

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber and via Zoom teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

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

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. If you are participating via Zoom, please state your presence, reason for not attending the meeting in person, and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Alderman June M. Caron, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman Thomas Lopez (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu, Alderman Ernest Jette, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Skip Cleaver was recorded absent.

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

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

Well it's great to see you Madam President and other members of the Board of Aldermen live and in the chamber. We haven't been here for I was thinking 15 ½ months or so. Of course the new chamber looks great. The technology I think is going to be a big, big help so thanks to all the people that contributed to making this a much, much better space and I think in the end much more people and public friendly.

There were a few things Madam President that I wanted to mention. First, I thought I would update you briefly on the vaccination status. The last figures we have suggested about 48,000 Nashuans have received at least one vaccination. Of course, children 11 and under are not being vaccinated. Certainly kids from 12 to 17 are probably under vaccinated. So probably 60 percent or more of adults 18 and older are vaccinated at least once. 43,000 people have been fully vaccinated. So we are climbing but we need to continue to encourage others to get vaccinated. Public Health is still working hard on this. I know Director Bobbie Bagley was out before the meeting doing some in-home visits, catching people whenever she can and of course other Public Health personnel and nurses are doing the same.

I wanted to mention also the 4th of July celebration. We will return to fireworks at Holman Stadium fully open at full capacity. This year for us that have in the past celebrated in some of the suites upstairs, there will be a change because I thought the kids in the city have gone through a lot in the past year (audio stopped) VIPs or city officials and others. We invited kids from several different organizations to use the suites. So we have about 20 to 25 kids from the Children's Home and about 20 to 25 kids from the Boys and Girls Club who will be using the suites. I'm sure you all agree that that is a good use of that space and I hope for them it will be a unique experience being able to see the fireworks at such a close proximity. I think that will be a very happy event.

I just briefly wanted to mention R-21-149 which will dedicated HOME funds to Neighborworks to enable them to build four affordable units on Ash Street. Of course four units is not a whole lot but on the other hand, four more affordable units in a housing market as tight as this one where affordable units are in very, very short supply is a great addition.

I wanted to mention the Farmer's Market. That opened for the first time this Sunday and will be open from now on Sunday until October. It's interesting that I was talking with one of the people that has been working at the Farmer's Market for some time. Last year they did a count because of the COVID protocols. People walk

through in one direction so it was easier to do a count. They got 300-600 people per Sunday during COVID. The vendors all say they do very well at that Farmer's Market and I think this year will be another good year for them.

Finally Madam President I wanted to mention that I had the privilege of attending the Nashua North graduation. I wanted to go to the South graduation as well but they had to keep rescheduling them because of rain. So I had a conflict for South. The weather was really fantastic. It was held at Stellos. I thought having attended some of up at the SNHU Center up in Manchester – I thought Stellos was a better environment when you've got good weather outdoors. It feels really good. The kids are really happy and of course the families were all there. I thought it was a great event. It was very inspiring. We heard speeches from the Valedictorian, the Salutatorian, and the Class President. All were very, very good and in addition it was just overall I thought a wonderful experience. We of course for our kids' education is right not a privilege and this just marks the end point at least for a public school education, secondary education for in that case almost 400 kids. So I think we should be very proud of the young people that have graduated, and have grown up here, and of the teachers and other educational staff that have dedicated themselves to making them very fine, young men and women. That's all I have Madam President.

President Wilshire

Thank you Mayor.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

President Wilshire

I just want to say something to the Mayor. I really appreciate that you invited the children to watch the fireworks from one of the suites. I know the kids where I work are really excited about it. So thank you so much for doing that.

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the regular and special Board of Aldermen meetings of June 7 and June 8, 2021 be accepted, placed on file, and the readings suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Matthew Sullivan, Planning Manager

Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen on proposed R-21-148, authorizing the acquisition of a portion of property at 44 Buckmeadow Road, Tax Map C, Lot 25

From: Matthew Sullivan, Planning Manager

Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen on proposed, Petition for Street Layout - 44 Buckmeadow Road

From: Matt Sullivan, Planning Manager

Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen on proposed R-21-147, authoring the conveyance of discontinued portion of (Old Groton Road)

From: Matt Sullivan, Planning Manager

Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen on proposed Petition for Street discontinuance - (Old) Groton Road

From: Lori Wilshire, President Board of Aldermen

Re: Calling a Special Board of Aldermen meeting on July 1, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. relative to R-21-142

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

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

From: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk
Re: Issuance of Warrant to Chief of Police for Unlicensed Dogs

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file and referred it to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: Report on Overnight Parking

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

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

President Wilshire

No one in the chamber has signed up. Is there anyone on Zoom that might have their hand up to be recognized? Madam Clerk do you see anyone on Zoom? Okay, very good. We'll move right along.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess
Re: Multi-year Contract for Telephone (Landline) Service at the Hunt Memorial Building in the amount not to exceed \$5,411.99 funded from accounts 53628 Contract Services (131 Hunt Building)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND APPROVE A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR TELEPHONE (LANDLINE) SERVICE AT THE HUNT MEMORIAL BUILDING TO COMCAST CABLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,411.99. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH: DEPARTMENT: 131 HUNT BUILDING; FUND: 53628 CONTRACT SERVICES, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee06/07/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 7, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee06/09/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 9, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee06/10/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 10, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Human Affairs Committee 06/14/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 14, 2021 Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee 06/14/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 14, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee 06/15/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 15, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 06/16/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 16, 2021 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-21-137

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman Jan Schmidt
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O’Brien, Sr.
- Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman Skip Cleaver
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$352,078 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY “FY2022 REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK SERVICES”

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-137, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-21-137 declared duly adopted.

R-21-138

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$25,563.84 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY "STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM" INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "2020 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-138, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-21-138 declared duly adopted.

R-21-149

Endorsers: Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

APPROVING THE USE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS BY NEIGHBORWORKS OF SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR 40 ASH STREET

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-149, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-21-149 declared duly adopted.

R-21-150

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022 RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG")

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-150, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Kelly

This is normally behind us at this point in the year but there was an adjustment by the US Department "HUD" and they allocated more funds to us based on the formula so we had to look at that. So the request and what was put forward from the Committee was that the \$9,742 that was reallocated because of the formula change plus a reprogrammed amount that was no longer needed from Front Door Agency go to the Sandy Pond project that DPW had inquired about and that was what the Committee agreed on and is in front of you today.

President Wilshire

Anyone have any questions? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,

Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,
Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-21-150 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-21-152

Endorsers: Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Given its first reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO DETERMINE IF IT'S NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, BY ROLL CALLON THE QUESTIONAlderman Lopez

So the Board of Health is a commission of three which is appointed by the Mayor and was codified in our City Charter which is why we'd need it to be on a referendum but because it's only three, it's vulnerable to having a member be out or even more than one member. Their minimum quorum is two so they can actually meet if somebody is not able to attend or if somebody has another commitment but that also leaves a committee that essentially can deadlock itself if there's any slight disagreement.

In being a liaison over the last couple of months, I found that a number of meetings were not able to continue. They needed to be concluded because people had to go to work or had to deal with patients and that's something that we shouldn't necessarily create a conflict with because of a small board. As a doctor, you have ethical standards if you set appointments with patients you really do need to be present for them if possible to create any kind of ethical conflicts. When you're only one of three people and you're being also asked to sit on a committee that may be determining public health responses to an emergency that creates a conflict.

So what I'm hoping for is that by adding two additional members we create a larger number of commissioners that would be able to attend and maintain meetings. There was also some opportunity in working with Legal. The language identifying the membership of the board is pretty antiquated. It does not reflect any opportunity for someone with mental health experience particularly to participate in the board and that's understandable because at the time the board was created mental health was in its infancy. There is an opportunity to do that and I think that would be a helpful member considering some of the public health issues that present at our city now are a mass of surge in suicides or substance use disorder outbreaks. I think with the opportunity to expand the board to make it a little bit more sustainable and a little bit less prone to crisis, we also have the opportunity to include a more holistic approach to medicine. There is also the opportunity for someone with advanced public health credentials to participate on the board and the reasoning behind that was just that at the moment the only input for Public Health as an experience and as a discipline on the Board is from our own staff. So it would be good just to have a neutral party who has that experience and also be able to weigh in. So that is my reasoning for putting this legislation forward. I hope the Board will support it. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez if I could. First off the Board of Health is appointed by me and approved by the Board not appointed by the Mayor just for clarification.

Alderman Lopez

Okay I understand.

President Wilshire

The other thing, Attorney Bolton just advised me that your motion can't have the word "if" in the first sentence. You made a motion to determine if it's necessary. We need to strike the word "if". Could you amend your motion?

Alderman Lopez

My mistake. Sorry. I read the script but thank you for the direction Attorney Bolton.

President Wilshire

Would you amend your motion to take that out?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO AMEND TO DETERMINE THAT IT' IS NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTIONAlderwoman Lu

This sounds intriguing and interesting to me. I think it's worth considering. I would like to suggest that it goes to committee before we vote on whether it's necessary. That is what I thought that we did with Charter changes. I think it would be rather than schedule a public hearing on something, it would just be better to address it at committee and at that point decide whether – I don't know whether we need to come back to the full Board to decide that it's necessary but I would – that's how I feel. That's why I will vote against this.

President Wilshire

Anyone else?

