

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, January 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan K. Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan K. Lovering; Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright led in the Pledge to the Flag.

### President Wilshire

As President of the Board of Aldermen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

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We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, through public postings. Instructions have also been provided on the City of Nashua's website at [www.nashuanh.gov](http://www.nashuanh.gov) and publicly noticed at City Hall and the Nashua Public Library.

If anyone has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or Channel 16, please call 603-821-2049 and they will help you connect.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods mentioned above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

City Clerk Lovering called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 14 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, Alderman Richard A. Dowd, 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.

Alderman June Caron was recorded absent.

Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton was also in attendance.

ROLL CALL

Alderman O'Brien

I can hear the proceedings, I am alone.

Alderman Klee

I am here, I can hear the proceedings and I am alone.

Alderwoman Kelly

I am here, I am alone, and I can hear everyone.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I'm present, I can hear everyone and I am alone, social distanced.

Alderman Clemons

Yes, I am here, I can hear everyone and I am by myself.

Alderman Lopez

I am here, I can hear and see everyone and I apologize for sneezing as soon as I took my mic off.

Alderman Tencza

I am present, I am alone, and I can hear everyone.

Alderwoman Lu

I am here alone and I can hear everyone.

Alderman Jette

I am here alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Schmidt

I am present, alone and can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Laws

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everyone.

Alderman Cleaver

Present, alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am in this room alone and I can hear the proceedings.

President Wilshire

I'm here, I am alone and I can hear everyone. And Alderman Caron did tell me she would not be on the meeting this evening, she's unable to be here. So also with us is Corporation Counsel, Steve Bolton and I don't believe the Mayor is on the meeting. OK. As is customary, this being Budget-Related, I will turn the meeting over to the Chair of the Budget Committee, Alderman Dowd.

Chairman Dowd

Ok tonight we have a public hearing on three different bonds. The first is R-21-105, Authorizing the Mayor and the City Treasurer to issue bonds not to exceed the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to purchase two new engine pumper trucks for the Fire Department.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****R-21-105 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) TO PURCHASE TWO NEW ENGINE PUMPER TRUCKS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**Chairman Dowd

Who would like to cover this for the Fire Department? Assistant Chief Buxton?

Assistant Chief Steve Buxton

OK good evening, I am Assistant Chief Buxton with the Nashua Fire Department. So basically, as you all know, the City has a CERF schedule that is developed by members at City Hall with input from the individual divisions with the Fire Department this year we are due to replace an engine. We are also due to replace an engine next year. So we put our thinking caps on and basically are proposing replacing both engines at the same time to achieve an overall savings of a little better than \$150,000.00 by pulling the two engines together. Obviously it requires more money outlaid at the beginning but at the end of the day the City will realize that savings.

This would allow us to maintain the replacement schedule that has currently been crafted in the CERF State Law. I can answer any questions that anybody may have about it but that's pretty much the nuts and bolts of it.

Chairman Dowd

Before we answer the questions, Treasurer Fredette, both of these items are in the current bonding schedule, is that true?

David Fredette, Treasurer

Yes as the Chief said the one would be normally bought in Fiscal Year '22 but because we are buying them together we can save about \$150,000.00 or so. So they are in the schedule, yes.

Chairman Dowd

Does anyone have any questions concerning the presentation on what the bond is for? Seeing none I will now ask for testimony in favor. Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

I'm sorry this is the Public Meeting, the Public Hearing correct.

Chairman Dowd

Right. But you'll take our questions as well?

Chairman Dowd

If you have any questions relative to what the bond is about. We will also be covering these in the following meeting but if you have questions as to what the bond is being us for ...

Alderwoman Lu

OK, alright, I'll wait, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

OK. Again I will seek testimony in favor. Is there anyone in the public that has questions or concerns in favor of this bond?

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on R-21-105 at 7:09 p.m.

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**R-21-106 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,700,000) FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FOUR HILLS LANDFILL AND THE PURCHASE OF TWO REFUSE TRUCKS**

Chairman Dowd

Director Fauteux, did you want to start that off with an explanation?

Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works

Superintendent LaFleur is here to speak to that, Alderman Dowd.

Chairman Dowd

Ok, Jeff?

Jeff LaFleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste

Jeff LaFleur, Superintendent of Solid Waste. Yes, this comprises, this starts off with a landfill gas expansion FY'21 of \$1.2 million dollars. As you guys all know that every year I do gas expansions to control the odors and mitigate any fugitive emissions at the landfill. This will give me the opportunity to secure a vendor and call them in any time that I have an issue at the landfill and speed up the process of getting that taken care of.

Solid Waste Equipment Coverage Storage of \$500,000.00; all of our equipment as you guys know is all outside right now, snow covered, in the weather. We are trying to get most of my equipment underneath cover like my loader. Most of all my trash trucks and any other equipment that we can fit in there just to keep it out of the weather and try to get some more longevity out of our equipment. Solid Waste Scale Replacement, most scales have been in place long before I started with the City 23 years ago and at any time they could start to go. So I want to get that process moving to get those replaced and have a new system up and running. And then our replacement of two refuse trucks for \$600,000.00.

Chairman Dowd

OK. Do any of the Aldermen have any questions about what the contents are for this bond? Seeing none, I will now look for testimony in favor of R-21-106.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on R-21-106 at 7:12 p.m.

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**R-21-107 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,150,000) FOR THE CITY'S SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

Chairman Dowd

Director Fauteux, who will be giving us that presentation?

Director Fauteux

Actually City Engineer Dan Hudson is here to speak to that, Alderman Dowd.

Chairman Dowd

Ok, Dan?

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Thank you Mr. Chair. So this is the bond for the annual sewer work. It covers both the replacement of pipes and the inspection and lining of pipes. It is healthy program but we have a lot of pipes to look at and maybe we are playing a little bit of catch up. So if we find good value in this, as discussed previously, lining is a lot less expensive than replacement and this is what enables us to find pipes, line the ones in disrepair before they go into a worse state and need replacement.

Chairman Dowd

OK, does anyone have any questions concerning the content of what this bond is going to be used for. Seeing and hearing none, I will now ask for testimony in favor of R-20-107.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on R-21-107 at 7:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JANUARY 25, 2021, SPECIAL 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 Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk