superintendent so this is the purchase of a chemical a polymer that's used to aid in the drying and of uh drying and thickening of sludge at the wastewater facility we have different companies come in and test their product against our sludge and uh polydyne has the best product out there uh for drying our sludge um so we'd like to go with them i can answer any questions commissioner lemon didn't we vote on this last meeting that was to get us through the rest of the fiscal year of 22. thank you you're welcome all those in favor of the motion say aye aye aye opposed motion passes item c commissioner i moved to approve the purchase of the chemical sodium bisulfite in the amount of 77 000 from pbs chemical solutions funding will be through department 169 wastewater fund wastewater account classification 61 supplies and materials superintendent uh sodium bisulfite is the chemical we use to uh remove the residual chlorine before we discharge the tree to waste water to the river uh we do participate in the northeast merrimack valley chemical consortium uh their bid process uh pvs was the low bidder on that it's the company that we're currently using and we've got no issues with so we'd like to continue using them okay any discussion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye motion passes uh item d commissioner lemon the motion is to approve the purchase of the chemical sodium hypochlorite in the amount of 355 000 from boarded in remington of fall river mass funding will be through department 169 wastewater fund wastewater account classification 61 supplies and materials dave boucher wastewater superintendent this is a chemical we use for disinfecting the wastewater after it's treated and before it's discharged to the merrimack uh again we volunteered and participated in that chemical consortium uh they did the bid process and board in remington with the low bidders it is the company we're currently using we'd like to continue using them anyone all those in favor say aye aye motion passes thank you thank you very much

VIII. PARKS DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To approve the purchase and installation of a central irrigation system from Corbett Incorporated of Concord, MA for the sum of \$85,850. Funding will be through Department: 177 Park & Recreation; Fund: Capital; Activity; Central Irrigation Project.

B. Motion: To approve the removal of 23 trees, pruning of 40 trees, and log removal at St. Andrews Park. Funding will be through Department 177 Park and Recreation; Fund: Capital; Activity: City wide Playground Improvements.

now we have the parks department item a uh commissioner moriarty move to approve the purchase and insulation installation of a central irrigation system from corbett incorporated of concord mass for the sum of eighty five thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars funding will be through department 177 park and recreation fund capital activity central irrigation project brian conant superintendent of parks and recreation the central irrigation project once completed will allow the department's irrigation systems throughout the city to be managed through software that'll be web based this will allow changes to be made to the system through a pc phone or tablet the software will also provide notifications regarding any problems that are occurring such as leaks the software will also be able to produce reports that show how well the systems are performing this phase of the project will include the software and the installation of master valves clock modules and flow meters to the systems at roby park lions field shady lane charlotte ave holmen stadium atherton avenue artillery lane north common and murray field the software communications at mine falls lincoln park haynes park and ledge park will be upgraded from 3g to 5g the system will save both employee hours and cut down on water usage the water usage reduction is product projected to be at least 25 percent central irrigation several vendors have been contacted about installing new controllers master valves flow meters given the fact that the locations of the controllers don't have access to wi-fi cable or an internet router the vendor a vendor that has its own server has to be used communication to the server will be done through a cellular communication

device also supplied by the vendor the only vendors that are capable of performing the job scope are corporate incorporated and winterberry irrigation which are the two companies that bid on the work in 2018. both companies were called by the superintendent in late march of this year 2022 and both came to the city just to discuss the job scope and specifications corbett incorporated has provided a cost proposal to perform the job scope needed to complete the central irrigation while winterberry irrigation still has not provided a cost proposal discussion questions commissioner um do you have any projections uh is there a weather controlled aspect to this where if it rains it automatically doesn't water is that if it rains out we would be able to pull this up either on our desktop or our phone and shut it off currently right now we use weather sensors out in the field sometimes they don't work due to vandalism they're usually battery operated so if the battery goes bad it doesn't work um this is really gonna this is gonna enhance how you know how how much we can keep track of what we're doing out in the field um could could you explore further i i know that's not really like what we're talking about right now but but could you explore further um some manner of weather automation to tie into this system currently what we have in place is really the only option that we have commissioner okay um okay i i see potential um opportunity with the deployment of something like that and and wonder to what extent that might be able to be added to this system i understand that you can do it manually um would there be an opportunity for expansion to do that in the future with the system yes yes yes great um yeah i i've just this side anecdote i've got this neat sprinkler that i picked up and it you control it with your smartphone and every morning when it's due to water the lawn and it is forecast to rain that day it says hey we're not going to water the lawn today do you want us to water it anyway and i get to swipe it and it's it's just fantastic i'm very interested to see what that does to my water bills and i imagine with such a vast array of fields um in in the cost of water it could be tens of thousands of dollars a year or maybe thousands of dollars i would think so i mean currently right now with all the parks we have commissioner if we were to go out and manually adjust the programs which we have to do with the control stations at these parks we're talking about it would take us about two days to go through all of them so just man hours alone not even taking in consideration the water usage yeah um we're gonna be providing

a substantial cost savings to our operation that's good the um i'm just thinking down the line if we are able to do the weather piece where it's not requiring the manual labor and there are maybe 20 percent of the days that water is programmed and it doesn't water them um you know that there might be some potential for savings there yeah i agree um i'll i'll i might have a follow-up question but i'll i'll pick free commissioner uh when i first saw the bottom line here i thought that's a bit spendy but when i saw the scope of the work i actually started to think that's not a bad deal these things are expensive and it is incredibly helpful to be able to just push a couple buttons and say water this zone don't water this zone um i think it's a really good thing and good on you thank you commissioner i assume this is going to greatly improve the quality of the turf yes absolutely commissioner moriarty superintendent uh again i love that i love this whole concept i was just wondering moving forward uh how about an annual maintenance for you from the company or no is this just a one-shot deal we buy it and that's it that's an excellent question commissioner because we're using a cellular communication device we will incur a 1200 fee per year on these the first year is included in this but moving forward we'll have to pay 1200 at each of these locations but i do strongly believe that the cost savings and labor and water will outweigh that fee so it's going to be roughly around 18 to 18 000 give or take thank you you're welcome commissioner shea um noticeably absent from the list is greely park do we have any irrigation at greeley park currently right now the irrigation system at greeley park is um and not in great shape and there's a lot of it that does not work um unfortunately in my observation um on the every soyuz on the west side of Greeley park there's there's kind of this natural uh flow of water um that doesn't so that side seems to do okay there's some there's some water buildup and that's a separate issue on the amphitheater side um i i'm just i'm picturing vividly in my head photos of events from that space where it's just dust on that hillside and so i you have comment go ahead i do a lot of that is based um is happening because of salt we get a lot of salt runoff if you've noticed at greeley park there's no curbs um there's not really a lot of catch basins either and when you have your thaws coming out of the in the spring um a lot of you know turf doesn't like salinity salt and that's that's a lot of what that's attributed to so i and my last comment um i know they that turf control is like your your strong suit right yes um i i would love to see a

proposal at some point to uh especially on that east side of Greeley by the amphitheater um come to us uh for for uh irrigation and soil improvements oil amendments um to that hillside to get it into a condition where it can it can really be a nice place to sit and watch something delighted to hear that thank you you're welcome and you have what do you think it would cost to irrigate that area that commissioner shea is talking about oh and is that an area where it doesn't work or where there's a lot of it that's pretty old that doesn't work mr nothing at all there's a lot of areas where there's no irrigation at all and there's some areas on the stone house side really at greeley park that um are so old that it just doesn't work and do you have any estimate as to what the it would cost to irrigate the field area that um commissioner it's really based off the size i don't want to throw numbers around um we'd have to go ahead and get the square footage decide where we want to put it um and you know we could get a quote that reflects the square footage where we you know where we want to put the irrigation system right here so anyway you're looking into that i will great all right anyone else comment on the pending motion which is vitamin a all those in favor of the motion say aye aye opposed motion passes item b commissioner shea the motion is to approve the removal of 23 trees pruning of 40 trees and log removal at st andrews park funding will be through department 177 park and recreation fund capital activity city-wide playground improvements brian cohen superintendent of parks and recreation this tree removal and pruning is needed to allow for a new playground to be installed at st andrews park the removal will allow for the playground footprint to fit appropriately within the park the tree pruning is removing dead wood off of trees to create a safer environment around the perimeter of the playground a meeting was held may 27th to look at the work site and answer questions um four companies were notified of the meeting the meeting was attended by two companies two cost proposals were received with pioneer trees services being the lowest costs proposal at eight thousand four hundred dollars discussion commissioner superintendent just remind me where st andrews park is i i can't recollect um are you familiar with matt dooby field the little league field harris road harrison thank you mr mayor yep thank you anyone else commissioner shay uh to what extent if at all has this been discussed in the neighborhood it's a it's a lot of trees um and i i wonder to what extent the neighbors are aware of this you know we were out

there i had some retired people come and talk to me um other than that that hasn't been extensively discussed with the neighborhood um i know alderman o'brien is a very big advocate of this project let me uh so may i speak uh lisa photo director of public works um so when when i when brian first came to me and said that they were going to remove 23 trees i said i want to see this so we went out and about half of the trees need to be removed in order to be able to accommodate the playground the other half are dead trees that are really dangerous for either falling on a home or falling on on you know residents so half of those trees are and this should have probably been done a long time ago but at least half of those trees are dead trees and uh superintendent appointed uh pointed that out to me it was very clear that they were dead so um so it does sound like a lot of trees but at least half of them um need to come down because they're hazardous they're hazardous they are i know this is an odd question but 8 400 to remove 23 trees seems really like a great deal to me considering what my neighbors have paid to remove some like one or two trees yes does the city get i mean it's just that that was the bid that was the bid yeah everybody the two companies came um they had the trees marked the trees to be pruned the trees to be removed um and that was the number I received do they do non-commercial work they do all right they do they're local thank you you're welcome commissioner just as an informational item um and i know that mr conant has recently dealt with the same issue in the area of sergeants avenue park a lot of these trees are silver maples there was a time i've been told there was a time in our city's history where someone said oh great silver maples grow fast they're beautiful let's plant them and they were planted widespread all over our city but they don't have a long life so we're going we're getting to the point where a lot of our big mature silver maples are just they've reached the end of their life so this isn't um you know being mean to the trees this is they're done and for safety reasons they they need to be taken down anyone else i just mentioned lemon i just have one suggestion which would be that lauren draft some kind of statement saying that you know these trees are dead they need to go so that people are clear sure and put it on the public works or or even and copy it to the nashua civic sounding board to prevent controversy yes that's a good point and we are uh we are having in discussions with um uh the ward alderman alderman sullivan um about this as well so i know that um

alderman o'brien is also very interested in this park this is really the last park that um aside from the greely playground that really needs to be updated it's if you've been to saint andrews it's just horrible so it needs some attention and the residents have asked for this for a long time so we once we have the funding in place for the playground then we'll be bringing that back to you but right now we just want to take the trees down in preparation for that give mr o'shea can you tell us about the playground is there a plan for that yet or is that this is in prep for that this is in prep for that um we've come up with a uh conceptual design but we haven't um nothing's concrete yet so that's why we haven't brought that to you yet thank you it's subject to change depending upon funding this is true all those in favor of the motion say aye aye opposed motion passes thank you thank you

IX. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To approve the Sewer Service Permits and Fees as submitted.

B. Motion: To approve the award of the construction contract for the 2022 CIPP Lining Program to Kenyon Pipeline Inspection, LLC of Queensbury, NY in the amount of \$1,412,170. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Sewer Rehab.

C. Motion: To approve the engineering contract for the West Hollis Street Corridor Study with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. of Manchester, NH in an amount of \$188,772. Funding will be through Department: Economic Development; Fund: ARPA Grant.

D. Motion: To approve the purchase of a single Versicam camera and associated equipment from Ocean State Signal of Smithfield, Rhode Island in an amount of \$7,500, and approve its installation by Central Mass Signal, LLC of Northborough, Massachusetts in an amount of \$2,340. Funding for both items will be through the

Amherst Street Traffic Corridor Mitigation Fund, Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trust; Account Category; 71 Equipment.

E. Motion: To approve a Use and Occupancy Agreement with 57 Factory Street, LLC for placement of a dumpster in the Water Street right-of-way.

F. Motion: To approve the Atherton Park Improvements Plan.

G. Motion: To approve a Utility Trench Pavement Resurfacing Pilot Program as proposed by the Engineering Department.

H. Motion: To abolish the Assistant Construction Engineer position and create a DPW Permits Coordinator Position in the City Engineering Department. Funding will be through: Department: 160-Admin/Engineering; Fund: General Fund; Account Classification: Wages Full Time; Department: 169-Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater Account Classification: Wages Full Time.

I. Informational: Street Opening Permits issued for Streets in Moratorium.

engineering department uh item a commissioner i move to approve the sewer service permits and fees as submitted any discussion all those in favor say aye aye aye motion passes item b commissioner lemon the motion is to approve the award of the construction contract for the 2022 cipp lining program to kenyan pipeline inspection llc of queensbury new york in the amount of one million four hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and seventy dollars funding will be through department 169 wastewater fund wastewater activity sewer rehab um hello mr hudson hello mr may go ahead please thank you dan hudson city engineer um so as the board i believe is aware we through our sewer rehabilitation program we do two types of work one is we dig up pipes and replace them uh very disruptive through this other

part of the program we video inspect through closed circuit television sewer pipes and if able we line them with a with a liner which basically creates a pipe inside a pipe so this contract here is for the the lining work it's much more cost effective than the dig work you know about 20 times less expensive but this video work we do also finds those problems that we need to dig up so the two go hand in hand this is this is the lining one canyon pipeline inspection we're very familiar with them they didn't win our last bid when we went out to bid last last time but before that they had worked in the city for a couple years and we've had good luck with them discussion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye aye aye motion passes uh we now have item c commissioner moriarty i moved to approve the engineering contract for the west hollis street corridor study with hoyta tanner and associates inc of manchester new hampshire in the amount of 188 772 dollars funding will be through department economic development fund a rpa gran so again dan hudson city engineer this is a a start of looking at west hall street corridor uh i saw street corridor has been the point of discussion and concern for residents for a number of years there's a lot of traffic there's a lot of budding streets it's difficult to you know get onto the make your turns on and off the roadway at times and there are some concerns about pedestrian safety unfortunately there was a fatality that occurred on the street where a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle so we need to look at providing safer bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along the corridor um oil tanner is an engineering company that we selected through a request for qualifications for roadway highway or sorry highway bridge traffic and bicycle pedestrian infrastructure so we finally been able to identify some funding to do this corridor study and propose to award it to them discussion all those in favor say aye aye aye motion passes we next have item d uh commissioner shay uh the motion is to approve the purchase of single varuscam camera and associated equipment from ocean state signal of smithfield rhode island in an amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars and approve its installation by central mass signal llc of north borough northborough massachusetts in an amount of 2340. funding for both items will be through the administrative engineering excuse me will be through the Amherst street traffic corridor mitigation fund department 160 admin engineering fund trust account category 71 equipment um so thank you that was a long motion and i'm sorry

for that but i did want to try to accomplish a couple things in one motion here uh we're seeking to replace loop detection on the baldwin street approach to amherst street we've had trouble there with loops failing due to potholing that sort of thing so this motion is to procure a camera from ocean state signal and to have a central mass signal install it so that we can do the vehicle detection via camera versus loop detection anyone always in favor of the motion say aye aye aye aye motion passes uh item e commissioner schoenemann i moved to approve that uh use an occupancy agreement with 57 factory street llc for placement of a dumpster in the water street right away um so this is a you know somewhat unique uh situation here we uh had a received a request to place a dumpster in the right of way uh the proposed location is on basically under the water street bridge and it'd be against one of the uh piers there where currently there's parking city parking that would be replaced by the dumpster and with us tonight is dennis gleason who can speak to this he's the owner of 57 factory street can speak to the need hi thanks for listening to me tonight um i have some pictures is it okay just for clarity could you introduce yourself and your address yeah my name is dennis gleason i'm 17 greg wrote here in national new hampshire and i own the property at 57 factory street downtown we just put put up the building probably tore it down put it back up over the past five years and it's now a farm-to-table restaurant and a brewery and our property goes out to the street in front out to the street and back we do share a little bit of a right of way with miss weiss and shepard who are great neighbors but no really space to put a dumpster so right now we're cutting it out every every day trying to pull it out by truck and then bringing it back to our property at 10 groton road where then we put into that dumpster so it's really hard in the sense of that we have a lot of waste and um our grain right now it's been grain and all the spring grain and all the breweries in nashua go to our cows on ken groton road and we try to be good at recycling we try to take care of the property so we approached the mayor's office and we were working with tim and they kind of came out took a look at it and they figured this would be the best space to put a dumpster and hopefully a recycling area also so i can pass some pictures out if that helps or yes please okay thank you i'm sorry so i'm showing the location right underneath the bridge over the pass and i don't know exactly it's not really water street because water street goes above but i guess it's off the parking

and then we show a recycling dumpster in a regular dumpster and then i'm trying to show how we would cover it um the front of 57 factory street the back 50 factories at 7 factory street and the back of smith's weiss and shep at the 47th factory street again putting a dumpster right next to our building would really take away from um the parking lot uh bob shepard and they've been very good to us so um that's the only solution that we could come to working with the city so i'd really appreciate it if uh you were considerate any questions or questions comments uh commissioner schonemann um i'm still trying to figure out exactly where this is um i've been okay i've been there trying to figure out where exactly this is but my main concern is are the trash trucks gonna be able to get in there yes we actually had waste management come out and take a look at it measure the trucks and measure the bridge yes well i don't know if they they said they could easily do it um okay i didn't ask if they measured i'm assuming okay commissioner shay uh so so i understand that right now that space is used for parking by the residents um at delana's house is that right yes and the city said they'd try to relocate some parking for them that's my understanding anyway do we have i i'm generally supportive of trying to find accommodations for a dumpster for you i am curious to know to what extent the city has discussed it with delana's house and with clock tower place i i would fathom it's possible that clock tower place might not be enthused to have a dumpster greeting folks as they walk out um and i i'm at first i was thinking it was going to be the parking immediately under kind of like next to where where the gentleman said didn't smoke right um so i'm glad to see that it's not there because that would that would just be too close for comfort for their simple pleasures and um but but yeah i'd be curious to know to what extent that's been discussed with the abutters to be honest i don't know that mr hudson do you have anything to add on that question i don't know the answer that either this this uh kind of originated as was discussed through uh director cummings um from a public works perspective engineering was involved just in reviewing the location and how it might impact or not impact traffic flow and that sort of thing we did push back initially because you know we generally you know aren't in favor of placing dumpsters in the right way but this is a situation where this building for this site completely fills their site we as was described we did ask that they look for other locations and to my knowledge that was that was

attempted uh with mr gleason and director cummings okay commissioner shea my question is for for mr hudson would there be any more suitable locations i i understand that a lot of the materials that come out of there probably come out of that lower level um but but would there be anything on the factory street side um in in one of the lots there where we could put a neat um kind of like chain link fence with the or you know something to compartmentalize it so it's not an eyesore um and also make it so that it's not like immediately next to the entrance to clock tower or um that that kind of heavily used parking um i i don't know i mean i think uh on factory street your the location you're talking about will be across the street from this side of street i believe this is on the north side of uh factory street so I don't think there's any space currently normally there's uh two travel lanes in the in the sidewalk there's no parking on the business side right now through the extended outdoor dining there is parking on the on the you know adjacent to 57 factory street um but there really isn't to my knowledge a footprint on factory street in close proximity so then looking down you know on water street um the original proposal was you know kind of on the against the other abutment um but we felt that we can strict traffic flow through to clock tower place and then other than that i'm not sure what other locations were looked at it is it is a tight area down there there's a lot of parking but it's all a bunch of it's private parking some of the city parking so i'm not sure the specifics of what's possible i know director cummings did mention some spots were permitted and weren't able to be reassigned but this location i believe he thought could the parking could be reassigned oh go ahead okay um it's under a bridge it's you're gonna put up a little fence and um i it's close i mean making your your employees have to drag the trash out to some distant location in the middle of the city in the middle of the night it doesn't seem very safe so i think this is a really good solution for a space that um that maybe doesn't have a lot of use otherwise and i've been hearing such good things about this place this business that i think that it would be a very good gesture to allow them this small convenience do you know is there a light on that bridge or no i believe it is but i i can't say for sure and uh i when in the lead in here i mean there is a draft for a use and occupancy agreement um so this would be subject to that the city retains the right uh i believe at any time to rescind the approval um should we should we come to have concerns um

and that use and occupancy agreement will need to be reviewed and approved by a corporate council should you decide to approve this uh alderman o'brien uh thank you mr marin although as liaison but my previous employment as you know was on the fire department have they been briefed of this because i know that is somewhat a filing and as you know there's supposed to be so much clearance for the fire truck i know there is a bridge involved uh the wooden plank one that i'm talking about where the old paddle used to be uh but have they signed off is one of them i i can't answer to that i didn't have any communication with them what uh what i would say is uh the area that the dumpsters propose to be placed is currently parking so the you know the area that cars would occupy is the same area that dumpsters would occupy that that width concern was why we didn't want it on the other side of the thruway you know if you were going towards clock tower from the parking lots um we didn't want it on the right side for that reason because that would have constricted flow through there but no i didn't i didn't have any discussions with fire i'm not sure if mr cummings did or if mr gleason did you know follow up mr mayor i mean it certainly is a point i hate to whatever the board decides but on the resolution of this i would hate to have another agency come in at the 11th hour we just got through discussing this you know and then come in with a point of view that may not be to what the petitioner wants maybe perhaps a condition that fire be consulted i don't know just throwing it out there again this isn't really uh we're trying to facilitate this discussion but this isn't this is a private request thank you commissioner shea so uh maybe about three or four years ago there was a dumpster fire behind daryl's um i don't know if you recall that i think somebody lit a tire on fire in inside that dumpster and it burned for quite some time um so so that that the idea of it being located immediately under the um the wooden bridge is is a little concerning um the way that it's rendered without a privacy fence and more of just like a simple fence to control access i i'd like to see wherever it be located because this is part of the riverfront area and we're really trying to get people down there to enjoy things and your business is doing an amazing job of being a part of that um i just want to take a step back i bartended in there when it was timber grill the extension i remember that the extent to which you um improved that space and and created decks and ever it's everything that it needs to be and you've done such an amazing job and i

know that it was not an easy undertaking and it was a good process for for you and your family so thank you for that but but i'll get back back to it um so i i wherever it's located i'd really like to see a privacy style fence um which i think is fairly typical for for this kind of uh deployment of a dumpster in a populated well-traveled area um i i would really like to see that uh clock tower place and delana's house um give have a part of the discussion as to where this is placed um i i just don't want to hear that that residents you know a couple weeks from now are um not a couple weeks but whenever this goes in i i don't want to hear their residents are upset about it and we have to revisit the issue i'd like to make sure that we get it right the first time having it beyond that abutment is probably not feasible right because the the the trucks wouldn't be able to get access in there is that right uh on the other side i think it was access they were afraid of coming around that vehicles would potentially go into it so that's why they moved it across and and then my i have a question for engineer hudson the the road behind clock tower place is that property of clock tower place all along the river yeah yes i believe i believe it is and and uh i mean there is a river rock playing there so i believe we have some rights or we'll have some rights or they're giving us an easement yeah i think there's a poll i think they own it but there's a public need yeah at least for a walk away okay i i know that clock tower place has a number of dumpsters out behind the building which is not you know when you're considering the fact that you're taking the trash and and dealing with that um you know the 150 250 foot roll to the dumpster um if it were to be co-located with some of where those dumpsters are um you know that might be um that might be more tenable to clock tower clock tower may not even have an objection to this um they may be supportive of it um I would just like for me personally i would like to know that they are okay with this um and the the butters is really my my primary concern about it i'd like to find a solution i just want to know that that the neighbors are okay with it i just i just had a sidebar mr gleason uh um perhaps we tabled this until you know the next meeting and then we can have those discussions with fire and uh reach out to clock tower and get their input um perhaps show the screening that you're considering and or requesting okay does that make sense yeah um i think i think that's a good suggestion engineer hudson the only thing i would suggest is i'm going to try to uh get a hold of director cummings to see if

those discussions have already taken place if they have maybe we can just move this forward this evening so I will try to do that maybe mayor we could move on to the next well i try to do that all right why don't we without objection we will just come back to this item the next one is item f commissioner lemon to approve the atherton park improvements plan um so uh dan hudson city engineer so this is a very short motion but uh um what's what's uh desired and planned is to convert um the existing uh softball field and baseball field at athena park into soccer fields seven seven versus seven soccer field so you know smaller than then full soccer fields um and to uh actually uh diane i think diane's on can pull up the plan i'm speaking to here um and then to also provide a parking lot so that's the existing conditions it shows the softball field on the left baseball field on the right and a basketball court in the dark gray there next slide day in and this is what the proposal is so it would be to create two soccer fields as known as 7v7 they're running top to bottom on the screen here to irrigate those fields so they can be kept in good condition um there's an existing irrigation shed because this these fields used to be flooded i understand for uh skating in the winter that would need to be relocated i'd like to provide a playground although i'm not sure that's quite in the budget right now but we're looking into that um and then to provide a basketball court to replace the one that's in the way of what you see as a parking lot there's been a lot of historic complaints in this neighborhood about parking along the street parking is not allowed but when there's events in this park people do park on the street so the part of the plan is to provide some off street parking for the park um and then uh there's some parallel spaces along atherton have as well uh showing um there's some large trees along after that we don't want to disturb those there is one tree in alignment with the entry to the parking lot which is an evasive species which we would plan to cut and other than that it's uh you know trying to construct what's shown on the plane here the plan is to construct this with city forces street department and parks department and we did take this to the planning board for their input and received conditional approval um perhaps we should come here first and i apologize for that in the order of that but uh um we're not obligated obviously to to construct it uh unless you agree that this is uh an approach we should take so with that i'd be happy to address any questions and or our superintendent conan could address any questions as well

commissioner schonemann i think you answered the question already but you said the funding was going to come through parks and engineering and the other other funds yeah we have a plan for the funding we have a plan for the funding um the uh like i said the playground is the piece that that uh we don't have currently have funded um but the rest of the work we believe we can accomplish with the existing funding we have the engineering's been done in-house and the construction will be done with city forces primarily um so yeah it's kind of an in-house design build project okay all right thanks

commissioner lemon how does the ward alderman feel about this i i know that atherton park has been kind of underused in some ways so is the neighborhood been consulted are they happy about it so the the neighborhood the butters were direct mailed as part of the planning board process we had some butters come out um the biggest point of contention was the parking lot about half of them wanted it about half of them didn't they asked us to talk to the Baptist church to see if we could work any any parking arrangements with them i see that kind of as problematic because you know when they're having activities that the parks have any activities as well and uh also bae um has parking lots and you know reasonably close walking proximity but uh not exactly close um that was kind of the feedback we got there was uh some of the slopes along the houses where it appears the land was filled over time some of that has some asbestos fill annually we go out and we walk the slopes and and remove any asbestos pieces that we find poking out of the slope but no i think generally the the the feedback was positive the neighborhood supported park improvements um it was really just the parking and whether we need it or not i mean i we're trying to provide as much parking as we can may not still may not be quite uh sufficient for the number of people that will be uh at the park but at all times but um and we will be able to provide a couple handicapped spots in the lot um and then uh parking for at least around you know around 30 vehicles or so thank you all right any other discussion commissioner schoenemann yeah is that a new catch basin that that you'll be installing uh for drainage or is that existing no it's a good question it is a new leaching catcher basin so it won't this area doesn't outlet to any other drainage pipes it's kind of a low-lying area this uh catch basin you know has a great water goes in and then it can leach out into a stone bed it's just trying to create a faster way for groundwater to get you know water to

get into the ground um so that's what that is sounds like a good idea commissioner shea can you speak to why parking is not allowed on atherton half um i i just believe it's the width of the street and but i can't specifically speak to the history of that or anything i do know that i mean i've heard complaints that when people do park there when the park is busy you know it's very constricted uh in width getting through there and there's been concerns about safety with that is there concerns about safety or is there concerns about people being impeded by having to drive five miles per hour through a dense residential neighborhood where children are playing is a question that doesn't need to be answered i i share the reservations about the um about the parking lot um and and uh but but it sounds like there was discussion with the neighborhood and this was this was you know split and it was determined that this was maybe the best solution and there's a lot of thought that's gone into this um so i don't know that i would propose to get rid of it um but i just want to express that i share that concern about it i think it's a lot of great great space and i think it is underused um and i have to wonder what two seven by seven soccer games happening at the same time um would would look like in comparison to one baseball game um how many people are on like when you have the bench in baseball i don't know about sports like how many how many people are on the field in baseball nine nine okay and and then on the bench you might have like 16 to 20 people per team is that about right correct 16 20 so you get 20 so you got maybe 40 you got seven and seven although there's people on the bench in soccer too so i don't know that's a tough thing i i just wonder if there's really going to be that much more of a need for parking with this use over what's happening there now um was that discussed to it to much of an extent just we did kind of the same uh back of the envelope type calculation that you did and you know i i not not knowing exactly I believe the uses will be similar i think the parking was more to address the existing need uh which will you know continue especially with soccer which is probably more popular right now than uh baseball so it'd probably be more heavily utilized despite the number of team numbers would be my expectation um and then i have one more warrior thing would it be possible for for this site to be used as a lacrosse field or or would that require some additional like safety considerations um as far as like the balls and the the windows nearby and all that stuff i'd defer that question to

the park superintendent i think it would depend on the the age um i don't think this field is i'll have to look into that off the top of my head i think this field would be long enough for some lacrosse age groups to use and not long enough for others um just like it is for soccer currently right now the seven on seven would really be for youth um this isn't long enough to uh for high school regulation or anything like that so i believe that's the correct answer thank you um it's not necessarily germane to this but on the topic of of lacrosse i i got a call from a constituent um who is interested in seeing us uh invest more attention to that sport and and creating opportunities for fields in play space for that um which i thought was a fair observation on his part that we're not doing enough to support that sport um especially where it's a sport where there's a lot of opportunity for um scholarships um and uh and and it's just another way for for kids to get out there and play so um just airing my my thoughts i'd i'd like us to look more at what we can do we've attended a lot to soccer and i understand that soccer's popular we've attended a lot to baseball um and and i think that baseball has a a more distant and entrenched level of support in the community so that kind of feeds itself and and gets the support that it's need it needs um but whether it's here or elsewhere i'd like us to look more at what we can do to to support uh lacrosse players thank you and uh commissioner lemon brought that to my attention and we're working on that now so i know that uh lauren byers and jeff desalvo uh we're discussing that as we'll be working on that so thank you so much so the pending motion is to approve anyone else always in favor of the motion say aye aye motion passes all right um two things we could go back we have a little bit more information regarding the 57 factory street request the request was that the answer the the information is that there was an attempt to contact delanus they did call the lanes but they didn't get an answer no no response um no you know nothing on nothing with clocktower i think it is it's a lot closer to delanus that's probably the reason for that we could approve it subject to the director being satisfied that delanus and clock tower are okay with the location that's a possibility the second item is we're being told excuse me i i just received word uh from a director cummings that clock tower is all set that he just spoke with them so clock tower is all right it's not really close to clock tower so that I don't you know it's not a surprise um so the we could have proven subject to the director being satisfied that the

layna's house is okay with it that's a possibility commissioner moriarty mayor would it be possible to approve your contingent upon fire department approval now we could do that as well yes yes both both so that could be a motion commissioner i i i am good with that i think that as long as that that conversation has been had uh with with all those parties i'm i'm happy with it the the one thing i would request uh be adjusted would be the the use of of uh some manner of privacy fencing um that is uh completely occlusive and uh uh taller than uh the the height of the dumpsters so that they are not visible from uh the riverwalk and mr gleason uh did you hear that yes and do you have any issue with that none all right well i think the million made by commissioner moriarty is to approve subject to the director photo being satisfied that the fire department and delana's house are uh approving not objecting to this idea okay um and with the privacy fence is the discussion sorry is that the fire marshal i would talk to well uh who's going to initiation we'll sort of facilitate that thank you thank you um any discussion on that motion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye opposed motion passes thank you very much i appreciate it now this other item that has come up you recall that we normally meet upstairs obviously you recall that the reason we had to move down here is there's technical problems up there with the amplification there's a meeting after this here now of course we didn't plan for this because you know we didn't know the system upstairs wasn't going to be working they're saying that they need us to finish up by six o'clock right yes video we're trying to get to 6 30 but they hit they had asked us to wrap up around six um but we're trying i'm trying to push that to six yeah i think this budget at seven yeah all right well let's go on to we could at some point if we don't reach everything suspend items till the next meeting but why don't we take another some more items and see what happens quick um question for uh yes commissioner or yes mr hudson question for the director director would you like to uh hold item g and skip to yes skip to h yes please okay so g is going to be how we're skipping to what h h yes please all right item h uh commissioner lemon the motion is to establish the assistant construction engineer position and create a dpw permits coordinator position in the city engineering department funding will be through department 160 and admin engineering fund general fund account classification wages wages full-time department 169 wastewater fund wastewater account classification wages

full-time so again dan hudson city engineer so um i think the description is fairly self-explanatory i just would say that we have an assistant construction engineer position which we've had vacant for almost a year i really haven't had much interest or or qualified candidates that position did some engineering duties related to construction um so what what the proposal is is to create a permits coordinator position engineering does a lot of permitting you know anytime anybody excavates in the right of way you need a permit you want to encumber the right way you know because you're going to block it up because you're cutting trees or anything like that comes through engineering for permitting currently those permitting efforts will be included by our staff engineers so the thought here is that we create a perm a dedicated position to permitting which is uh certainly a full-time position um and then um allow you know take those duties off our staff engineers so they can do more traditional engineering work in support of our senior staff engineers i'd be happy to answer any questions discussion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye motion passes item I informational street opening permits anybody have any questions on that i don't see anything thank you mr hudson thank you uh

X. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Motion: To consider the request from resident Denise Muccioli of 611 Midhurst Road to speak for up to 15 minutes during public comment at the July 28, 2022 Board of Public Works Meeting.

B. Informational

a. Budget Transfers – May 2022

b. Director's Report

we're now on to administration um commissioner moriarty the motion is to consider the request from resident denise muchalli of 611 midhurst road to speak for up to 15 minutes during public comment on july 28 2022 at the border public works meeting um all right discussion all those in favor of the motion saying mr mayor what i think uh go ahead go ahead mr o'brien um

just for consideration we on the board of aldermen have public comment and it's limited to three minutes unless somebody is coming in to testify and then they allowed to not only be the standard the podium but if you notice the automatic meetings we allow them to sit the only thing that i'm going to caution you with this particular is what one board does has to be reflective to the whole municipality so therefore i would recommend consulting legal because would your agreement to this for somebody coming in and not speaking within the three minutes what would happen in the case somebody says well they did it at the board of public works i can do it at the board of aldermen so there should be some legitimate consistency so i wanted you to i only say it as as a point to caution to take under consideration and uh maybe the best way is probably to get better legal advice than i'm giving you at this moment so thank you mr mayor all right um also it seems like the videographers are very concerned uh about going beyond six o'clock commissioner schonemann very quickly um i would like to know if the three-minute rule is a legal rule or is that something that was adopted without any kind of official legal statute i think if a member of the public if a taxpayer wants to be heard 15 minutes out of one meeting she's done her due diligence to ask for it i i don't think it's a a big onerous request i don't think it's going to have massive repercussions through the city government um i say let her speak well this is why mr mayor if i may yeah and and to be brief because i understand the videotographer but from my understanding there is no state law that says the public has to speak per se and uh but we allow it on the board of aldermen as a courtesy so this particular petitioner is asking for the courtesy my only point is consistency so like i say best to probably refer it to a legal authority well i don't think there's a legal dimension here i mean uh it could be three minutes it could be one minute it could be an hour i mean a board can decide whatever they want on this um it could be unlimited but the decision we've made is three minutes now we're they're really really pressing for us to finish up um anyone have anything further to say on this item commissioner shea i would just say that they're under this uh example there's really no extenuating circumstances and um the resident could certainly and has communicated extensively their position on the issue with us i would be concerned as far as our process and and what we have generally allowed for um with the fact of approving this um creating uh you know who who are we

arbitering who are we deciding gets to speak for 15 minutes and gets to speak for three minutes i it is my feeling that if we are going to uh you know have a standard uh we should stick to that um i understand that there was a proposal and that that was a an item before us um that was more than three minutes for this project initially last session um and and that's something that the board was considering um and you know i i would not support this just just for the simple fact of i don't want to be deciding who and who doesn't speak for 15 minutes on an ongoing basis i think that that doesn't serve us well um and and the the sentiment on this from the president has has been well taken anything further all those in favor of the motion say aye aye opposed nay motion fails all right now i think we in in what not about it um i think in deference to our videographers who work very hard thank you jeff sorry about the disturbance again we would have been upstairs had there not been technical problems up there but in deference to them um we i would should finish up i believe so without objection we will go to the non-public session because the director says there are some hires she would like to complete get approved for and not wait another month uh commissioner moriarty i i then uh moved by roll call that the board going to non-public session pursuant to rsa 91-83 roman numeral 2b the hiring of any person as a public employee and does that have to be our roll call yes yes mayor donchess yes commissioner mario yes commissioner schoenemann yes commissioner shea yes commissioner lemon yes uh now we are going jeff into non-public session we're going to finish this up quickly Okay all right Foreign you want to know Oh Foreign motion passes we are now in an open session jeff i don't know if you're still there or we're trying to oh there okay i think you put us back on uh commissioner moriarty i moved by roll call to seal the minutes of the border public works personnel non-public meeting of june 16 2022 until such time as the majority of the board votes that the purpose of the confidentiality will no longer be served all right mayor donches yes commissioner moriarty yes commissioner schoenemann yes commissioner shea yes commissioner lemon thank you commissioner moriarty are we turning motion to adjourn all those in favor of the motion say aye aye aye opposed and the meeting is adjourned at 6 11 pm sorry jeff for the overrun you