Alderman Lopez

If I could ask Attorney Bolton for a clarification on the process. I had thought that this was the process that we had to follow but I'm not opposed to having it discussed in committee before scheduling the public hearing. I am concerned that the month turnaround for reviewing it with committee puts us into the end of July probably August depending on what the committees we refer it to are and if we schedule the public hearing then, we might run into the timeline for when we can't put things on referendum.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

I think you make a very good point Alderman Lopez. The Statute that governs amendments to the City Charter is very specific and after the determination that it's necessary, the City Clerk must forward the language to three State officials who then after receiving that have 45 days to compare that proposed Charter language to all of the State Statutes and determine whether any State Statute would be contravened. Then you have to –

well how do I say this – after you determine it's necessary, you have to schedule a public hearing that has to be noticed in the newspaper. When you get word back from the three State officials, you will then have to finalize the language taking into consideration what you hear in the public hearing, taking into consideration what those three State officials had to say. If they say anything other than go ahead, you look okay.

Once they say that or don't say that, you have seven days to finalize that language. If you change the language, you need to schedule another public hearing. Again, it has to be advertised in the newspaper in advance. My understanding is if this drags along beyond the first week in September, we will miss the opportunity to place it on the ballot this year. So you may, in fact, run into a time crunch at some point in the process.

Alderman Lopez

With respect to Alderman Lu's concerns that this undermines the public input process, if we vote tonight and do determine that it's necessary to move forward with it, and then the committee does not recommend it, or if there is public comment that Aldermen ultimately don't choose to accept the language, this doesn't move forward. It would just go into legislative abyss is that correct?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

This doesn't commit you to putting it on the ballot. It doesn't commit you to the existing language. It just is a determination that it is necessary and this context necessary does not mean absolutely necessary. It means more a can do being appropriate and helpful. So you are not irrevocably committing anything and in fact it doesn't change the Charter until the voters vote to approve it if they ever do.

Alderman Lopez

Thank you.

President Wilshire

All set Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I would just comment I guess that in my opinion voting to identify it as necessary is giving the voters an opportunity to directly weigh in on an issue that over this past year has directly affected them. I think it does place some bearing on the timeliness of the responses that we've gotten. In terms of direction, while largely I think Public Health and the Board of Health have done an outstanding job under a lot of duress I think having a larger capacity might have enabled them to explore issues a little bit more closely.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I agree with Alderman Lopez. I like many of us here attended a lot of the Board of Health meetings and often times there were just two people and we would hear "we're going to have to continue this" because one of them had to leave. It's no reflection on them, it's just the process of there's only three people. So I do believe that we will have less issues if we do, in fact, go with the five. I'd like to at least start the process of making that determination and I will be voting for this.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Alderman Jette.

Alderman Jette

Thank you Madam President. So I don't want to do anything to derail this. I think Alderman Lopez's desire to increase the number of people on the Board of Health it sounds like a great idea. He as liaison has seen them in action and knows the problems and is trying to solve the problem. The problem I have is that I guess because of the way the Statute is written, we are supposed to first determine that this is necessary.

It probably is but we ran into the same problem with the Police Commission Charter change. We were asked to vote that night when the thing was first presented to us without any discussion, without any debate. We were asked to determine that it was necessary so that it could go to the public hearing. I don't know...I think afterwards – I may be wrong about this so I won't say that because I don't want to say anything that I'm not sure of. I don't know what the solution is but I understand Alderman Lu's reluctance to vote, to make a determination that this is necessary when we haven't had a chance to discuss it. I don't want to derail it so given Attorney Bolton's instruction or suggestion that if we don't determine its necessary tonight and it doesn't go on to public hearing, then we run into scheduling problems so I will vote in favor of this but I don't know if in the future whether we need to look at that language.

I guess if Attorney Bolton is saying that's what the Statute says but I think that if we had more time, I suppose what he's saying is that if we had more time then it could be referred to committee and the committee could make a recommendation as to whether it's necessary or not and should go on to the public, and come back to us for that vote, and then we schedule the public hearing. Once again we are through no – I'm not blaming anyone for this – but once again we're facing deadlines that require us to do anything...I don't think this is anything really controversial about this. I think if we vote tonight saying it's necessary, it goes on to public hearing. There will be plenty of time to discuss it then. The committee will then discuss it and I think there's plenty of room to tweak it or abandon it if that's appropriate. I'll vote for it tonight but I understand Alderman Lu's reluctance to vote on this. Thank you for letting me think out loud.

President Wilshire

Sure.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I just have a question. So when I look at the next motion down there, it says this is going to go to Personnel/Administrative so it goes there before it would go to a public hearing? Just trying to get clarity for myself. Would it go to public hearing first?

President Wilshire

It's the same night.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Oh okay. All right.

President Wilshire

Okay. You all set? Anyone else? Anyone on Zoom?

Alderman Lopez

Just as an observation, yeah it's pretty cumbersome that you have the public hearing on it and then the committee meeting at the same time but there is public comment at the committee meeting and also at the Board of Aldermen. So if any significant red flags were raised, then I think there would still be public input but I have not changed very much here.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. I would just like a little clarification. It seemed to me that I'm not sure if I heard Corporation Counsel's answer to the question do we have to take the vote tonight. It seemed that you went on to say yes this could be a real time crunch if it's not done tonight but we do have the option of voting in committee on the necessity. Am I correct?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

You wouldn't believe me no matter what I told you so I'll decline to answer.

Alderwoman Lu

Now that's...there's no call for that.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

You've made yourself clear in the past Alderwoman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

Well I'm very sorry but I think that I deserve an answer.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

No I don't think you are.

Alderwoman Lu

I've apologized to you more than twice...

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

No you have not. In fact, that is an absolute lie. You have never apologized to me.

Alderwoman Lu

You have refused my apologies. I'll send you the e-mails.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

You have not.

Alderwoman Lu

Well do we have another attorney that could answer my question whether...?

President Wilshire

We do not.

Alderwoman Lu

Okay well then I object to this vote based on I can't get an answer.

President Wilshire

Anyone else?

Alderman Caron

To you Madam Chair to Corporation Counsel. You said that this may not get done in time to be on the November ballot. Would that mean we would have to have a special election or would this just die out in December?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

It would be up to the Board.

Alderman Caron

Okay. All right. Thank you.

President Wilshire

I would not be inclined to hold a special election for this. If it's going to go, we should send it. We still have time to talk about it at committee, at the public hearing, back here at the Board. We'll have plenty of time for input. This is just what the Statute says according to our Attorney.

Alderman Caron

No I appreciate it. I just don't want us doing this and then find out that you know we have to have a special election. So he clarified. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Okay. Thank you. Anyone else?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thanks. I don't want to belabor the point but I do agree that there is some confusion at least in my mind as well in terms of how are we supposed to determine whether this is necessary if we haven't had the discussion yet so it does feel a little cart before the horse just the way it's written. So there's an opportunity to adjust that in the future and maybe there isn't. I'm sure Attorney Bolton could weigh in on that but it definitely is confusing when things come and we are asked to determine if it's necessary with no information.

President Wilshire

Did you want to address that?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

If the piece of legislation had been introduced earlier in the year, there would obviously be more time. If the legislature were to adjust the Statute so that it did not require a determination of it being necessary before a public hearing could be scheduled, then it would perhaps be easier to understand. I didn't write it. I wasn't consulted before it was written. That's what it says.

Alderwoman Kelly

Can I follow up please?

President Wilshire

Are you set Attorney Bolton?

Alderwoman Kelly

Attorney Bolton when you say "legislature" you're referring to the State. This is a State Statute that makes us have to do it this way, correct?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Yes that's what I meant when I said the "legislature". Yes.

Alderwoman Kelly

I appreciate that. Thank you for the clarification.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

I meant the New Hampshire legislature. Yes.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you.

Alderman Jette

SO just to clarify, I think what you're telling us Attorney Bolton is if we had more time – so if this Charter change had been introduced two months ago for example, it is possible under that circumstance that it could have been referred to the committee before the determination of it being necessary and then the committee could discuss it, make a recommendation to us, it could come back to us, we could say yes it's necessary, and then the public hearing could be scheduled. If there was enough time, it could have been done that way?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Yes.

Alderman Jette

Okay thank you.

Alderman Tencza

As much as I love sitting here and debating process with everybody, I am not sure how much more we're going to learn about the necessity of this after going through a pandemic and listening to what Alderman Lopez just told us about how the Board of Public Health operates. If we think about it, the Public Works has 5 commissioners. Police Department has 5 commissioners. The Fire Department has 5 commissioners. This would...

President Wilshire

Police has 3.

Alderman Tencza

Oh okay. I'm sorry.

President Wilshire

That's okay.

Alderman Tencza

But I think given the considerations of the Board of Public Health that I think it's an easy decision to say this is necessary and we should move forward with this tonight and let it go through the process from here.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Alderwoman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

I just want to explain that a big reason why I am moving to send it to committee first is that I wanted to establish that that is an option. It was my understanding it's an option. I believe that Corporation Counsel has told us it's actually an option and after the last reading to change the Charter, I felt that it – well now can tell that most people or many people in here were not aware that it was an option. I wanted that to be more clear. The reason I say that – Madam Chairman I'm sorry if I'm making you roll your eyes – but the reason I'm saying that is I had conversations with people. Corporation Counsel is very angry with me because I expressed that I tried to get to the bottom of it at the meeting that night.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

You don't know why I'm angry with you apparently.

Alderwoman Lu

Excuse me. I'm speaking.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Yeah and now I'm speaking...

Alderwoman Lu

No.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

and you're misrepresenting me and I'm interrupting you so that you don't continue to misrepresent me.

Alderwoman Lu

Who's running this meeting? I'm sorry. I'm all set.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Any other discussion on the motion that Alderman Lopez made? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

Nay: Alderwoman Lu 1

MOTION CARRIED

If the vote passes then,

Assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, BOARD OF HEALTH, and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the aldermanic chamber at 7:00 p.m. by President Wilshire

There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for a first reading of Resolution R-21-153 which was received after the agenda was prepared.

R-21-153

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FROM THE KRESGE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "EQUITY IN COVID-19 RESPONSE"

Given its first reading;

There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for a second reading of Resolution R-21-153.

Resolution R-21-153 given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-153, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Caron

Yes is this time sensitive? Is that why we're doing this?

President Wilshire

It is. Thank you.

Alderman Caron

Thank you.

President Wilshire

Any other discussion on the motion? Alderman Jette

Alderman Jette

It seems pretty obvious but can we have an explanation as to what this all about?

President Wilshire

Well its money that the city is accepting from the Kresge Foundation to start the post COVID work that the Public Health Department needs to do. The grant started in June and if we don't accept it tonight, they probably won't get it in until August at which point the grant will already have been in play for three months. They really want to get started on that work and they can't do it until they have the funds.

Alderman Jette

Thank you.

President Wilshire

Any other discussion on the motion for final passage? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-21-153 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-21-066

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

PROVIDING FOR ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE TO ACT IN COMMITTEES TO MEET REQUIREMENT THAT QUORUMS BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT

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

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Also the R-21-152 I think it is. Can we sign on as sponsors? I don't think we did that with his.

President Wilshire

Which one are you talking about?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

R-21-152.

President Wilshire

Did you want to be added as a sponsor?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Yes thank you. Sorry.

President Wilshire

Did you have any comments Alderman Gathright?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Yes. I just wanted to say that Southern New Hampshire Outreach of Black Community and the Greater Nashua NAACP will be celebrating Fredrick Douglas on July 3rd at the Library Common at 12 p.m.

Alderman Jette

Yes thank you Madam President. I think it's necessary to say that we are a legislative body. We gather and this is the first time we've had a chance to meet in person for some time. These meetings are – this is where we discuss things. The Right-to-Know Law prohibits us from talking about stuff outside of these meetings. It has to be properly noticed. The public has to have an opportunity to watch us debate these issues so that when we discussion things, we're doing our jobs. You know I hope that none of you thinks when I ask questions or I talk about things that I'm wasting your time or you've got some place else you'd rather be. I'm sorry about that but this my job. I was elected to come here at these meetings and talk about these things with you people and reach a consensus about issues.

The second thing I'd like to talk about is I'd like to all of my fellow people of French Canadian heritage, I would like to wish a bon Saint John Baptist this Thursday the 24th of June is the Feast of Saint John the Baptist. Its' a holiday in the Province of Quebec and it's a national holiday in Canada. This Thursday in Nashua at 11:00 there's going to be a celebration of the installation of that sculpture down at the park known as Le Parc De Notre Renaissance Francaise. That statue is actually called "La Dame De Renaissance Francaise" and it's a statue which was installed 20 years ago. So there's going to be a celebration of that anniversary but the statue commemorates the role that women played when the French/Canadian immigrants came to this city. The women as mothers and as teachers taught the immigrant children at that time – the French/Canadian children and that's what that statue commemorates and that's what that's all about. So there's going to be a celebration. I believe the Mayor is going to be there, and someone from the French Council from Boston, and

someone from the Quebec delegation. So anyone who is interested is welcome to come and join us celebrate Renaissance Francaise. Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

Alderman Tencza

Thank you. So I, too, wanted to say that it's nice to be back here in the Chamber with many of your and hopefully soon enough we'll all be able to be back here. The Chamber looks great. The one thing that I do miss is the picture of a younger Mayor Donchess starting back at me. It's not there anymore but we're fortunate to have all the more experienced Mayor Donchess in the Chamber here with us. It's great to be back.

This is also our last full meeting before the 4th of July. Mr. Mayor thank you for opening up the box to some of the younger residents of the city. I hope they really enjoy that. I'll say that I probably never really noticed the fireworks – all the fireworks that were going on in the city until we got a puppy in the fall and I notice them every time that they're going off. It's made me realize how much of a nuisance they can be for other citizens in the city. I would ask and I know Alderman Lopez will probably bring it up too that as we enter the 4th of July season if you're thinking about wanting to go fireworks, go down to Holman Stadium and celebrate with everybody else and leave the individual displays for other cities and towns. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

Well with regard to the fireworks because fireworks can be pretty disconcerting to individuals who served in combat or Veterans, I wanted to invite the Board. We are working on an alternative 4th of July celebration barbeque on the 4th of July – it's in French Park but it's really in front of Dalianis House for the Veterans that are there. We're working on a mural to act as a capstone for the Hearts and Mind Series. So we are trying to honor Veterans that way and it is largely in sympathy that not everybody wants to hear things exploding above them to celebrate the birth of our nation.

As an add on to what Alderman Jette brought up regarding the Thursday dedication, it's also the recognition of the mural that's being painted in Le Parc De Notre Renaissance Francaise. The mural is co-sponsored by Involved to Impact and the Richelieu Club and features some prominent Nashua citizens – Franco Nashuans – who have contributed to the community. Former Mayor Lozeau is among them so if Alderman Tencza is an aficionado of former Mayoral pictures, then he took that out.

Lastly I wanted to thank the Board for considering the legislation for, in my opinion, strengthening the Board of Health and then invite the Board as well to attend the Tree Streets block party this Saturday. The block party will be from 2 to 6. The street will be closed from noon to 5. So basically during the 2 to 5 period we're in the street but then we move the events over into the parks and then open the street up for the volunteers and the participants to start unloading their stuff. Some interesting features this year is we're going to have a foodsol tournament. We installed a foodsol court about two years ago with the Your Choice, Your Voice grant program. It was a project that was proposed by I think and 8 or 9 year old at the PAL Center and it was supported by the community. We installed a foodsol court. The soccer community is very excited about it and this is an opportunity to kind of see it in action that we were a little bit robbed of in 2020. We are also going to be featuring the Public Health Department. They're going to be giving out COVID-19 vaccinations for anybody who did not get a chance to get them. So they'll be participating in our touch-a-truck event because they have a van but it is COVID-19 shots so do not touch them.

Alderman Caron

Yes thank you. I also would like to thank the Mayor for inviting all these youngsters to participate in 4th of July. I will not be there. I want to remind everyone that the Nashua Lions Club will also be honoring the wall of

athletics for Holman Stadium this year. They couldn't do it last year because of COVID so you've got some new people that will share their names on that wall and I think that's great.

Another thing is Mayor last night someone asked you a question concerning the Citizens Advisory Commission and the grant money. I had the answer but knew I couldn't get up and I was verified by Jason our Chairperson and both the Girl Scout organization and Salvation Army did not put in applications for any grant money this year. As you know, this program has been around for a long time and members of the Board and Mayor's office do not get involved on how that money is given out. It's based on what the need is. For a while it was going to homeless, drug addiction, and things like that. They have worked really hard over the past few years to make sure the money goes to those organizations that really need it and to take care of the city in the best way that we can.

Mayor Donchess

Yes thank you for bringing that up. I learned that today that those two organizations didn't apply.

Alderman Caron

No they did not and wishing you all happy 4th of July.

Alderman Dowd

Yes happy 4th of July. I will try to be at that event. My heritage is Irish and French right back to Ireland and France and have family ties here well over 100-150 years probably even before that.

The other thing I'd like to say is last night we had the public hearing on the budget. There was a lot of misinformation that was brought up. The one that I really want to hit on is someone brought up that all of our new employees were not qualified, not professional and I can tell you having worked with all of our new employees from the Chief Engineer, to Planning, Park Rec., and several other new employees, they are fantastic. They are knowledgeable, they know what they're doing. It took them a little while to get their feet wet relative to Nashua but they are outstanding. Particularly the new City Engineer. I worked with him extensively on the school project. He's doing a great job. He has a lot of work on his plate. I just wanted to bring that up because I thought that the remarks that were made including our own City Clerk were very, very disrespectful.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you President Wilshire. I wasn't sure if you saw my hand so thank you. I have a few comments. I also wanted to just comment on last night's budget hearing. I was not present in the space but I watched every moment along with you guys and I had corrections but most of the people beat me to it. Especially the process around how CAC works and how my committee Human Affairs works is very similar where people bring in applications each year. It's not (inaudible) it's who brings the applications forward and then it goes through a process to get funded so those committees aren't necessarily choosing between all of the nonprofits. It's between the ones that come forward with projects.

I also wanted to congratulate the City and Black Lives Matter Nashua for a wonderful Juneteenth event on Saturday at the Library. There was a huge turnout. I know I saw Alderman Wilshire, Mayor Donchess was there, and it was really a great celebration of just joy and freedom. It was a really nice event. So kudos to everybody for that. It was especially meaningful this year after it has not become a federal holiday.

Did I have anything else? I think that was it. I know that the children are definitely looking forward to the way that we're doing 4th of July this year and I'm looking for our display after a year away.

Oh, that was my other comment. I miss a wall of Mayors and I (inaudible) the one woman. I miss Jim and the whole history on the wall but it looks great in there.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I, too, am glad to be back in the chambers. I have to admit it feels a little odd and I don't have slippers on today. I have real shoes so it's a little different too. I'm also glad to be back here after spending a week at St. Joe's as I referred to it as the casa de St. Joe's spa where I had a beautiful backless gown and wonderful massages, etc. It's an incredible facility and I'm grateful that Nashua has that here. They took very good care of me for this past week and I truly appreciated it. Having gotten out of the hospital so soon, I wasn't able to attend the Juneteenth which really kind of depressed me as far as that was concerned.

I'd also like to kind of mention the fireworks and I'm glad that that was brought up. A number of years ago I had two constituents that were affected by the fireworks – both Veterans, both PTSD Veterans. One of them was taken out by ambulance and was not returned home for over 90 days because of the effect that the fireworks happened. Another constituent was actually tortured. As each person set off the fireworks, they yelled out that person's name. Number 1 is fireworks being set off within the city limits is illegal. I found that was not just cruel it was evil what that person did but they are illegal. They affect Veterans, they affect just children, they affect wildlife, and they affect animals. Having Greyhounds that are very, very affected by this and have been known to have heart attacks over this, I am extraordinarily sensitive to it. I hope that with this year opening up and having the 4th of July that people will just enjoy the professional fireworks that are put out there and not set them off although we are hearing them.

As a great granddaughter of Napoléon Andorila Viante, I'm sad that I'm going to miss the thing on Thursday. I like many of my colleagues here will be sitting in our House session at the Bedford Sports Complex to vote on that budget. So it does sadden me that I can't be there. I thought it was originally on the 25th and then I heard it was the 24th and it was just really kind of ...

I'd like to echo something that Alderman Dowd said. I think it was uncalled for and unkind the attack on new employees, especially our City Clerk. As she is one of my constituents as well as the City Clerk, I can tell you that she did trial by fire at the last election and I think she did a phenomenal job. I'm grateful that we had her there. She had big shoes to fill from the previous Clerk and I think she did a phenomenal job and I want to thank her personally for everything that she did.

I do want to do a Me Too to the Mayor for allowing the children in the suite. I think that is a better use. I think they would appreciate it a whole lot more than we would so I think that's a brilliant idea and thank you so much. For all of my colleagues, thank you for your well wishes and the flowers and so on. It went to my heart so thank you very much.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. Alderman Jette I don't have a drop of French blood in me.

Alderman Jette

I didn't think so.

Alderman O'Brien

Irish to the core. My brother-in-law who was born in Dublin he had his blood tested. He was 92% percent. We had our tested and we were 98%. He's trying to figure out how we were more Irish than he was. It's the bloodline but I wish all my Franco/Canadian friends enjoy. Have a really great time. It was my pleasure to serve 35 years on the Fire Department with many Franco-Canadians. I don't know if they were as good as us Irish but they were darn good. It was my pleasure to work with them.

I also would like to say with the fireworks just to remind that what everybody says with the dogs and the pups. It is true. Also just to remind they are illegal. Usually every year somebody does something stupid and that's

why we have the Fire Department. Just to be careful and it's probably better to go to the professional display. If you do use it, please just be careful and watch out for the kids too and that's the important thing.

Madam President if I could take a little personal privilege. Lately I've been hanging out a lot with some savory characters namely Alderman Dowd and other members of the Budget Committee for the past month. Now coming up towards the end of the month I'm glad we worked hard on the budget. We got it done. Now this week is my anniversary week so glad we got the budget done before that. It's going to be 38 years with the Babe. The reason I'm mentioning it – she's probably going to kill me - but I need all the brownie points I can get from being at all of those meetings. Thank you Madam President.

President Wilshire

So I wanted to just talk about Stellos and graduation. I know that before they started going to what was then the Verizon Center now is SNHU Center, there was a graduation that my daughter had. It was 98 degrees at Holman Stadium. Someone passed out while we were there. It was so hot and they had the gowns on and the caps. It was really, really hot. I think given that the weather is unpredictable and can be very hot or rainy, I would like to throw out there about the possibility of using the Performing Arts Center for a graduation venue. Just throwing it out there.

I also would like to talk about the misrepresented comments last night about specifically about City Clerk Lovering. I've known Sue Lovering for 25 years. She is top notch. There is nothing that woman can't do when she puts her mind to it and I think she's shown us that. I think she's a very good City Clerk. The comments that were made last night were out of line and just unacceptable. That goes for the other new hires the city has made as well. Like Alderman Dowd said, we have a great city staff. I'm proud of them and I think most people in the city are proud of them. Thank you Mayor.

I am excited for the fireworks after having missed them last year. My family every 4th of July we get together, we have a cookout, and we walk over to the fireworks. They are the best. For years and years we saw the fireworks at Seabrook Beach back in the day when we all went up there but Nashua does it way better than anyone. I just want to throw that in there too.

Alderwoman Lu

I just want to – I'm sure most of you will disagree but I heard last night some comments and opinions from the public and I'm glad people came out to tell us what they felt. The only thing I remember hearing about our wonderful City Clerk was the question of why would we put the expense of certification that takes – my understanding what I believe I heard – is four years. Why would we not choose to invest that in a younger candidate?

President Wilshire

Because that's discrimination.

Mayor Donchess

That would be illegal. That would violate the law to consider age. That's illegal age discrimination.

Alderwoman Lu

It's illegal to – sure – well. All right thank you. I didn't hear anything really negative about the person or the job she's doing. So I just wanted to clarify that. I don't want people to be afraid to say anything at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen. They're going to hear, you know, I don't know their comments getting put down. Thank you.

President Wilshire

They were inappropriate in my opinion and probably most everyone's opinion in this room.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Dowd

Yes tomorrow evening the Joint Special School Building Committee at 7:00 p.m. in person at Nashua High North. Then next Monday and Tuesday we have the budget wrap up sessions to consider anything we want to do with the budget. July 1st we have the meeting to vote on the budget. The budget if passed will take effect on July 1st.

President Wilshire

But Alderman O'Brien said we were done with the budget?

Alderman O'Brien

Well the nuts and bolts part. We still have to drag it on, yes.

Alderman Dowd

If he's not there Monday and Tuesday, he'll have more problems that he did with his wife.

Alderman O'Brien

I'll see if I can stretch the elastic band.

Alderman Dowd

If anyone on the Board has any questions, concerns and wants to bring something up on the budget, any member of the Board of Aldermen can come and discuss and can even make motions. The voting will be the five people that are on the Budget Committee and then the Budget Committee will send that to the full Board which, again, you'll have an opportunity on July 1st. Rather than prolong the July 1st meeting if you have any questions, concerns or whatever about the budget, I suggest that you come either Monday or Tuesday. We may wrap up Monday if things go well.

President Wilshire

My understanding is only the Budget Committee can make motions on the budget. Is that true Attorney Bolton?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

When you're in full session, any member of the Board of Aldermen can make a motion.

President Wilshire

Well he's talking about wrap up.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah my question earlier was about the wrap up sessions.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

At your wrap up sessions will it be the full Board or just the meeting of the Committee?

President Wilshire

A meeting of the committee.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Well then it's the Committee.

President Wilshire

Just wanted to clarify that.

Alderman Dowd

On the other hand made by Committee members.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

It's common that if a member of the Board who is not on a particular committee wishes to make a motion, that a committee member often makes the motion in their stead.

President Wilshire

That's true. Thank you. Any other committee announcements?

Alderman Caron

So as you listened to earlier, there will be a public hearing with the Personnel Committee on Tuesday, July 6, instead of the 5th because that's the holiday. We start at 7:00. It will be a long meeting because we also have the legislation concerning the Police Commission. So just so you'll know, public hearing first on the addition of people to the Board of Health and then the regular meeting of Personnel. Thank you.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. On June 23rd which is tomorrow night for my calendar challenged friends, immediately following the Special Board of Aldermen meeting at 7:15 we will convene the Committee on Infrastructure. So all are welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JUNE 22, 2021, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk



RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FROM THE
KRESGE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
GRANT ACTIVITY "EQUITY IN COVID-19 RESPONSE"

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty One

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City of Nashua and the Division of Public Health and Community Services are authorized to accept and appropriate \$50,000 from the Kresge Foundation into Public Health and Community Services grant activity "Equity in COVID-19 Response" for the purpose of employing a social ecological participatory systems approach to address the secondary impacts of COVID-19 on BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) community members. This funding shall be in effect from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. No local match is required.

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION:

R-21-153

PURPOSE:

Relative to the acceptance and appropriation of \$50,000 from the Kresge Foundation into Public Health & Community Services grant activity "Equity in COVID-19 Response"

SPONSOR(S):

Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman Elizabeth Lu
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE:

Fiscal impact is a \$50,000 grant to be used for a specific purpose.

ANALYSIS

This resolution authorizes the city to accept and appropriate funds from the Kresge Foundation for the purpose of employing a social ecological participatory systems approach to address the secondary impacts of COVID-19 on BIPOC community members. This funding shall be in effect from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. No local match is required.

Approved as to account
structure, numbers,
and amount:

Financial Services Division

By: /s/ John Griffin

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:

Murphy Clarke

Date:

June 22, 2021

RESOLUTION R-21-153

Relative to the acceptance and appropriation of \$50,000 from the Kresge Foundation into Public Health & Community Services grant activity "Equity in COVID-19 Response"

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING June 22, 2021

Referred to: _____

2nd Reading June 22, 2021

3rd Reading _____

4th Reading _____

Other Action _____

Passed June 22, 2021

Indefinitely Postponed _____

Defeated _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President

Approved _____
Mayor's Signature

Date

Endorsed by

_____	MAYOR
<i>Lori Wilshire</i>	WILSHIRE
<i>Michael B. O'Brien</i>	O'BRIEN
<i>Paul A. Dowd</i>	DOWD
<i>Harriet Gathright</i>	CARON HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT
<i>Elizabeth Lu</i>	LU
<i>Jan Schmidt</i>	SCHMIDT
<i>Patricia S. Klee</i>	KLEE
<i>Dil Coy</i>	TENCZA
_____	LOPEZ

Vetoed: _____

Veto Sustained: _____

Veto Overridden: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President