

## BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

JANAURY 25, 2021

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Monday, January 25, 2021, at 7:17 p.m. via teleconference.

### Chairman Dowd

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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.

Alderman O'Brien 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 7 members of the Budget Review Committee present:

Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Chairman  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Ernest Jette  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

Also in Attendance:

- Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman Skip Cleaver
- Alderwoman Elizabeth
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
- Alderman Tom Lopez
- David G. Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
- Steve Buxton, Assistant Fire Chief
- Brian Rhodes, Fire Chief
- Lisa Fauteux, Public Works Director
- Jeffrey LaFleur, Solid Waste Superintendent
- Dan Hudson, City Engineer

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ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Kelly

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

Alderman O'Brien

The Clerk Alderman O'Brien is present, I can hear the proceedings and I am alone.

Alderman Wilshire

I am here, I am 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 everyone.

Alderman Clemons

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

Chairman Dowd

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

Alderman O'Brien

Mr. Chairman, present are Aldermen Tencza, Klee, Cleaver and Lu. Also in attendance David Fredette, Tax Collector/Treasurer; Fire Chief Rhodes; Assistant Chief Buxton; Deputy Chief. Also in attendance, Lisa Fauteux, Public Works Director with Jeff LaFleur and City Engineer Dan Hudson.

Alderman Lopez

I'm here too.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Alderman Harriott-Gathright is here as well.

Alderman O'Brien

Alright, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Thank you Alderman O'Brien. Alright, the first item on the Agenda is Public Comment. Is there anyone from the public on the meeting that would like to speak? Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Is it OK for us to have public comment before the noticed time of the meeting?

Chairman Dowd

We will also have a second public comment and we will give some leeway at that point in time, if anybody has questions. OK.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Alderman Dowd?

Chairman Dowd

Yes.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Can you just verify with Attorney Bolton. I am also, only because this is a bond vote, we have to be very careful. It does say 7:30 p.m. or nearly after the Special Board of Aldermen Public Hearing. So I am not sure if that really means you can do this now or do you actually have to wait until 7:30. Hopefully Attorney Bolton can answer that, sorry.

Chairman Dowd

Attorney Bolton?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

You can go ahead. It was advertised as potentially beginning the meeting immediately following the Special Meeting of the Board. So that's what you are doing, as advertised.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-21-105**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
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 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS  
(\$1,500,000) TO PURCHASE TWO NEW ENGINE PUMPER TRUCKS FOR THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

Ok, you've heard the motion. Are there any questions or concerns relative to this particular Resolution?  
Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Mr. Chairman I looked back at the – I just wanted to confirm that we had another one of these pumper trucks in the works for purchase next year. Is this something that came up during the January Capital Improvement Committees? Because I don't see it in the projected items for 2022.

Chairman Dowd

No, I think as was explained by Assistant Chief Buxton that we are buying the truck for this year and the truck in the bonding plan for next year to satisfy both those requirements and to save \$150,000.00 by doing the combination of the acquisition. So we will not be buying another truck in '22, they are both being bought now.

Alderwoman Lu

Could I follow up please?

Chairman Dowd

Sure.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. I may have misspoken. What I meant to say is I don't see a pumper truck on the Schedule for 2022, I do see one for '21 so I understand why we are discussing bonding for one. Am I looking in the wrong place? I am actually using what was in our Budget Book. So where would I, how would I ...

Chairman Dowd

Were you looking at the CERF Plan?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes, I believe so. The CERF Plan. Well no; Capital Improvements Program.

Chairman Dowd

That's a different animal. Treasurer Fredette, is he still on?

David Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector

Yeah.

Chairman Dowd

OK. Do you want to answer that?

Mr. Fredette

Well in the Budget Book it is strictly the CERF items that are being approved for Fiscal Year '21. As said, there is another vehicle in the Fiscal Year '22 CERF. That would not show in the Fiscal Year '21 Budget Book. But it is in the CERF list and they decided to buy both because they can save at least \$100,000.00/\$150,000.00 by doing so. So that one page in the Budget Book strictly shows CERF items to be purchased in '21.

Alderwoman Lu

OK, could I follow up please?

Chairman Dowd

Follow up?

Alderwoman Lu

I understand the rationale that a 10% discount, I get that. I am on the Finance Committee and I typically try to verify things. So is this something that we can actually review or do we just take your word for it that it's on 2022. I mean is it documented anywhere that we have plans?

Chairman Dowd

It's in the bonding plan which hasn't been changed in quite some time. Again, Treasurer Fredette would you like to address that?

Mr. Fredette

I can send out the CERF Plan tomorrow morning or even tonight. It's certainly in the CERF Plan, the full CERF Plan. You are only looking at the Budget for Fiscal Year '21 so you only see that one sheet. But we have a plan that goes out six years for all kinds of vehicles for every Department.

Chairman Dowd

Which is tied to the bonding plan.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you may I just follow up with one question?

Chairman Dowd

Sure.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you, Mr. Fredette. On a bonding plan that I've seen, I think that there are bonding amounts but not assets that are related to them. Is the bonding plan that you are sending, does it have the breakdown of what assets? Is there some way I can see that we did indeed have that on the schedule? The pumper truck?

Mr. Fredette

Mr. Chair?

Chairman Dowd

Sure go ahead Treasurer Fredette.

Mr. Fredette

I am not sending you the bonding plan; I am sending you the CERF Plan. The Bonding Plan was reviewed by the Board of Aldermen back in late September. It hasn't really changed since then we only update it twice a year; it will be updated in the spring. But on the Bonding Plan itself, it does show the items that are planned to be purchased. But I was sending you the CERF Plan because that seemed to be your question that it was not in CERF but it is.

Chairman Dowd

We tie the CERF acquisitions especially the large ones, to the Bonding Plan because we are going to bond for them because it is the most cost effective way to buy them.

Alderwoman Lu

No, that's great. I used the wrong term, so the CERF plan. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

OK. Any other questions relative to R-21-105? Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Chairman Dowd. I'd like to compliment the Fire Department because they think it was prudent if we could save a little bit of something. And these trucks are expensive, approximately of savings by purchasing both at the same time of \$100,000.00 to \$130,000.00 to \$150,000.00 loosely. But also, case in point, if Chief Buxton wants to chime in on this; it is my understanding that these trucks just don't basically go away. They are then brought back into reserve status in case there's some mechanical failure.

By purchasing the early truck, that means we are going to get a younger vehicle that is going to perhaps stay in that reserve fleet and be much more mechanically sound to fit the needs for the community in case of that type of emergency. Chief Buxton, would you agree with that, if you want to explain the replacement process?

Steve Buxton, Assistant Fire Chief

Mr. Chairman, is that ok?

Chairman Dowd

Yes, go ahead.

Assistant Fire Chief Buxton

So Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire. So the Fire Department does have a replacement program in place. We aim to get 12 years out of one of our pumper trucks; 15 years out of one of our ladder trucks. When we buy a new truck or two, like in this case, those trucks are then placed into reserve status. Actually our mechanics do an evaluation of them to decide which truck is the best to keep. And we hold on to it so when one of the other trucks needs to have preventative maintenance work or breakdown takes place, that truck can be placed in frontline status.

So it is important that we place the trucks into the reserve status somewhere between that 12 to 15 year mark, much more beyond that and we start to get up in age. The two trucks we are talking about tonight, Engine 3 which is up for replacement already has 90,000 miles on it as well as 3,800 engine hours. Engine Five has 112,000 miles on it and about 7,600 engine hours. The average, according to DOT, is about 25 to 30 miles per an engine hour. So you can see both of these trucks are close to being 200,000 miles to 300,000 mile trucks. So they have seen their day out on the frontline. Reserve Apparatus does see quite a bit of activity; we have a sizeable fleet and our mechanics do a wonderful job keeping it in tip top shape so they are constantly being rotated through for preventative maintenance.

So to Alderman O'Brien's point, it is in our best interest to maintain a schedule that has been vetted and proven to do very well for the City, cost-effective wise, throughout the years.

Chairman Dowd

Also, with one of our latest acquisitions we had an issue that required it to go back to the manufacturer to have something corrected and it was a good thing we had the old truck in reserve that filled in while the new truck was being fixed. OK, Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you for this. I just wanted to comment about it and ask a question and I think that it was kind of already answered. This is pretty typical of what we do every time we have another truck in abeyance or at least one for every two or something to that nature. So this is pretty typical; we are not doing anything out of the ordinary. And I know sometimes "typical" needs to be changed, but we do this out of all caution, is that correct. I am just asking this question more for the public and for clarity. Is that correct?

Chairman Dowd

You are asking Chief Buxton?

Alderman Klee

Yes, I am. I'm sorry, my apologies.

Chairman Dowd

Chief.

Assistant Fire Chief Buxton

Thank you Mr. Chair. Yes this is typical replacement schedule. I've been on the Fire Department here in Nashua a little better than 25 years. I can tell you when I got here we were riding on CF Mac Fire Trucks which will make Alderman O'Brien smile over there. And the joke back then was that when you got your brand new fire truck, which was a Pierce, they'd pass around a roll of duct tape and spray paint for you to use on the next oldest truck that was due for replacement. Thank goodness we are a long ways from that; it is because of this replacement schedule that was crafted and has been adjusted throughout the years.

In addition to that, the City is growing; call volume consistently goes up so the miles and the engine hours put on the apparatus also rise through that. The trucks are much more technical now so they go in for PM's a little bit more frequently but their performance in the field is also much better. So to your point, this is the typical replacement schedule that we wish to continue holding.

Alderman Klee

May I make just one comment, Chairman Dowd?

Chairman Dowd

Go ahead.

Alderman Klee

I'm sorry, thank you. I appreciate that. It makes me feel better knowing that if we do have to have something that goes up for maintenance or as you put it "pm", that we do have something that we are not sitting there waiting; you know, the truck is in the shop so we can't do anything, so I appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Chairman Dowd

Anyone else have any comments or questions? Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

I think Alderman Kelly might have had her hand up before me. So if she wants to speak first that's ok.

Chairman Dowd

Why am I not seeing her?

Alderman Kelly

I'm not on video but my little ....

Chairman Dowd

OH I see your hand was up.

Alderwoman Kelly

My hand is up, thank you Alderman Clemons. So my question was just about, I appreciate the Fire Department going and finding these efficiencies and buying two at one time. My question is whether or not when we plan out CERF are we trying not to do multiple vehicles at once. So if you buy them at the same time are they going to come up at the same time, you know, in 16 or 12 years or whatever. Chief Buxton I'm saying.

Chairman Dowd

Is that a question to ...

Alderwoman Kelly

Yeah it is a question. It's about how are we planning CERF? And if we buy two at one time, does that make it that we are going to have two hit our budget again in 12 years? So do we tend to do it like this? And is it worth the savings?

Chairman Dowd

Chief Buxton?

Assistant Fire Chief Buxton

Thank you, Mr. Chair. To the Alderwoman's point, Engine 3 and Engine 5 were bought when they were first replaced, they were bought approximately 6 months apart. They were just separated in budget cycles way back then and that continues to hold true to the years. So timing continues to be consistent, we are able to achieve some savings by pulling this deal together. But at the end of the day, we are going to need to be in front of you to request an engine next year as well if we don't execute the two of them this evening.

Chairman Dowd

Does that answer your question, Alderman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Yes, I was just going to say thank you, that definitely clarified.

Chairman Dowd

And I think it also releases some of the strain on FY'22 acquisitions in the FY'22 CERF. Any other questions – oh sorry – Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. My question is to the Treasurer, I am just curious what our bond rates are now and what we can expect to get as a rate on these?

Chairman Dowd

Excellent question. Treasurer Fredette?

Mr. Fredette

Mr. Chairman I mentioned earlier that last fall we did review the bond sales plan, that was a 5-year plan and it will be updated this spring although there's not going to be a lot of changes to it as far as I know. Since the bond plan was reviewed we have had two sales; we had a sale in October and the true interest cost of that sale was 1.61% interest rate. And that was budgeted at 2% in the plan so we did very good there. The rates are unbelievably low. And also just last week, we sold the PAC \$21 million dollar bond and a Hydro dam \$6.2 million dollar bond. The PAC is a 25 year bond and these are taxable bonds and the true interest cost on that is 1.858, unbelievably low again. And we had budgeted that in the plan at 2.5%. So we are doing very good, when you budget conservatively you end up doing good. I just never thought these rates would ever come around like this at that low. So I think next year's plan is going to be pretty healthy.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you, that's fantastic news. That's what a Triple A Bond Rating will do. That's what the market is showing us too. So this is definitely, definitely a prudent purchase especially at this time so it'll get my support. And, again, thank you Treasurer Fredette for all you do. You are a big part of our success in the City, so thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Those low rates also lower our payments on these bonds as well which is another savings. Any other questions or concerns relative to R-21-105? Seeing none, the motion on the floor is to recommend final passage to the full board by roll call. Alderman O'Brien?

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd	7
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-21-106**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
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**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**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

Are there any questions or concerns on that bond? Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Yes, I just – I am totally for this – but I am asking this question just to make sure one hand knows what the other hand is doing. I think Ms. Fauteux knows that there is afoot a parking study that is going on. And I know in certain neighborhoods, only a certain type of refuse truck can go into where there's like overnight on-street parking as compared to the truck that has that flying arm that can lift up because of the way the parking situation. So which trucks are we purchasing looking at the long-term of these vehicles, are we safe in purchasing them. And I know it is not etched in stone, but taking in mind what the future is to the parking study that is coming down?

Chairman Dowd

Director Fauteux?

Director Fauteux

Superintendent LaFleur is probably not as familiar with that as I am. I have said this publicly and I am glad to have the opportunity to say this this evening Alderman O'Brien so I am glad you brought it up. We have automated as much of the City as we possibly could, many, many years ago, actually before my time with the City. So that means a huge investment in, of course, equipment and toters and also we have fewer people that work for the Solid Waste Department because we can have one person in an automated truck. So while I certainly would support overnight parking in the areas that need it, I would be very concerned about overnight parking in the areas that it is not required. And that's because there will be a level of service problem, we will have challenges picking up trash, we will have challenges sweeping streets. It will be challenging trying to plow as well. So I am very concerned in that our residents will not have the level of service that they currently have if we have overnight parking throughout the City.

Chairman Dowd

Thank you. Did that answer your question, Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Yeah, kind of. What it is, is these trucks are the lift arm so the area that they will be serving, the truck will have a longevity with us, that is basically regardless of what happens futuristically with the parking study. Because I imagine if we do increase more, we are going to have to go to a rear loader, basically?

Director Fauteux

We would have to completely change our fleet if we went to rear load packers because we have automated as much of the City as we possibly can. Most of the City is automated now with the exception of the inner City, is really some of the only places; and also recycling. Recycling is not fully automated at this point. But as far as trash goes, we have automated as much as we can. So that would be a huge shift, we'd have to purchase new trucks and we'd have to also hire additional staff to be able to, because you can't put – we put out two or three people on a packer, whereas the automated trucks there's only one person per truck.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Ms. Fauteux.

Director Fauteux

You're welcome.

Chairman Dowd

Any other questions or concerns relative to this Resolution? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So following up on Alderman O'Brien's question. I understand what Director Fauteux says about her opposition to extending overnight parking wholesale throughout the City and the affect that that would have on the Department of Public Work's ability to pick up trash, plow streets and sweep streets. But that is an argument against extending the overnight parking. But a decision about overnight parking remains to be made so I am wondering if it is wise for us to invest in the type of refuse vehicles that we would not be able to use if, in fact, we decide to extend overnight parking throughout the City. I'm not saying we should, I am just saying that we are spending money on a study, we are asking the residents to express their opinion and to kind of lock ourselves into buying some trucks which would make it more difficult to make the decision to extend overnight parking if that's what the residents want. I think Alderman O'Brien has brought up a good point. Should we delay this decision until we know what we are going to do with the parking?

Director Fauteux

Alderman Jette, I wasn't suggesting that we wouldn't continue to pick up. We would never, ever go back to all rear load packers. That would be a huge step backwards. What I was suggesting is there will be definitely a level of service decrease if there is overnight parking because there will be times when we will not be able to – we will miss toters because there will be cars parked. Another words if there is a car parked within six feet of a toter we would not be able to pick up that toter, it would be too close. So those would be the sorts of problems we'd have.

It would also be a challenge for us to push snow back. We already can't tow nearly as many cars as we really need to, to be able to push snow back during a snowstorm that that would exacerbate the problem. Same thing with sweeping, we would not be able to sweep as well. So I am not saying we would shift in any of our programs, I am concerned because I know the level of complaints would increase drastically if that happened. That's all that I am saying; we would not buy different types of trucks as a result of – even if the City decided to do overnight parking throughout the City. So I just wanted to make sure that I clarify that.

Chairman Dowd

When we started the on-street parking, the overnight parking it was to alleviate the concerns in the immediate downtown where there was a lack of parking and we were trying to accommodate the residents. I don't think that it would be prudent to expand the on-street parking overnight in most of the residential areas of the City for a number of reasons, many of which were just mentioned. But if you have a car on the street and the City plows it in like they do in Boston, you know, the next morning they are going to call and say, "Come dig my car out". And that's a huge expense. So in this traffic study that we haven't gotten into yet, I think there's a lot of things to be considered, including the added expense if we filled up the streets with cars in the normal residential areas when that would cause a huge impact to our budget. So I would rather separate this discussion from the on-street parking thing because that's not an immediate thing and has a lot of study to do. I, for one for instance, am not in favor of allowing on-street parking throughout the residential areas, R9, R40 Zones, you know, it doesn't make sense. So do you have any other follow-up questions Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Yes, I do. Thank you. Before we leave the parking thing, I am not sure when you said that the parking study

is – we are in the middle of that parking study. Some of the Wards have already had their town meetings giving residents a chance to express their opinion and we are continuing that. My point was that if the decision were to be made, I'm not saying it will be, but if it was made that we would extend parking and we would need a different type of truck, it wouldn't make sense to be buying trucks. But Director Fauteux has said that we would still be buying these same trucks no matter what the result of the parking study might end up being. So I am satisfied with her answer to that part of the question.

My additional questions are regarding the landfill gas expansion, I am very much, since my Ward, the landfill is in my Ward, I am very much in favor of making sure that we do whatever we can to prevent or mitigate any problems with gas that might be emitted from the landfill, any odor problems. But I would be interested in knowing in more detail if I could, could someone expand a little bit about the landfill gas expansion exactly what is that entailing? I know that the Superintendent talked about being able to hire a firm to deal with problems as they occur, but what is the Gas Expansion part of this, what does that mean, what does that entail?

Chairman Dowd

Superintendent LaFleur?

Mr. LaFleur

Yes sir, thank you. Alderman Jette, the Gas Expansion, we try to do it every year at the landfill, it's about a \$350,000.00/\$400,000.00 project every year. Our new cell that just opened, Phase III, is getting to the height where we are acceptable to put in good gas collection and start collecting the gases from the decomposing trash. So doing the \$1.2 million dollars will give me the opportunity to say if I have an issue where there's some odors coming out of the landfill, I can call the firm directly, have them come in, put in some gas collection and hopefully eliminate that certain troubled area. This is also going to be our normal year to year gas expansion. As the landfill grows we have to put more and more in per our permit.

Chairman Dowd

Superintendent LaFleur, when we collect these gases, don't we also sell them?

Mr. LaFleur

We do, we sent it over to EPP our power partner and they burn it and make electricity with it and we do get some, very little back on it, but we do get some.

Chairman Dowd

OK, Alderman Jette did you have any other follow up questions?

Alderman Jette

Yes, I did. So Superintendent LaFleur, when you talk about expansion, you are talking about the, you know, as the like this new Phase III you are talking about the cost of laying the pipes that collect the gas and transport them to the facility that is able to collect them and sell them?

Mr. LaFleur

Yes, sir.

Alderman Jette

OK, I have one more follow up, if I could Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Dowd

Sure, go ahead.

Alderman Jette

And that is regarding the equipment coverage and storage, being able to cover the equipment I understand the value of that in prolonging the life of the equipment so it's not just sitting out there in the weather. But in view of the fact that we are building a new building there, and there's talk about in the future possibly moving the Street Department over there. Does this plan take that all into consideration? I see it's got a useful life of 20 years. I am assuming and more of a softball question, I am assuming that you have planned for the possible addition of more buildings and you've got the room for that and this is going to be located in a place that wouldn't interfere with all of that?

Mr. LaFleur

Absolutely sir and my vision would be something that would be movable. So we would set it up and the building of the garage would be several years down the line. We would have the area up close where we are working now and when we are ready to build the garage, this shelter could be moved.

Alderman Jette

OK, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

All set, Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Yes, I am. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

OK, anyone else have any questions relative to R-21-106? Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am just wondering how much of the \$2.7 million is equipment and how much is the various other sundries. Is it the \$2.7 that is the two trucks and also some other items?

Mr. LaFleur

I could read them off if you'd like, Alderman Dowd.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah I was going to, I don't where she went, but yes, go ahead.

Alderwoman Lu

I am just wondering what dollar amount the trucks are?

Chairman Dowd

Superintendent LaFleur is going to cover that.

Mr. LaFleur

The two refuse trucks would be approximately \$600,000.00. Our Solid Waste Landfill Scale replacement is approximately \$400,000.00. The Solid Waste Equipment Coverage Storage Area would be about \$500,000.00 and my Landfill Gas Expansion is \$1.2 million.

Alderwoman Lu

OK the two trucks are \$600?

Mr. LaFleur

Approximately, yes.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

All set Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes.

Chairman Dowd

Anyone else have questions or concerns relative to this Resolution. Seeing none, Alderman O'Brien would you please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire,  
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-21-107**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
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Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**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**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

Ok the Motion on the floor is to recommend final passage of R-21-107. Are there any questions or concerns relative to this Resolution? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We just had a couple of Hearings about the increase in wastewater fees. Could someone explain how this \$5 million dollar bond, how does that work into the need for the increase in the wastewater fees?

Chairman Dowd

Director Fauteux, do you want Dan to answer that? Mr. Hudson?

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Sure, so in that C Projection, this cost was included. We anticipated the need to do this on a continuing basis for the foreseeable future. So that was included in the cost that was projected as part of that rates analysis.

Chairman Dowd

And this is meeting the EPA Standards and the permitting?

Mr. Hudson

Correct.

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Alright, any other questions or concerns relative to this Resolution? Seeing no one and no hands, Alderman O'Brien?

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire  
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-21-108**

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

**APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND LOCAL 365 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO ("AFSCME") FROM JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 AND AUTHORIZING RELATED TRANSFERS**

Chairman Dowd

Is there someone that would like to introduce and discussion that Resolution? Director Fauteux?

Director Fauteux

Attorney Bolton will speak to it at least first.

Attorney Bolton

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the Collective Bargaining Agreement that covers most of the employees in our Public Works Division. As you can see from the years that it covers, we are somewhat behind. It took approximately 4 ½ years to come to an agreement on the various provisions. What you have before you is the result of a lot of effort over an extended period of time. We believe that we have achieved some improvements in the work rules, some cost efficiencies and all with fairly modest increases in compensation. So we are quite happy with the way this came out.

Chairman Dowd

Also I don't know if you mentioned it, but they also agreed to the City's new Health Plan?

Attorney Bolton

Yes, that's included.

Chairman Dowd

OK and I think we should have made a motion beforehand but if you're all set, Alderman O'Brien, do you want to make that motion?

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

OK so the motion on the floor is to recommend final passage. You have heard the explanation of the contract for R-21-108. Are there any questions or concerns by members of the Committee or other Aldermen? Seeing none, Alderman O'Brien you want to call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd	7
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

Chairman Dowd

We are not ready yet to take anything off the table; we will be talking about I think 028 in a meeting in early February.

**R-20-016**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderwoman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

**AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNLIKE ESCROW FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

(tabled at 4-20-20 mtg)

**R-20-028**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANSING MELBOURNE GROUP, LLC.**

(re-tabled at 8-12 mtg)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderwoman Lu

I raised my hand for General Discussion.

Chairman Dowd

Oh, sorry I didn't see you.

Alderwoman Lu

I'm not on the Committee but I just wanted to wrap up something. I did look at the CERF Schedule and I don't believe that the two trucks for Public Works are on that schedule. It seems to me everything that was scheduled in the 2021 year has been addressed and I am just looking for some understanding why this is going into bonding as well. Maybe I misunderstand the CERF Schedule. Is it meant to be a list of capital equipment that will be replaced exclusively or are there others that get thrown in throughout the year.

Chairman Dowd

Director Fauteux, do you want to address that?

Director Fauteux

I don't have the CERF Schedule in front of me, Alderwoman Lu. But it is on the CERF Schedule. I think Treasurer Fredette said he would be sending it to you either this evening or tomorrow and you will see that the trucks are on the CERF Schedule. They are there. I wish I had it in front of me so I could point to you exactly, but I am happy, once you receive it, to go over all of the Public Works vehicles with you.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you.

Director Fauteux

You're welcome.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah the names may not be exact, sometimes the names don't exactly match up. But it is the same vehicle.

Director Fauteux

Sometimes too another thing that happens that you might find, Alderwoman Lu, is that we may defer trucks one year so it may be actually in Fiscal Year '20 for instance but we deferred it so then now we are purchasing them just a year later so that could be some of what may be a little bit confusing.

Chairman Dowd

If memory serves from the CERF Schedule, I think you did defer a couple from last year's budget?

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Chairman Dowd

So it wouldn't be in the '21 or '22 but in the '20.

Director Fauteux

Correct.

Chairman Dowd

Any other Aldermanic comments? OK, we have no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire  
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 8:07 p.m.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Committee Clerk