

## BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Chairman, presided.

Members of Committee present: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Vice Chair  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Jan Schmidt

Also in Attendance: Dan Donovan, Chief Operating Officer, Nashua School District

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### PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

### NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

#### **R-19-104**

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA TEACHERS' UNION, LOCAL 1044, AFT, AFL-CIO, UNIT D, FOOD SERVICE WORKERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021**

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-104**

#### ON THE QUESTION

Dan Donovan, Chief Operating Officer, Nashua School District

The food service contract is slightly different than most of our other contracts. It's not funded by the operating budget. Food Service is a special revenue fund. It supports itself. Basically it receives revenue from paying students and from the federal government, the US Department of Agriculture, its food service program. It's about 50-50 as far as what they receive. We've been able to keep this program running profitably. We haven't had to reach out to the school district or to the city to obtain funds each year.

The increases in this contract, it's a three-year contract, is 2.5 percent for each of the three years.

There are steps for some of the people. With steps, it equates to 2.66 in year one, 2.62 in year two, and 2.85 in year three. Other than that, there really isn't much on the cost side. There is one more personal day given to people that work over 5 ½ hours.

This union has 100 people, basically broken into cooks and the food service assistants. The food service assistants come and go fairly frequently. We do have a few that have stayed a long time. A lot of the cooks have been around for a while. That's a summary of the contract.

### Chairman Dowd

We also received a communication, an email from Mr. Marcoux, the President of the union who supports this contract wholeheartedly and is sorry he couldn't attend this evening.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **R-19-107**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
 Alderman June M. Caron  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,250 OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM FUND #1000 "GENERAL FUND", ACCOUNT #43295 "REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GRANT" INTO FUND #7074 "SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND"**

## **MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE**

### ON THE QUESTION

### Mr. Donovan

When it mentions "unanticipated revenue" this was truly unanticipated. I hadn't even heard about this grant when we were doing the budget for this past year. The New Hampshire Department of Education received funds from the federal government under what was called the "Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students Program." The state received \$618,000. It's to assist with the cost of educating public school students displaced by Hurricanes Harvey and Maria. Maria caused a lot of damage down in Puerto Rico. We did have some students move up to Nashua and get educated. Some stayed, but most of them have moved back to Puerto Rico but they were in the district for about a year or a year and a half. This was sort of a one-time revenue generation. It's \$50,250. I could truly use these funds in the special education expendable trust fund because I do have an issue, as I have mentioned before, with the out-of-district tuition. This could come in handy come May or June of this year.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

Chairman Dowd

I had a discussion with Corporation Counsel today. We have heard nothing from the police department or the union on this so it needs to stay tabled.

**R-18-102**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Jan Schmidt

**APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND UFPO LOCAL 645 PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES OF THE NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 AND AUTHORIZING RELATED TRANSFERS**

- Tabled 1/17/2019

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Wilshire

When are we getting the budget, do we know?

Chairman Dowd

March 5, I think.

Alderman Lopez

On Election Day?

Chairman Dowd

Oh, no, whenever our first meeting is.

Alderman Wilshire

And you will have a schedule of the meetings for us?

Chairman Dowd

Yes. I'm way ahead of you. You all got a copy of the Capital Improvements Committee's recommendations. I was happy to see the school department is recommended for their full \$600,000 because trying to hold 18 buildings together with a band aid is pretty tough.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN – None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:09 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Committee Clerk