

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber and via Zoom teleconference which the meeting link can be found on the agenda and on the City's website/

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons 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 15 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, Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu, Alderman Ernest Jette, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire.

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

#### ROLL CALL

Alderman O'Brien

Present in the Chamber.

Alderman Klee

I am here and in the Chamber.

Alderwoman Kelly

I am here on Zoom and I am alone in this room but my co-workers are around. And I am unable to attend in person because I am on a work trip.

Alderman Dowd

I am present and I am in the Chamber.

Alderman Caron

I am here and I am in the Chamber.

Alderman Clemons

I am present at home, participating via Zoom because I have been ill for the last 3 days, luckily it is not COVID-19 but still I am sick and I didn't want to pass it on to my colleagues. No one is in the room with me and I can hear everyone.

Alderman Lopez

I am here and I am in the Chamber.

Alderman Tencza

Present.

Alderwoman Lu

Present.

Alderman Jette

Here.

Alderman Schmidt

Present, in the Chamber.

Alderman Laws

I am present, I am on Zoom and I am alone and minimizing my contact with Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Cleaver

I am present via Zoom because of mobility issues, I can hear everyone and my daughter is in the same room.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am present in the Chamber.

President Wilshire

I am here.

Susan Lovering City Clerk

You have 11 physically in attendance and you have 4 participating via Zoom.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Also joining us this evening is Mayor Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton. Mayor did you wish to address the Board this evening?

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

Yes Madam President. Thank you very much. I just have a couple of items to discuss. But first I wanted to discuss the line item veto that I exercised regarding the bottom line of the Fire and Police Departments. As we have gone into this year and we have discussed this numerous times in the past but this was, of course, an unusually difficult budget year because we started with a \$12 million dollar hole created by the State of New Hampshire, in other words a big property tax increase imposed from Concord. And that consisted of a \$4.5 / \$4.4 million dollar increase in pensions, costs unrelated to wages, unrelated to current employees as well as a \$7.5 million dollar reduction in School Aid.

So my objective in approaching the budget this year was to try to balance, and I know you all have the same difficult job, the need for quality services for our citizens with the need to keep our tax rate down as low as possible

under these difficult circumstances for our hard working Nashua tax payers. So going in the budget I asked that the Departments seek to achieve a 0% increase which I thought could achieve a very minimal tax increase or the lowest we could get it.

Now at City Hall I want to thank everybody that worked hard on the City Hall, the Library, and the Public Works Budgets. City Hall was down 1.9% this year from last; the Library is down 2% or 1.9% and Public Works a little over 1%. So we got significant sacrifices and contributions, those weren't easy decisions. We had to set priorities, we had to make difficult decisions but we were able to achieve those results for the taxpayers while still maintaining the quality of service. I asked the same from our uniform services; now, of course, we all appreciate everything that they've done for the City and continue to do. But I did ask them to try to help us this year given that we had raised their budgets over the cost of living for numerous years in a row.

When I met with them and I think they told you the same thing, they could not do that without significant reductions in service. So as in proposing my budget to you, the Board of Aldermen, I proposed a compromise. And instead of the 0% that I had achieved in some of the other departments, I proposed 1.7% the cost of living, a cost of living increase. And I asked the departments to live with that for one year. Still they came to the Board of Aldermen and persuaded you that they needed pretty much all of the money that they had originally asked for. Therefore I now reduced the budget and have now attempted to compromise one more time by reducing the budget to half way between the cost of living increase for each of those two departments and the figure that you passed back on at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

So I am now proposing another compromise. I know it is a difficult decision, I know the departments feel that this too much to do but I believe that \$100,000.00 reduction on a \$35 million dollar Police budget and a \$200,000.00 reduction on a \$20 some million dollar fire budget is a compromise that could be worked and done through the management of the budget in each of those departments. But you all, of course, have to make your own judgements. In any event I think we could be headed for a 4% tax increase so I am trying to, given what the State did to us in the beginning of the year, at least my objective to just try to save as much as we can to keep the increase in the tax rate as low as possible. And again, obviously, you are going to have to make your own judgements on that.

But Madam President there was one other item that I wanted to mention which is certainly of a different sort. I wanted to announce that longtime City Treasurer / Tax Collector David Fredette has submitted his retirement letter. He's been with the City, as you know, a long time. He served the City very well but he has been going to Florida and spending time with his family and he feels that he really wants to retire. He is not leaving to the end of October so we certainly have a lot of time to see him and talk with him between now and then. I mean we definitely will hold a retirement party for David which, of course, you all will be invited to. Now I first knew David back in the 1980's when I was first Mayor and we at that point had an Affordable Housing Task Force. And I nominated him, he was then a resident of Ward 6 and I nominated him to be on the Affordable Housing Task Force. David was later elected to be on the Board of Aldermen from Ward 6. He then subsequently was elected as an Alderman-at-Large and served as the President of the Board of Aldermen for 2 years. Then he was asked to become the Business Administrator for the Department of Public Works where he worked for about a year before Mayor Streeter nominated him to the then vacant position of Treasurer / Tax Collect.

Now during that time, of course, he served as we all know, he served the City very, very well but in addition to those responsibilities he served, believe it or not in addition to Treasurer / Tax Collector as the interim Board of Public Works Director for 9 months while the City was searching for a new Public Works Director. And again at another time he served as the interim CFO for 3 months. So he has given his all to the City. I know he is a friend of all of us. He miss him around City Hall; we will miss his expertise and all that he has learned about the City over the years. But he still will be around Nashua so I know that we are all, I know you all will be very sad about his departure, as I am, and I just want to thank David who may be listening for all of the years you gave to the City on the Board of Aldermen, the Affordable Task Force and particularly in your employment for the City where you have served the City so, so well. So Madam President I was sorry to hear that, of course, but I wanted to pass it on to you as soon as David gave me the green light to go forward and tell you about his plan to depart at the end of October.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYORPresident Wilshire

That is disappointing Mayor. David Fredette has been an excellent, excellent person for the City and he will be dearly missed. Remarks? Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes I am very sorry to hear that David is going to retire although he certainly deserves it. But he has probably single handedly saved the City more money than we could ever count. I have known David for many, many, many years back when we worked together at Sanders Associates and then on the Board of Aldermen, the Lion's Club. I have worked very closely with David on a number of bonding issues over the years and have learned a lot from David on the bonding process probably more than I ever wanted to know. And he is going to be extremely hard to replace. And that will be a very difficult position to fill so I hope we are very diligent in finding that replacement.

Alderman Caron

Yes thank you. I too am sad to see Treasurer Fredette retiring but he has dedicated, as the Mayor said, a lot of his time. I have sat on the Board of Directors for the Senior Center for the last 4 years with David. He has really helped move the Center along, made adjustments, made changes, helped us raise money, worked with the financial part of that. David has donated a lot of time so a lot of times I'd be calling to try to get information and David would be here in the office on Saturdays and Sundays. So when he puts his mind to it he gives 110% so Mayor, you do have some big shoes to fill and hopefully David will be able to help you. But on a sad note too, David Fredette also had a loss in the last week or so, his brother passed away. So I would like to send out condolences to him and the rest of his family in the passing of his older brother Michael. Thank you.

RECOGNITION PERIOD

Honoring Hazy Ice Cream

Mayor Donchess

Well the Fire Department is here because you have been so helpful to our Fire Department. Our recognition here says, "Whereas Hazy Ice cream showed incredible kindness and generosity in donating ice cream and popsicles to the Nashua Firefighters on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as they battled a 3-alarm fire at 53 Concord Street.

Whereas Hazy Ice Cream is a popular well-liked local mobile catering truck owned by Jason and managed by Cherri, Jason and Cherri enjoy offering their treats to Nashua residents at local events like Summer Fun programs, nighttime kayak parades on the Nashua River and they are available for graduations, weddings and other parties.

Whereas our Nashua Firefighters are dedicated to saving lives and keeping our community safe. While working the scene of the fire at 53 Concord Street, the Nashua Fire Rescue team was grateful to have cool treats to refresh their energy and continue their work. No one was injured in the fire and all occupants of the building were safely evacuated.

Whereas it is the actions such as those by Hazy Ice Cream that exemplify our City's spirit of community, Nashuans are good, kind, caring and always there for each other and they give back and help whenever and wherever possible.

And now therefore I Jim Donchess, Mayor of the City of Nashua, and the Board of Aldermen do hereby recognize Hazy Ice Cream as an exceptional local business in Nashua. Thank you for your kind gesture.

So I will give this to Jason, thank you very much. And now Chief Rhodes.

Brian Rhodes, Fire Chief

Thank you very much for being here. Just so everybody understands the great deed that these people did, tonight I initially asked some of our people when I saw the truck was kind of stuck at the scene and knowing the conditions we were under, could you please go ask them if they have ice pops available and I will purchase them for us. We need that. And the answer I got back was, "Chief they said don't worry about it, they got it". And not only did they take care of our firefighters, I believe you took care of some of the neighborhood children and some of the neighborhood residents who were there as well. So our little token is not as worthy as the City's but this commendation is awarded to Hazy Ice Cream for the generous donation of ice cream and popsicles for our members during a third alarm fire at 53 Concord Street on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We can't thank you enough for your gracious donation. I also have the Chairman of the Board, Kevin Burgess and Assistant Chief Steve Buxton who also have another little token for you. Thank you.

#### 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 21, June 22, June 23, July 1 and July 6, 2021 be accepted, placed on file, and the readings suspended.**

#### COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Lori Wilshire, President, Board of Aldermen  
Re: Calling a Special Board of Aldermen meeting on August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

From: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Re: Veto Message – Regarding Line Item Veto of Provisions of R-21-142 which Increase City Property Taxes

#### City Clerk Lovering

An additional communication regarding the issuance of unlicensed dogs for the warrant appears under the communication items requiring final approval and was withdrawn from the procedural of communications.

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

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

Brad Westgate My name is Brad Westgate I am a lawyer with Weiner, Bennet in Nashua, 111 Concord Street. We represent Etchstone Properties Inc. I am here to speak briefly on Etchstone's petition for street discontinuance. Maybe I will speak without the microphone if that's permitted Madam President.

#### President Wilshire

Well it gets recorded so if you speak loudly enough maybe. Sorry about that.

Mr. Westgate Thank you very much. With me is David Petropulos of Etchstone and Jaron Slattery, President maybe on Zoom as well. So again I am just here to speak briefly about our petition for street discontinuance and also the related Resolution R-21-147 and these all pertain to discontinuing small portions of what I called Old Groton Road. Etchstone is developing a residential community known as Terrell Farm Condominiums, it is 25 single family homes with open space. During the plan preparation process Etchstone's engineers Hayner Swanson researched in great detail the layout of Groton Road when they prepared the plans for the project.

These plans ultimately for the project were approved by the Planning Board. As we detailed in our petition Madam President, Groton Road as we know it today was laid out by a realignment by the State in 1937. As a result of the realignment and as shown on the plan that Hayner Swanson prepared which we submitted with our petition, there's a strip of land sort of narrow, a couple little triangular shape, long and thin along a portion of this property's frontage on Groton Road.

After the realignment in '37 these portions of the old layout of Groton Road were no longer used. It is also an old, old apparent layout of a section of Old Groton Road that Hayner Swanson simply couldn't locate with any definitiveness. Those two areas constitute the sections that we are seeking to be discontinued. It is clear that these sections of road, whether laid out or not, are no longer in use. (Inaudible – Audio Interference) The information that we submitted has a unanimous recommended approval from the Planning Board, the Infrastructure Committee of this Board, also recommended approval of the petition. I believe the City Engineer has indicated his recommendation of approval as well. So we would simply respectfully request the Board of Aldermen grant and approve the petition this evening and also adopt Resolution R-21-147 to authorize the conveyance of these discontinued portions of Old Groton Road to Etchstone Properties in connection with all this process and following up on the Planning Board approval Etchstone will be granting the City a sidewalk easement for two portions of sidewalk that Etchstone will be constructing along Groton Road part of the sidewalks in the Groton Road (inaudible – audio interference) part is on the Terrel Farm Property. So sidewalk easement will be granted as recommend by Deputy Corporation Counsel Celia Leonard.

Just in closing, Madam President, we'd like to thank Alderman Jette our initial sponsor and the co-sponsors for R-21-147 and thank the Full Board for taking the time to consider the petition. And thank the Infrastructure Committee and Planning Board for their favorable recommends; the time they spent on our request as well as the City Engineer for his work and our heartfelt thanks to our City Clerk, Mrs. Lovering who helped me in the initial processing of the petition as well as Attorney Bolton's Office and Attorney Leonard for the guidance they provided. If the Board finds it appropriate I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Brian Rhodes?

Brian Rhodes, Fire Chief

Good Evening. Thank you. I just want to kind of bring some numbers to you for tonight's vote. I do appreciate the work the Mayor has done in trying to keep the taxes down; I am a taxpayer as well. I know that the vote before you tonight is somewhat difficult. I understand. But I just want – some brief numbers for you – even with the Mayor's adjustments that he made, we are still \$132,000.00 short of meeting the contractual obligation that this Board passed in the most recent Firefighter's Contract. The operating increases that we requested totaled \$77,000.00 additional. Three of the items out of the four that we asked to increase – one is the HVAC line that we maintain seven buildings that it breaks, stuff breaks; we try to maintain it. Our budget has not been raised in years to maintain that. Our protective clothing line we are falling behind in that schedule just because the price of protective clothing has raised. And that provides for the safety and health of our firefighters.

The technology line that we increased by \$10,000.00 is a new line for us. That line is to account for when we started to receive this CARES money for the reconstitution of the City we approached the City and said we need a better way than training 20, 25 people in a room with this pandemic but it is also not efficient for our operation when we have to take 2 or 3 fire trucks out of service you know for a temporary basis to train. This new software program is proven, it has been out for well over 20 years, and the City approved us to buy, I guess you would call it the hardware, the tablets to use so each member can log in individually. And what this does is, this will give us accountability for each member that they can log in, they can know what they need to keep up their certifications and training. We will be able to see what they are lacking on, we will be able to see when we put out important directives, general orders, standard operating procedures and guidelines, we will be able to say that no, you did see this. So it is going to bring much needed accountability to our organization. But that money wasn't included in the CARES money that we got. So we got the tablets, we got the Wi-Fi but

we didn't get the money to buy the software. So this doesn't even cover the software. So we are not asking for the load of \$17,000.00, we are asking for \$10,000.00 of it to help us through this.

The Fire Marshal for the six month period equals the \$41,054.50 for the salary for six months. To bring this into some context for you, I did some research and I went back and found the meeting notes of this very same meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2005; this was a Budget Meeting. There are some people in the Chamber who were members of that Board at that time and I will quote from the esteemed Alderman Richard LaRose, God Rest His Soul:

"I wasn't going to say anything but I guess I must. We all have different ideas of what the budget should be and there are some of us who want to see this. Well I have to say all of us would certainly like to see this budget a lot less than it is but that may not be practical. Some of the people who want to see this budget at no higher than 2% to 3% yet are not coming forward with any solutions or reductions in the budget, they are just saying we want to come in at 2% or 3%. The other thing if we are cut that drastically what does that really do to the services and what does that do to the City of Nashua for the future, because if you cut the budget so deep that you take away a lot of services it will take us a long time to get back to where we need to be and it will be more costly than an increase in taxes this year over the long run. Yes I would love to be able to say to the citizens of Nashua we were able to keep this budget at no extra cost to taxpayers. But that is not going to happen. All you have to do is look around. Look at other cities and towns, their budgets are going up. Their increases are going up just like ours. We provide services, we are not a service industry, we are not a restaurant or a hotel. We are not here to make a profit. If we were here to make a profit we certainly could operate in that fashion but government doesn't work in that fashion, government provides services that aren't geared for a profit. They are geared to provide the services that citizens need and at a cost that is as close as we can get for them to afford the services. Yes, there are some people that this is difficult for them, there is no doubt about it. But I think that is always going to be the way. Thank you".

And this was 16 years ago and this was the budget meeting that resulted in the cut, the job that we are respectfully asking you to restore 16 years later. Thank you.

#### COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk

Re: Issuance of Warrant to Chief of Police for Unlicensed Dogs

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF ISSUANCE OF WARRANT TO CHIEF OF POLICE FOR UNLICENSED DOGS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 10, 2021, 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,  
Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### President Wilshire

That motion carries. We are going to go back to public comment. Ms. Colquhoun?

Laura Colquhoun It is Laura Colquhoun at 30 Greenwood Drive. I first want to say I do not blame the State. But the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on the spending habits of Nashua. In doing my research back to 2016 the Police have gone from \$28 million dollars to \$35 million dollars; that is a 21% increase in their funding. The Fire has gone from \$22 million to \$28 million; that is another 21% increase. The Fire and the

Police Departments should learn to live within a budget like all other taxpayers in Nashua. I therefore do not want any additional funds going to either the Police or the Fire because it will only bring the 21% up even higher and if you realize it that's a 3.5% in the last 6 years that both the Police and Fire have gotten. Maybe the Fire Department should buy cheaper treadmills so they don't have to spend all the money on everything and spend all the taxpayer's dollars. Thank you.

President Wilshire

OK. Communications requiring final approval.

From: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Re: Multi-Year Contract Award – Copier Leases and Maintenance

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND APPROVE A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR COPIER LEASES AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: DPW ENGINEERING, ALDERMEN'S OFFICE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (2 MACHINES), AND RISK MANAGEMENT TO XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE FROM CONWAY TECHNOLOGY GROUP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,576.40. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH DEPARTMENT: 122 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; FUND 54421 COPIER MAINTENANCE, 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,  
Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Re: Multi-Year Contract Award - Body Cameras

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD A SIX-YEAR CONTRACT FOR BODY CAMERAS FOR 179 OFFICERS AND 31 VEHICLES TO INCLUDE HARDWARE, SOFTWARE LICENSES, DATA STORAGE/RETRIEVAL, WARRANTY, SUPPORT, INSTALLATION, AND TRAINING FOR 72 MONTHS WITH UTILITY OF DECATUR, GA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,825,304. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH: DEPARTMENT: 150 POLICE DEPARTMENT; FUND: 81100 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND IS CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I just wanted to say thank you to the Police Department for coming and doing a very thorough presentation around the body cameras. It is really high tech the ones that they are going for and there was just a ton of really great information on how these were going to work and the maintenance. So I am grateful that we are doing this and I just wanted to say thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Alderwoman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Would Alderman Laws just repeat the price for me?

President Wilshire

I can repeat the price, it is \$1,825,304.00 for 72 months.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome. Anyone else? Seeing no one, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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**MOTION CARRIED**

PETITIONS

Petition for Street Discontinuance – (Old) Groton Road

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO GRANT THE PETITION FOR STREET DISCONTINUANCE – (OLD) GROTON ROAD, 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, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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**MOTION CARRIED**

Petition for Street Layout – 44 Buckmeadow Road

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TENCZA TO GRANT THE PETITION FOR STREET LAYOUT – 44 BUCKMEADOW ROAD, 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,  
Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following reappointments and one new appointment by the Mayor were read into the record:

#### Airport Authority

Joe Duquette (reappointment) Term to Expire: August 31, 2026  
38 Hills Ferry Road  
Nashua, NH 03064

#### Arts Commission

Tina Cassidy (reappointment) Term to Expire: September 1, 2024  
36 Arlington Street  
Nashua, NH 03062

Carol Robey (new appointment) Term to Expire: August 31, 2024  
9 Mendelssohn Drive  
Hollis, NH 03049

#### Board of Registrars

Gwen Mikailov (reappointment) Term to Expire: December 31, 2021  
11 Appletree Green  
Nashua, NH 03062

#### Business and Industrial Development Authority

Jason B. Haviland (reappointment) Term to Expire: September 30, 2024  
29 Todd Road  
Nashua, NH 03064

Deborah Novotny (reappointment) Term to Expire: September 30, 2024  
65 McKenna Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Bradley Vear (reappointment) Term to Expire: September 30, 2023  
547 Amherst Street  
Nashua, NH 03063

#### Capital Improvement Committee

Charles Budris (reappointment) Term to Expire: August 1, 2023  
2 Shelley Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Scott LeClair (reappointment)  
10 Daylily Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: August 1, 2023

Laurence Szetela (reappointment)  
31 MacDonald Drive  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: August 1, 2022

#### Citizen's Advisory Committee

Beth Quarm Todgham (reappointment)  
14 Ellis Drive  
Nashua, NH 03063

Term to Expire: October 1, 2024

Elizabeth Houde (reappointment)  
12 Oldfield Road  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: October 1, 2024

#### Conservation Commission

Jedidiah Crook (reappointment)  
52 King Street  
Nashua, NH 03060  
(moving from alternate to finish William Parker's term)

Term to Expire: December 31, 2021

#### Cultural Connections

Amanda Martinez (reappointment)  
45 Concord Street  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: May 1, 2024

#### Downtown Improvement Committee

Michael Buckley (reappointment)  
207 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: January 31, 2024

Edward Hayes (reappointment)  
137 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060  
(moved to another ward and replacing David Grebowski (B3) position)

Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

Danielle Skelley (reappointment)  
175 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: June 1, 2024

#### Hunt Memorial Board of Trustees

Tammy Crisp (reappointment)  
7 Bartlett Avenue  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: December 31, 2025

Planning Board

Adam Varley (reappointment)  
3 Scotia Way  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: March 31, 2024

Tax Increment Financing Advisory Board

Michael Cerato (reappointment)  
4 Water Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Tim Cummings, Economic Develop. Director (reappointment)  
229 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Eric Drouart (reappointment)  
52 Main Street #206  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

David Fredette, City Treasurer (reappointment)  
229 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Chris Lewis (reappointment)  
670 North Commercial Street  
Manchester, NH 03101

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Sarah Marchant, Community Develop. Director (reappointment)  
229 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Tia Phillips (reappointment)  
2 Clocktower Place  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Angelina Spillos (reappointment)  
15 Technology Way  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: September 30, 2022

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Efstathia Booras (reappointment)  
44 Balcom Street  
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: October 1, 2024

Mariellen MacKay (reappointment)  
9 Webster Street  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: September 11, 2024

***There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointments by the Mayor as read and referred them to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.***

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee .....06/17/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 17, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure .....06/23/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 23, 2021 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee .....06/28/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the June 28, 2021 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee .....07/06/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the July 06, 2021 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the appointment of Mark Meehan, 65 Walden Pond Drive, Nashua, to the Nashua Planning Board with a term to expire May 31, 2024.***

Oath of Office will be administered at a later date by City Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-21-142**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

**RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NASHUA GENERAL, ENTERPRISE, AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Given its third reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO RECONSIDER R-21-142**

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, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
Nay: Alderman Jette	1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO OVERRIDE THE MAYOR'S VETO OF R-21-142 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

And I'd like to speak to it. I understand the complexity surrounding this year's City Budget and the issues that the State has caused relative to a large reduction in State Revenues to Nashua. I also understand the Mayor is trying to keep the tax rate as low as possible. But I cannot support this veto for the following reasons. First it does not change any of the reasons we voted to increase budgets of the Police and the Fire Department when we passed the FY'22 Budget. I would like to reiterate the reasons we unanimously approved the budget before us.

First, the Police formulated a budget for the Mayor that did not increase or decrease anything they provided in FY 2021. But he cut their budget to meet an arbitrary number. His veto cut again this evening will force them to provide less service to Nashua than last year since their budget will not support what they were able to do last year. Couple that with a recent increase in the sale and distribution of fentanyl recently in Nashua and need to the (inaudible) to continue their efforts to thwart this new and expanded threat. The Police have always said that they will provide the services we fund them to do. But Police, like the Nashua Fire Department, are driven by personnel costs. All they want to do is keep the same force level they had last year.

Having said that, they along with the Fire Department have made Nashua one of the safest cities in the United States to live and contributed highly to us being selected as the 4<sup>th</sup> best run city in the United States in FY 2021. Are we willing to sacrifice that for the amount of money we are discussing tonight? Switching to the Fire Department, this compromise the Mayor has presented still does not resolve the loss of a fire company and taking one engine or ladder off line. This not only puts the residents of Nashua in harm's way but it is physically irresponsible. Imagine having an \$800,000.00 or \$1 million dollar piece of equipment sitting in an idle in a station when needed to save lives in Nashua. Imagine you or someone you loved trapped in a vehicle crash and you must wait longer for the men with the vehicle to rescue you and probably save your life. Imagine you or someone you love having a medical emergency and not having the firemen there to provide immediate urgent care until the ambulance arrives.

And your house or business burning to the ground due to slower response times due to the possible actions that we could take this evening. The one add to the Fire Department budget is the half year of a vacant position of the Fire Marshal's office caused by a former Mayor's cut as was explained earlier. This missing body is the person who should be doing the twice a year inspection of our City schools mandated by the State for safety reasons. By the way, we have 18 schools in Nashua; that's 36 inspections. This person will also be responsible for ensuring proper levels of occupancy in restaurants, theaters, auditoriums as well as training for the Fire Department. If we override the Mayor's veto tonight it will only add .16 to the tax rate which boils down to less than \$1.00 a month to a homeowner with a \$300,000.00 home. I had John Griffin run these numbers today.

I for one will not put the citizens of Nashua's lives and properties at risk for less than the cost of a cup of coffee per month. In addition, I will also not put citizens of Nashua lives and property in harm's way because we were forced to try and reduce property taxes due to the actions of the governor and the State Legislation excluded all Nashua Reps that voted the right way for the budget. We all know that the millions of dollars we lost as was explained by the Mayor from the State in the FY'22 budget. We should not be forced to reduce the safety to our citizens based on those actions. In closing, I implore my fellow aldermen to do what is right for the citizens of Nashua and keep Nashua one of the safest cities to live in. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I want to echo some of what my colleague said. I don't consider the number to be arbitrary I appreciate Mayor Donchess trying to keep the tax rate down and trying to apply a fair number to programs across the City but I think as we said in the previous meeting it is not necessarily – equity doesn't equal equality. So the Fire Department and the Police Department may have greater needs, they are much more essential services, we can't afford to cut back on them. None of that has changed from our last meeting. I mean we don't have enough ice creams to call the alarm whenever a fire kicks in, so we need our fire department to be well equipped, capable of responding. We need our firefighters to be well-trained and up-to-date on all of the procedures that they need and we need to make sure that their equipment is not out-of-date as well.

With regards to the position the Mayor is in I definitely empathize because I feel like he's getting both sides of the stick here where his opponents will say that he needs to cut back on the Fire and the Police but they are also lobbying pretty heavily to not do anything about the Police Commission who make decisions about how to spend money and what their policies are. It seems like he's in a position where people will blame him for decisions for budgetary reasons that are out of his control. I think it is pretty well understood that the State has increased our costs and the portion of our budget that is dedicated to their decrees and the money came from somewhere. So as Alderman Dowd said, the impact to the taxpayer being around approximately \$1.00 per taxpayer, I think the risk of having an impacted response or a minimal response is much greater than the cost of paying of \$1.00 and I continue to support the budget that we passed.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you Madam President, forgive my voice this evening, I am a bit under the weather so I will try to keep this brief. I agree with everything that Alderman Dowd had said; I agree with some of what Alderman Lopez said. I will be supporting overriding the Mayor's veto because I have never voted for a budget nor will I ever vote for a budget that simultaneously raises taxes and cuts service. I don't think that that's right, I don't think that's what people pay their property taxes for. I think we should always be at least trying to maintain what we have and by overriding the veto that's what we will be doing. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you Madam President. So just to put things into perspective, I was on the Budget Committee and I was at every meeting and I listened to the presentations by especially the Fire Department and the Police Department which we were left with hopefully after tonight we will be done with the budget, until next year. But you have to remember that the Police, their budget is \$35 million dollars. And the Fire Department is \$28 million dollars. And what the Mayor had asked them to do was to in the Police Department's case reduce their ask by \$241,000 plus dollars. And the Fire Department \$495,000.00 plus dollars which are compared to their overall budgets is not all that much money. They refused and they argued, they made very good arguments as to why the money that they requested should be given to them. And I understand when the Police Chief or the Deputy Chief come and make their case and the Fire Chief and his Deputy come and the Commissioners for both organizations. I understand, they are advocating for their departments and so they are making arguments that are to their credit they are well-designed to hit us where it hurts.

Alderman Dowd made another eloquent argument in favor of restoring the money that they requested and again, you know, he's touching upon things hurt, talking about somebody dying because the response time is low. Someone said to me that the response time in my Ward is going to be less and am I going to be responsible for someone's house burning down because of this. I understand how important this is to these people and they are making the best argument they can. But we now we are talking about the Mayor asking – can this Board increase the Fire Department and the Police Department to back to what they asked for and increase the budget from what the Mayor was proposing \$660,000.00. And this Board voted for that the last time. Now the Mayor is asking us to reduce it by half of that, approximately \$300,000.00. We are talking \$35 million dollars; \$28 million dollars – you know - \$100,000.00 / \$200,000.00 is not that much money so on the one hand you could argue well why is the Mayor even bothering with this? But on the other hand I don't think with all due respect reducing the Fire Department by \$200,000.00 is going to require them to put a fire truck out of service. When they made that argument during the budget hearings I challenged them and I challenged the Police when the Police wanted to reduce Police Officers as a result and the numbers just didn't add up. And with all due respect, they didn't have answers for that.

Later the Police Department said, well we came up with that number of Police Officers because we were using the lowest level of police officer, you know, the lowest pay grade assuming that that officer is single, has no family, he is getting health insurance from his parents. So they came up with the lowest number they could per police officer in order to increase the number of police officers that would be eliminated as a result of these cuts. Mr. Donovan from the School Department said to us that, I can't remember what his number was but it was a lot higher than this and he said, if I can't find that number in my budget I shouldn't be doing this job. So I think my feeling is the same about these cuts. These cuts are really small compared to their overall budgets and I am going to vote and support the Mayor in his effort to try to keep the inevitable tax increase that we are going to be facing as low as possible. And I don't think in reducing the Police Department by \$100,000.00 or the Fire Department by \$200,000.00 is going to result in the drastic reduction in services that the argument is being made tonight, with all due respect. So thank you.

#### President Wilshire

Anyone else? Alderman Dowd.

#### Alderman Dowd

Just a couple clarification points. I don't think the Police or the Fire are asking for more money just so they can have additional things they can add. They have asked for that money so they can provide the same services that they are continuing to supply to the City from last year. I have gone over their budgets in much more detail (audio cuts out) came out in that \$50,000.00 study we did on the Fire Department that they are not asking for. It says we should add 2 more fire stations and another fire company and it can't be related to the school department. Mr. Donovan said he could manage \$100,000.00 because he's got \$166 million dollar budget. Under the same rationale that you use for the Police Department, we should be asking the School Department for well over a million bucks. No. They could use more money too that they wanted to ask for that they didn't. But when you manage a \$166 million dollars, trust me, you don't get to within a \$100,000.00 at the end of the year because you can't overspend.

It is much more difficult when you have, for instance, the Police Department that has no idea how many cases they are going to be handling during the year and we are still going to have to add money to their overtime reserve account. Because if we have a major crime, all bets are out the window. The money we are giving them right now will not cover that. And the Fire Department, they base it on an average number of fires. We are adding a number of high story buildings to the City in the next year or two, probably in the next year, including a new school. And we have to ensure that we have the response times and the staffing to make sure that we can put those fires out in a timely manner. When you man a fire company there is a lot more to it than just saying, OK well for 3 shifts we won't have a fourth guy on the truck. You can't do that for a number of reasons and we don't need to get into it. But I implore the Board to make sure that we stay a safe City. And

that's what they are asking for, they want to be able to say that we've got a safe City and they want to be able to do the job that we are paying them to do and that's all they are asking for.

President Wilshire

Alderman Schmidt?

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you Madam President. Through you to Alderman Dowd, how much extra was it for a \$300,000.00 home?

Alderman Dowd

It was less than \$1.00 a month.

Alderman Schmidt

\$12.00.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah it was actually \$10.00 and something for a year.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. I am not surprised that we are at (audio cuts out) and this Board feels another because it all, these two items, these two departments boil down to the collective bargaining contracts that we approved as a body. I believe that the Mayor was not in favor of, I don't know, but we approved as a body. So when I looked at the cost in the budget, what I found is that the Police payroll change, it went up and by payroll I mean number 51, 52 and 53 it went up \$2.2 million. But the entire Police increase went up \$2.18 million. So what that tells me that the Police except for the uncontrollable cost, you know, the contractual costs that increased because we approved a contract. If it weren't for that they would have actually gone down.

And when I look at the Fire Department, I see that the payroll went up \$1.84 million but the entire fire budget only went up \$1.66 million. So what that tells me is that they actually did cut back but they can't cut back their contracted payments. So I would support overriding the veto.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

If I could add to what Alderman Lu had just said. I don't know if the Mayor wants to comment on this but it is actually my recollection that this is literally what the Mayor told us would happen both times that he vetoed the contracts and we overrode it. The reasoning that we had in pushing to support the Fire and Police contracts that were there was to maintain the integrity of the service to maintain competitive rates and neither of those

contracts went easily. The Fire Department ones went back to the bargaining table and I thought they came back with a good faith attempt to try to lower their healthcare costs. But this is the situation that the Mayor had said we would get into where we start to have unsustainable budgets. But I would point out that, again, while it is a situation we are feeling right now because of looking at the taxpayer's bottom line, we are also feeling it because there is an additional expense that was imposed on us by the State which if nothing else, accelerated the situation.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I have got to be honest with you, I truly struggled with this. At one point I was going to sustain the Mayor's veto, then it was agree to override it and so on. I received a number of calls from constituents who told me very specifically to sustain the Mayor's override. And I looked at it and said, well it's a compromise, he went halfway. I have listened to what everybody here has to say and especially with what Alderman Dowd had to say about the safety first. I've always supported the Fire, I've always supported the Police. And I know it's only \$12.00 a year or \$10.00 and some odd cents for a \$300,000.00 home. I don't live in a very high cost area but it is getting harder and harder to find \$300,000.00 homes in my area. They are going up because of the price of homes going up which means that \$12.00 is going up. I know it's less than the cost of a coffee, but I guess I also have to look at it as we have got to make some cuts somewhere. And this is truly one of the hardest ones that I have had to do. I'll know my answer when my name is called. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? I just want to make a comment that's something that came up tonight about the Police having a \$35 million dollar budget; Fire having a \$28 million dollar budget and Schools having \$166 million dollar budget. That's because that's what it cost to run those departments. That's what it costs, I mean it sounds like a high number and it is but that's what it costs to run them. So the fact that they have \$35 million and \$28 million and we are only cutting a small portion, we ask year after year to cut small portions and we ask them to cut back on line items that they don't need. So I don't think there's any fat in any of these budgets. So I just want to comment that yeah \$35 million / \$28 million is a lot of money but that's what it costs to protect our City.

The motion before us by Alderman Dowd was to override the Mayor's veto of Resolution 21-142 as amended by roll call. Is there further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay: Alderman Klee, Alderman Jette	2

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor's Veto of R-21-142 as amended declared overridden.

**R-21-147**

Endorsers: Alderman Ernest Jette  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF DISCONTINUED PORTIONS OF (OLD) GROTON ROAD**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE TO AMEND R-21-147 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDENROD COPY WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE DEED WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED AT THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette.

Alderman Jette

And I'd like to speak to it. So I won't repeat what Attorney Westgate said but basically these amendments are an agreement by the developer with a request by the Planning Board and negotiated by Attorney Leonard to add easements for sidewalks on the property abutting Groton Road.

President Wilshire

You've heard the motion by Alderman Jette. The motion is to amend. Further discussion on the motion to amend?

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, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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Nay:	0
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**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-147 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

So as Attorney Westgate explained Groton Road was originally laid out in back in 1847 I think it was and then again, excuse me, and then in 1938 I think the State repositioned it because there was an "S" curve in the road and they straightened and so the original road as laid out was no longer needed because of this new straighter road. So those pieces of the road that have no longer been used and so it is only right that the title revert back to the original owner and now its successor in title and I ask that you support it.

President Wilshire

The motion is for final passage of Resolution 21-147 as amended. Further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-21-147 declared duly adopted as amended.

**R-21-148**

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws

**AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY AT 44 BUCKMEADOW ROAD, TAX MAP C, LOT 25**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-148, BY ROLL CALL**ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Alderman Dowd.

Alderman Dowd

And I'd like to speak to it. Yes we are in final negotiations and I can thank Attorney Celia Leonard for marching this through. I think we are there and we take the motion tonight so that we have the approval to buy it and we should be all set, I hope.

President Wilshire

The motion is for final passage. Further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,  
Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,  
Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-21-148 declared duly adopted.

### **R-21-151**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

### **RELATIVE TO A BALLOT REFERENDUM CONCERNING SPORTS BETTING WITHIN THE CITY OF NASHUA**

Given its second reading;

### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-21-151, BY ROLL CALL**

#### ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien

And may I speak briefly to the matter? Thank you Madam President. I feel this is important to get this on the ballot. As many of you know and I state this for the folks at home, both Boston Billiards and the River really contribute an awful lot of money to the charities of our community. It alleviates us, as you know, as we just got through budget season. We look at the budget book and we still help out charities but this really dulls the knife sort to speak and kind of makes it easier for worthwhile charities to get this. Does this sports betting go to the charities? The answer is no. But it's part of the door opener, people that will come into these establishments hopefully will play a game of chance and take some of their disposable income in which entices the charities. So therefore, I think it goes hand-in-hand and I urge you all to support this matter. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez and then (audio cuts out).

Alderman Lopez

(No audio for several seconds) foothold or foot in the door here for this particular opportunity and then it doesn't go to other communities and other places. So above all of that this is a referendum so it gives the Nashua taxpayers, again, the opportunity to weigh in on it. And a lot of the feedback that I got from the last election is they were not clear on what was going on with this particular referendum item the first time it went around. So I think there is an opportunity to do a better job with messaging, make sure that taxpayers are fully informed and at the ballot they are able to vote. And if they turn it down again then their voice is clear, but I think we owe it to the businesses in Nashua to provide this opportunity economically.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I want to echo the words of both my colleagues here today. There are a limited number of licenses and yes this was on the ballot before. It was defeated and as Alderman Lopez pointed out it was defeated because I believe many people didn't understand it. I got a lot of phone calls afterwards saying, why wasn't this explained to us, why didn't we understand it. The truth is I actually thought that the Gaming Association and so on would have explained it a little bit better. I think they realize the error of their mistakes and I think (audio cuts out / no audio) .... A charitable gaming organizations that we have right now. As Alderman Lopez and Aldermen O'Brien pointed out, the money does not go – there's no portion of it that goes to the charities but just like when they have a blue light special at K-Mart and yes I am aging myself, it brings people in and they buy other things and that's kind of what happens. They come in, the place a bet on a game or something of that nature and then they go sit at a table. So it kind of brings them in, I wish that on the State level we hadn't quite organized it the way we did but that is already the done deal and I think we are missing out on an opportunity as I think Alderman Lopez was trying to say by at least not giving the voters a second bite at that apple. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you. I am against (audio cuts out /no audio) business but this not about whether or not we are legalizing sports gambling or sports betting. The State has already done that and this as has been pointed out the money doesn't go to our charitable organizations. The charitable gaming facilities do contribute a lot of money to help our non-profits and I know the non-profits have become dependent on that money. I think it is unfortunate that that's how the State chooses to support non-profits but that's the way it is (audio cuts out / no audio). .... You know are going to be spending less on the gaming portion of the business which a portion of it does go to the charities. But that's not what this is about, this is just putting it on the ballot (audio cuts out / no audio) ...

President Wilshire

(No audio). Seeing no one would the ...

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

Yea: (Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee no audio – vote not recorded on audio) Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay:	0

City Clerk Lovering

You have 15 yea and 0 Nay.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-21-151 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-21-064**

Endorsers: Aldermen Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Skip Cleaver

**AUTHORIZING A “POLICE PARKING ONLY” PARKING SPACE ON ASH STREET**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-21-064, BY ROLL CALL**ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Discussion on that motion? Alderman Harriott-Gathright?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Do you know where the parking space is going to be?

Alderman Lopez

So this was requested by the Nashua PAL to go directly in front of Nashua PAL. It would enable the Police Officers who are interacting with the youth there to park and it would also serve as an attention grabber for the part of the street particularly where people are crossing to get to the futsal court because kids cross in that area a lot. We have repeatedly asked DPW if it would be possible to put a crosswalk there or some kind of

attention gaining thing and they are opposed to that because it could potentially distract drivers when they are trying to pay attention to students. So it serves a double purpose in that particular spot.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

A follow up. So is it in front the handicap signs, it's not going to affect either one of those signs correct?

Alderman Lopez

No, it is further down.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. As somebody who was at the futsal court doing food, the food drives and different handing out for United Way and so on I can tell you that the parking is very difficult on that street to begin with. And I think to have a spot that is dedicated for Police parking is extremely important especially right there and I was glad to hear also that it is not going to interfere with the handicap parking. But I do agree with what Alderman Lopez said that there is some significant issues with the kids crossing the street right there. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Seeing no one would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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Nay:	0
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**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-21-064 declared duly adopted.

**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 second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF O-21-066, 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,  
 Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-21-066 declared indefinitely postponed.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-21-154**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien Senior  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman June M. Caron  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman Harriott-Gathright  
 Alderman Skip Cleaver  
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**APPROVING THE USE OF ADDITIONAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR 10 PAXTON TERRACE**

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

**R-21-155**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$75,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY", ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY" TO DEPARTMENT 198 "INTERFUND TRANSFERS", ACCOUNT 89725 "TRANSFER TO CITY RETIREMENT TRUST FUND"**

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-21-067**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Skip Cleaver

**RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AS A CITY HOLIDAY AND REVISING THE HOLIDAY SECTION OF THE UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES PERSONNEL POLICIES**

Given its first reading; assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION, HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD WITH THE MAYOR, by President Wilshire

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Ortolano Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. I'd like to just state quickly that I did support the veto by the Mayor and I think that I get a little concerned when I hear a lot of emotional language used to describe the reasons why we have to keep the Fire and Police budgets where they are at. We elicit an emotional response in people when we look at these safety issues and time but I am not certain that is fully justified or we have seen enough numbers that do justify that and when we talked about the personnel cuts that would have to be endured in the departments based on these budget cuts, the math just didn't really make sense. So your DPW Department also is a very large department, they negotiated a pretty reasonable contract, they didn't come in and ask for additional funding and the type of work that they do is really gives pleasure to people and makes the City life more appealing and satisfactory and because it doesn't elicit this negative, emotional response regarding safety and health we sort of overlook that. So I think the vetoed budget should have carried and I think it was reasonable.

Also I want to speak at that last meeting last week, Attorney Bolton made some statements regarding a Right to Know request I read into the record. He said that I did not provide, I conveniently left things out. I did not. I also didn't read the full correspondence into the record. That's true because I am limited by a three-minute time period and I sent you all the email, the Right to Know request response so you could all read it in its fully glory. But I did read the sections that were important to me that I highlighted that I felt were not correct on the part of the City. I am also really concerned that he was able to tell all of you last week that I had received all the available emails that Ms. Kleiner had received from IT and I hope you read that request and saw that they were not provided to me. I am getting an update on July 30<sup>th</sup> which is not necessarily the response or that the records would be responded to, it would just be an update. And it really concerns me when he can identify that the Right to Know was given to me that night and then give information that is not correct. Because right after

Beth Scaer spoke he said, I never say a single thing that is not true. And I am wondering why he responded and spoke to my Right to Know request and gave information out that was not true to the Board.

I also don't think it is appropriate that when a citizen responds on a time limit that the Administration will come back and fire back at the citizen and there's not rebuttal time to correct the record. So I am doing it this week and I feel he was out of line, he was inappropriate and I don't think the Board should allow him to speak and say such things. We should be able to challenge those. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Public Comment? OK seeing no one, Remarks by Members of the Board, I'll start on this side.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Well I just want to say that this weekend we actually laid Reverend Dr. Bertha Perkins to rest and I would like to thank the First Church and the Police Department and all those that made it possible. The Church was totally full and thank Mayor Donchess who also spoke on behalf of the City. Thank you.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you Madam President. This was the most difficult meeting I have ever been in, trying to decide what to do with the budget because I know that people back in Ward 1 really don't want to pay more, they really don't. But \$1.00 a month, for what we are going to work towards I think it was worth it. I think it is because we have been deeply involved in the budget since the beginning of the year and we see what is done by the State. We made the right decision and I am very grateful we were able to support the Fire and the Police. And I am disappointed that we weren't able to support the Mayor as well because I think he is working on the side of the citizens. And thank you.

Alderman Jette

Yes I would like to just say that I too am disappointed that Dave Fredette is retiring. I am surprised, I didn't think he was old enough to retire. I think we ought to check his birth certificate to make sure what his age is. But I wish him the best. Thank you.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. I just want to clarify because we had a resident call in during our public hearing last week and they couldn't get into the phone. The incorrect passcode was published for the phone callers and I have noticed that a passcode should be or seems to always be 6 digits and last week the passcode was printed on our Agenda as a 7 digit and I just wanted to point that out to anyone here in the Chamber that might be hosting a meeting in the future. If you find out that someone can't get in, it could be that the passcode has a typo in it and that's what happened last week. Thank you.

Alderman Tencza

Thank you Madam President. So something that is really not all that consequential but is a pet peeve of mine that comes up every year is this idea that we are sending Police Officers out to serve dog warrants to people's homes. I understand it is a matter of State Law and the Clerk has to do it but as I look at the Memorandum that was sent to us it is currently about 900 homes that a Police Officer is going to have to go out to and serve this dog warrant. I seriously doubt that the Police Department is seizing 900 dogs in the next month or so. But it seems to me that this would be a good amendment for one of the State Reps who is here to look at so we can

amend this process so that if someone has not paid their dog fees that that essentially gets tacked on to another bill like their car registration if they have one or property taxes to make it a little bit more of an efficient process.

I think there are a lot of issues with it. I think the \$7.00 cost of service fee part cost doesn't cover the cost of an actual service of the Police Department. So I would hope maybe we can look into that; the State can look into that moving forward. Again it is not really a big issue but something that comes up every year and bothers me so I thought I would bring it up.

I also wanted to congratulate the Mayor of getting the support of all the public comment tonight. I think it's a first for the people coming in so congratulations.

#### Alderman Lopez

First I just wanted to express my condolences to the family, friends and the community on the passing of Reverend Perkins. She has attended a lot of events over the years, particularly vigils and faith gatherings. She is a very inspirational part of the community and I just wanted to acknowledge her passing. I wanted to – we brought up the upcoming resolution to adopt Juneteenth; I just wanted to communicate that last year we had talked about adopting Indigenous Persons Day as a substitute for Columbus Day and I have been in coordination with Alderman Kelly and with the Cultural Connections Committee, the Library and the Mayor and doing some due diligence on that and making sure that we are actually coordinating the Indigenous People and are making sure that they are represented in our history and how we would celebrate that day.

I wanted to bring the Board's attention to the Board of Health Meeting tomorrow at 12:30. I had emailed them and let them know that we had tabled the motion to expand the Board. I didn't hear any specific concerns about the size about, the scope of it or that it would interfere, just that there was a preference on the part of the Chair not to. So I wanted to have that discussion at the Committee Level because he has expressed that he had not heard of it prior to that and had not gotten any emails. I did double check and our Legislative Assistant did forward that to the Board of Health when it was passed and I do personal recall (audio feedback) bringing it up at past meetings. But I think either way the Board of Health should have the opportunity to discuss it. How that is reflected in their minutes I am not entirely sure because they don't take verbatims which is why I am inviting other Aldermen to attend because I don't intend to contradict a Board with regards to a recommendation on how it is structured but you won't be able to hear the arguments or see the arguments unless there is an audio record kept or the meetings are done verbatim which has not been the case for the last several. So, again, that would be tomorrow at 12:30.

And then finally I wanted to draw the Board's attention to the Your Choice Your Voice initiative that the Community Development Office is doing. The futsal court that Alderman Klee mentioned and has really been a huge addition to Ash Street was created at the behest and with the support of local residents. Some of the children at the PAL Center particularly identified that as a possible use for resources and that's how participatory budgeting works. You let people living in that immediate area and in that neighborhood identify what kind of amenities or what kind of resources or what kinds of supports they would like to use \$40,000.00 for. So it is a great educational experience for people in the community, it's a great opportunity for them to feel like they are heard and they are actually involved, even the name Your Choice Your Voice kind of communicates that. So I would encourage Aldermen to attend to that. I am planning a local town hall meeting two weeks from Wednesday on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Palm Square and I am expecting the Community Development Division to present at that point. So if Aldermen would like to attend for that, you are definitely invited. Thank you.

#### President Wilshire

What day is that Alderman Lopez?

#### Alderman Lopez

Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes, thank you. Just a couple of things. Mayor I want to thank you and Channel 16 for showing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks on TV live that day. I did get a lot of comments because people still did not want to go out with such a large crowd. So hopefully next year you can do it again. I thought it was great, maybe a little bit more advertising ahead of time. But I thought it was fabulous. And the other thing is I want to thank your staff for taking the time to review all those members whose terms have expired on these Boards and Commissions because I had received a phone call that there were some that were really outdated. And they really worked hard and Madam President, none of them have to come to the Personnel Meeting, we will just read them off. But thank you. And I think you have about 10 or 15 more to go. So I really appreciate Cheryl and your staff taking the time to do that really. And Alderman Jette, Mr. Fredette is old enough to retire.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah I would just like to say that all of our FY'22 budget meetings are now over. We will have a budget meeting later in the month; I think we have one thing, maybe two now with this meeting on the Agenda. So it will be very short. And I just want to thank all of the members of the Budget Committee for going through all the time and effort to look through the budget. It is always difficult and I think in the end we will cherish the budget that we approved. So thank you.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. To Alderman Lopez, I got word that the July Board of Health meeting was cancelled because they are moving. That's what I got from Dr. ...

Alderman Lopez

There's still an update on my thing.

Alderman Klee

... from Dr. Wolf-Rosenbloom this morning because I have been trying to meet with her. So I think it has been cancelled. She said the meeting for July is cancelled due to the Public Health Department's move. So I don't know if that was advertised or not, I actually put out that the meeting was there too so we may need to check on that.

Alderman Lopez

So it had been originally proposed to but I still got the meeting invite, so I mean the meeting invites went out – maybe nothing.

Alderman Klee

Maybe she's mistaken.

Alderman Lopez

She's 30% of the Board so I don't think she is. That ties back to that quorum issue.

Alderman Klee

I'd like to thank my colleagues and especially the Budget Committee for all of their hard work. We didn't always agree on everything but I don't think we've made any mistakes. I think everybody worked very hard and the way it came out is the way it came out. I think everybody and I think the citizens should know that every single person went to that – every meeting – with 100% and for those who couldn't such as myself due to illness or other things, watched those meetings, asked those questions. It is never an easy decision to make in any way, shape or form. But I'd like to thank all my colleagues for all their hard work on that.

And I also wanted to comment on the passcode error. I did get a couple of phone calls on that as well. And I just want to remind the citizens that if they can't get in, there is a telephone number that is usually part of that for them to call and I think that that person might be able to help them. For one of my constituents that did work so just for future reference, we are human, we all mistakes. I just recently gave out my phone number and only gave out six digits and I missed one of the ones in the middle and someone said to me, is this a contest and I went, yes and if you get it right you get to talk to me. So yeah those things kind of happen.

I would also like to acknowledge again Hazy Ice Cream. That fire was in my Ward and I got so many phone calls from people telling me how wonderful they were and I believe that they are constituents of Alderman Lopez but they were so kind and there were scared children there and giving them some ice cream and trying to help them, it doesn't take away the fear but it kind of lessens the anxiety a little bit. They went above and beyond and I am very grateful that they were given the commendation from the fire fighters and from the Mayor. And as far as Mr. Fredette is concerned, I agree with you Alderman Jette, he does not look old enough but I have to go with my esteemed colleague based on all of the things that the Mayor had said that he had done, no one could accomplish in the amount of years that he looks versus the amount of years that he's had. So I want to know who his doctor is.

And as far as the dog warrants are concerned, I agree again with Alderman Tencza. I get a lot of phone calls from people saying, well why are we charging this and why are we charging that. It does come down from the State, it is not the City Clerk trying to be mean and nasty and rile up all their dogs. It is a small fee but people do forget. I know during COVID I got a few phone calls, people saying Oh my God, it's June and July and I forgot to do my ... and it was try to do it online if you can. You can't if your rabies vaccination is up but I know Ms. Lovering and that the City Clerk's Office has bent over backwards to try to help people get in there and they are not the bad guys in all of this. It is the State, I appreciate some of the suggestions that Alderman Tencza had brought up. I am not sure that those necessarily would work putting it on property taxes or cars because some people may not have those. But I agree, there has got to be some work around for it and I think we should look into.

And I am also grateful that we have agreed to put the Charitable gaming back on the ballot and let the voters decide. If they so "no" so be it; if they say "yes" than more for it. So thank you so much for the time.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. I too would like to recognize Dave Fredette, worked with him on several committees. He's been here a long time and I have referred to him with his knowledge; he will be missed. But congratulations Dave on your announcement. And I also would like to thank the Mayor and to Fire Chief Rhodes for recognizing Hazy Ice Cream. Every once in a while people that know that I was a firefighter will probably ask what do I prefer, fight a fire during a blizzard or a 90 degree day; I'll take the blizzard. You can always get warm but when it is a hot day like it was that day, my son was working I had my grandson with me and we went up to watch the fire. And I'll tell you being there myself my heart went out to the brothers they did a very good job under extreme weather conditions and where some people were taking their siesta or resting or finding a shady tree, these guys are going from heat into heat and they come back out and there's no break. So therefore to have a tasty treat from the Hazy Ice Cream Company, water supply from the Department was very much needed and again thank you Mr. Mayor and to the Chief for recognizing them. And it is nice to see the community involvement of people caring like that. So very good, tally ho. Thank you Madam President.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Two bites at the apple tonight? Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

So I checked the public calendar and the Board of Health Meeting is not on it so it is probably some kind of computer glitch or something. So I don't think there's a meeting tomorrow.

President Wilshire

OK I would like to send my condolences to the community who was touched by Reverend Perkins. She was quite a dynamite person. She had been around for a long time, has done a lot of good things in the community so my condolences to her family, friends and her community. Also, regarding Dave Fredette, I've known Dave Fredette for well 25, 30 years or so; top notch guy. I mean he is I think one of the best employees this City has. I think he is very competent; he will be missed. I mean he's done a lot of good work for the City, great guy. I wish him well in his retirement. Also my condolences to him for the loss of his brother. I guess that's all I have.

Committee announcements:Alderman Dowd

Yes Thursday the Joint Special School Building Committee 7:00 p.m. in the Nashua High North Board Room and it is all in person; there's no Zoom here. And if you think you should add it to there, it is all up to the Board of Education because they own the building.

Alderman O'Brien

Yes unfortunately or fortunately nothing is up on Infrastructure so members of the Committee enjoy your time off; it is the first one. And I think the Personnel and Administrative Affairs Committee will be taking up the slack, so good luck to you.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JULY 13, 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, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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Nay:	0
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**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk