

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

President Lori Wilshire presided; Deputy City Clerk Wendy Drouin recorded.

Prayer was offered by Deputy City Clerk Wendy Drouin; Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu led in the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call was taken with 15 members of the Board of Aldermen present; No one was recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton were also in attendance.

President Wilshire

Before I recognize the Mayor, I'd like to acknowledge the new aldermen on the Board and welcome them this evening – Skip Cleaver and Elizabeth Lu. Thank you for joining us and welcome to the Board.

Alderman Cleaver

Thank you.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

First of all Happy New Year to everybody. The first meeting of the new term 2020. I'll have to get used to this new lineup and looking at different faces. I wanted Madam President to mention a few different items tonight. First the community power proposal which is one of the resolutions being introduced tonight. This is an action pursuant to enabling legislation at the State level which enables communities to purchase power on behalf of all Eversource customers both residential and business customers.

Now there's a procedure we have to go through to reach this community choice power. In the legislation they call it "aggregation". We need to form a study committee which will make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen and then the Board of Aldermen has to vote to proceed. The city of course is already purchasing and selling energy. We purchase bulk for the city under a single contract and the School Department does the same thing. We also sell power from our hydroelectric dams. We estimate that if we undertake this project, and you will get many more details later, we can save about two cents a kilowatt on average on every Eversource bill which for a residential consumer could mean about \$150 a year depending upon their usage of course. It could mean more for a small business or even a medium sized business. It's everyone who is an Eversource customer.

Now the customer does not see any difference in the way they are treated in the sense that they receive a bill from Eversource. Eversource of course continues to distribute power. Eversource gets paid for the distribution portion of the bill. Also the demand charge. The only thing that's different is the charge for the kilowatt on the bill is different and we're saying could be on the average two cents a kilowatt less.

The word "choice" is there. Community choice power because anybody who wishes to opt out will have the ability to do so. They can just opt to stay with Eversource. Anybody who does not make that choice would become part of the community choice power project and this option exists not only at the beginning but at any time during the future. A person can try it out, opt out. They can wait a year, ten years, whatever it is but there's always the option to leave or to come back if they want to do that. I think as we begin to get into the

details of the project, you will be convinced that it's a way that we can save \$20 or \$25 million for Nashua consumers over the next four years.

The next matter Madam President I wanted to remind all of the Board members that we have a budget presentation on Thursday night before the Budget Committee. It will be upstairs because we've invited a lot of people. We're going to project for you the way budgets and taxes could look given various rates of increase in the city budget. Of course we're focused particularly on the fact that health care costs are going up. A single line item has been going up by several million dollars a year. That is a significant financial challenge we have to deal with. I would encourage everyone to show up tomorrow and see the presentation, look at the numbers, and then ask any questions or make any comments that you wish.

Finally Madam President, of course we have coming up this weekend MLK – Martin Luther King Day. There are two celebrations at least. One at the First Baptist Church on Saturday night at 6 o'clock. That has been going on for nearly 40 years. The other OBU is holding the annual Martin Luther King breakfast at Alpine Grove again. That starts I think at 8:30 a.m. For those who don't remember this, Nashua was actually the first city in New Hampshire to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. This began in 1987, a dozen years before the State celebrated Martin Luther King Day. I was Mayor then and thought the State's not moving why doesn't the city just go forward. We put it on our list of holidays for January 1987 and we've been celebrating Martin Luther King Day every year. We were trying to send the message then and now that in Nashua everyone belongs to our community. There are no "us" and "them". There is just "us" Nashuans. I hope that those who are available can come and celebrate MLK Day at one of those events. That's all I have Madam President.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Kelly

Just a point of clarification. I think you said the Budget meeting is tomorrow but its Thursday, correct.

Mayor Donchess

Correct. I should have said Thursday yes. Thank you for the...

President Wilshire

Anyone else responses to the remarks of the Mayor? Okay.

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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| Board of Aldermen..... | 12/23/2019 |
| Special Board of Aldermen..... | 01/02/2020 |
| Organizational Meeting of the Board of Aldermen..... | 01/05/2020 |

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Board of Aldermen meeting of December 23, 2019, January 2, 2020, and January 5, 2020 accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS - None

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING - None

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Nashua Public Library's Contract Award for a Three-Year Service Agreement with Palmer and Sicard in the amount of \$2,456

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD THE THREE –YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PALMER AND SICARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,456 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, Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire

Yea: 15

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Appointments by the Mayor

Animal Dog Park and Advisory Committee

Megan Villacis (New Appointment)
78 Beauview Avenue
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: January 31, 2023

Conservation Commission

Joel Ackerman (New Appointment)
13 Woodcrest Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: December 31, 2020

Downtown Improvement Committee

Edward Hayes (Reappointment)
137 Main Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

Steve Saxe (Reappointment)
74 Musket Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

Amanda Schneck, (Reappointment)
26 Chester Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: December 31, 2022

James Tobin (Reappointment)
36 Dogwood Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

Term to Expire: November 2, 2022

Historic District Commission

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

Term to Expire: December 31, 2020

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 - None

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-001

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

SECOND AMENDMENT TO R-18-001 “AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,500,000) FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER LOCATED AT 201 MAIN STREET”

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber by President Wilshire

R-20-002

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$294,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY INTO CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT ACTIVITY “INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER”

Given its first reading; assigned to the PEDC and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEES by President Wilshire

R-20-003

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron

Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED, FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 AND 2022

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

R-20-004

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

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$350,000 OF FY2020 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM DEPARTMENT #152 "FIRE", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION #44 "CHARGES FOR SERVICES" INTO DEPARTMENT #152 "FIRE", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION #51 "SALARIES & WAGES"

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and scheduled a public hearing for Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber by President Wilshire

R-20-005

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

APPROVING THE USE OF 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-20-006

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$290,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "FY2020 OPIOID ABUSE REDUCTION INITIATIVE (OARI) GRANT"

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

R-20-007

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

CHANGING THE PURPOSE OF FUNDS FOR A PARKS & RECREATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM "CROWN HILL POOL REPAIRS" TO "ROTARY POOL FILTER REPLACEMENT"

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET COMMITTEE and BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS by President Wilshire

R-20-008

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

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,400,000) TO PURCHASE A NEW 2020 PIERCE ARROW XT RED AERIAL LADDER TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and scheduled a public hearing for Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber by President Wilshire

R-20-009

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-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION COMMITTEE

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-20-001**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

EXTENDING THE HOURS OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ON-PREMISES LICENSEES TO 2:00 A.M.

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

O-20-002

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

ESTABLISHING ELECTION POLL HOURS

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 ALDERMENAlderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. I would just like thank the new members on the Board. I wish them luck in their careers and going to enjoy working with the both of you. Congratulations.

Alderwoman Kelly

I wanted to say Happy New Year and welcome to the two new members of the Board.

Alderman Caron

Yes I just want to say thank you to everyone for the wonderful event that we had last Sunday for the inauguration. I thank both Donna Graham - this is her first time participating and did a very good job and our new City Clerk Sue Lovering. She didn't have to pin boutonnières on anybody. She was overall in charge and I thank you all for participating and we had a good time. Hopefully you enjoyed your lunch. Thank you.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. I left the boutonniere pinning to my colleague to the left of me. Thank you.

It brings up the point that I wanted to make which is I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and also my new colleagues. I want to wish you the best of luck on the Board. I look forward to working with you. I know we'll have a successful two years.

Alderman Lopez

I just wanted to say welcome to the Board to the new aldermen.

I also wanted to put a reminder out that this Saturday coming up is a fundraiser at Liquid Therapy – Hot Winter Night – and I will be performing. I don't know if anybody would like to see me play guitar. It's a 7 p.m.

Alderwoman Lu

I'd like to extend my condolences to the Marchand and Plante families who recently lost Monique. Monique grew up in Nashua and went to the Nashua schools. She was a Navy Veteran and she has been a resident of Hudson.

I'd also like to thank the voters of Ward 6 for the trust and confidence that they've placed in me. I want to thank all of my colleagues and the city staff for the help that I've received in the last few weeks. Thank you.

Alderman Jette

So on your desks you'll find a little package that I distributed earlier. I want to explain what that's all about. A couple of months ago at our Rotary Club, Tulsi Gabbard spoke and she told a story about how when she became a Congressman at first she was in the minority. She was a woman of course and also a Democrat Congress the head of Republican Majority. To try to ease her way and make friends with everybody, she got her mother to make these Macadamia nut cookies and she distributed them to all her colleagues. I thought what a great idea so I asked her whether her mother could come up with 15 cookies for me to distribute. She turned me down but as an alternative, I thought of my father who was born here in Nashua in 1911. One of 11 children. Always telling me the story about how at Christmas time back then citrus fruit was an exotic fruit and how in his family everybody in their Christmas stocking would get an orange and how wonderful that was. I thought since we're still in the Christmas season, I think the Orthodox Church or some Orthodox Churches are still celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. I thought that I would distribute these oranges to my colleagues in the hopes that Tulsi Gabbard's ability to charm her colleagues would work for me. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody.

Alderman Schmidt

Happy New Year everybody and happy election. I was interesting and wonderful. I wanted to thank especially Alderman Caron for the work that she did on the inauguration. I think that you did a great job under a great amount of stress. I also wanted to thank everyone who came. I thought it was a terrific turnout which shows that the city really cares about this. It was terrific. Thank you.

Alderman Cleaver

I'd like to thank the voters of Ward 8 for the confidence they've placed in me as alderman for their ward. I'd like to thank the President – thank you very much, and Donna and the whole staff – Mr. Bolton, everybody who has helped us with the introduction to all of the various duties of the aldermanic chamber. Thank you very much.

President Wilshire

You're very welcome.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I just want to say Happy New Year too and also thank you and welcome to both of you.

President Wilshire

I'd also like to thank the inauguration committee – Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Lu, and former Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja. They did a great job and thank you all for that.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Dowd

Yes as mentioned earlier, Thursday there's a special Budget meeting at 7 p.m. It's in the auditorium upstairs. I think the Mayor already presented what will be covered.

On Thursday the 23rd a week later, the Joint Special School Building Committee will be meeting at Nashua High North.

Alderman Tencza

Planning and Economic Development will be meeting on Tuesday the 21st at 7 p.m. here in the chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JANUARY 14, 2020, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk