

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:15 p.m. We will be going into Nonpublic Session Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) and is not open to the public. All votes taken after nonpublic session will be included in the minutes, if any.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman Thomas Lopez 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 as we will be going into nonpublic session.

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 10 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderman June M. Caron, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Ernest Jette, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, and Alderman Wilshire.

Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, Alderman Richard A. Dowd (arrived at 6:42 p.m.), Alderman David C. Tencza (arrived at 6:19 p.m.), Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu (arrived at 6:19 p.m.), and Alderman Skip Cleaver were recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton, Administrative Services Director Kim Kleiner, and Chief of Staff Cheryl Linder were also in attendance.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION BY ROLL CALL PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II (A) THE DISMISSAL, PROMOTION, OR COMPENSATION OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR THE DISCIPLINING OF SUCH EMPLOYEE, OR THE INVESTIGATION OF ANY CHARGES AGAINST HIM OR HER, UNLESS THE EMPLOYEE AFFECTED (1) HAS A RIGHT TO A MEETING AND (2) REQUESTS THAT THE MEETING BE OPEN, IN WHICH CASE THE REQUEST SHALL BE GRANTED; and (C) MATTERS WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD LIKELY AFFECT ADVERSELY THE REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON, OTHER THAN A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BODY ITSELF, UNLESS SUCH PERSON REQUESTS AN OPEN MEETING. THIS EXEMPTION SHALL EXTEND TO ANY APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE OR TAX ABATEMENT OR WAIVER OF A FEE, FINE, OR OTHER LEVY, IF BASED ON INABILITY TO PAY OR POVERTY OF THE APPLICANT;

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CARON

A Viva Voce Roll Call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	12
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Aldermen went into non-public session at 6:21 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen came out of non-public session at 7:24 p.m.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION BY ROLL CALL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE VOTES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD NO LONGER BE SERVED, BY ROLL CALL

A Viva Voce Roll Call was taken, which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Cleaver, Alderman Laws, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	12
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Nay: Alderwoman Lu	1
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MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	12
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Nay: Alderman Clemons	1
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MOTION CARRIED

The special meeting was declared adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk