

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, March 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Dan Healey recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Dan Healey; Alderman John Sullivan led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. If you are participating via Zoom, please state your presence, reason for not attending the meeting in person, and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

City Clerk Healey called the roll.

The roll call was taken with 9 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Jette, Alderwoman Kelly (via Zoom), Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Comeau, and Alderwoman Timmons were recorded absent.

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

#### President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons is not feeling well. Alderman Klee is in the Historic District Commission and Alderman Timmons is at a Board of Ed. meeting.

At this time, I'm going to turn the meeting over to the Chairman of the Budget Review Committee Alderman Dowd.

#### Chairman Dowd

Okay, this evening we have two public hearings. One on R-23-092 Relative to the Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,771,199 of FY2023 Unanticipated Revenue Into Fund #1001 "Capital Improvements", Department 160 "Public Works – Administration & Engineering" and after we conclude that, we'll be going into R-23-098 Authorizing the Mayor and the City Treasurer to Issue Bonds not to Exceed the Amount of Ten Million (\$10,000,000) to Fund Initial Costs for the Design and Construction of a New Middle School and Renovations and Expansion of Pennichuck Middle School Including the Payment of Costs incidental or related Thereto. So we will start with the public hearing on R-23-092.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **R-23-092**

#### **RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,771,199 OF FY2023 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE INTO FUND #1001 "CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS", DEPARTMENT 160 "PUBLIC WORKS – ADMINISTRATION & ENGINEERING"**

#### Chairman Dowd

Anyone have any questions? Seeing no questions, I will now ask for testimony in favor.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on Resolution R-23-092 at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Dowd opened the public hearing on Resolution R-23-098 at 7:05 p.m.

**R-23-098**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) TO FUND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND RENOVATIONS AND EXPANSION OF PENNICHUCK MIDDLE SCHOOL INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED THERETO**

Chairman Dowd

Today sent a letter that explains the project to the Board of Education. I was just there and presented it to them. They're okay with it. They've taken a formal vote on it. So I'm going to read the letter they sent to the Board of Ed.

"To: Nashua Board of Education

Dear Members of the Board,

You have before you this evening a request to approve R-23-098 to add additional \$10M to the Middle School Project Bond. When we all approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Brian S. McCarthy Middle School as part of the Middle School Project, we realized that we would need this additional \$10M to be added to the previously approved \$118M bond. When the GMP was approved for the McCarthy school the \$10M was added to the City's Bond Plan and the Mayor, the City Treasurer, and the Joint Special School Building committee were made aware that we would need up to the \$10M added to the bond and it was therefore added to the City Bond Plan. We held off on formally requesting the additional bond money until now to give us time to see how much bond money was left from the Fairgrounds and Pennichuck school construction projects.

Fairgrounds was completed on schedule and under budget (we recognized \$1.4M in savings) and I have just signed the Substantially Complete paperwork for Pennichuck (only outside work and punch list items remain), and while there will be some savings at Pennichuck, it is not as high as expected. Due to a few "unknown/unknowns" (such as security bollards requested to be installed by Homeland Security) and other request by Nashua Fire Rescue (NRF), City Planning and the school district IT/Security changes, the original cost estimate on these items was exceeded. We still completed this project on time, and under budget, but our savings were not as high as Fairgrounds. We also are looking at a requirement to install dehumidification at Pennichuck, especially on the new wings, and will need the Fairgrounds and Pennichuck savings to complete that work if undertaken. We have held off on that part of the Pennichuck project until we have a better understanding of where we're at financially and schedule wise on the McCarthy school (which is going very well) and to ensure the additional bond money was approved for the McCarthy school, before making any final decisions on Pennichuck dehumidification.

As mentioned, the McCarthy school construction is going very well, but the issues surrounding Inflation and the Nations Supply Chain issues, we will need the additional \$10M of bond money to complete the school on time. We fully believe that we will not expend the full \$10 of additional authorized bond but we need to ensure we have escalation and contingency accounts intact in case of any additional "unknown/unknowns". Our construction manager (Harvey) has done an outstanding job keeping costs within budget, but some items doubled in cost due to additional fuel costs, labor costs and other energy cost increases.

I'm asking you to send approval recommendations to the Board of Aldermen's Budget Committee and the full Board of Aldermen so final action can be taken on this resolution by the April 11<sup>th</sup> BOA meeting. Without this funding the completion of the McCarthy school could be in jeopardy. Again, this is not an increase of cost from the approved GMP, but rather, just approving the original cost estimate."

Alderman Caron

Excuse me Alderman Dowd, Alderman Kelly cannot hear you. She's not getting any sound.

Alderwoman Kelly

I can hear you now.

Chairman Dowd

Did you get a copy of the letter that went to the Board of Ed.?

Alderwoman Kelly

I believe I did.

Chairman Dowd

Okay, good so I don't need to read it again.

Alderwoman Kelly

Don't read it again. No, we're good.

Chairman Dowd

Okay. Are there any questions before we get started? Okay, seeing none.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on Resolution R-23-098 at 7:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE MARCH 27, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED , BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	10
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**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk



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"The Gate City"

Board of Aldermen

Alderman Richard Dowd  
Alderman Ward Two  
Chairman of the Joint Special School Building Committee  
Nashua Board of Aldermen  
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Nashua, New Hampshire 03061  
March 14, 2023

To: Nashua Board of Education

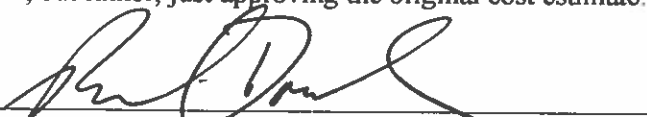
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