

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

APRIL 28, 2021

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Chairman O'Brien

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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 Schmidt 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 4 members of the Committee on Infrastructure present:

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Ernest Jette

Members not in Attendance: Alderman David C. Tencza

Also in Attendance: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Dan Hudson, City Engineer
Mike Buxton, Assistant Fire Chief
Steve Auger, Project Manager, Hayner and Swanson

ROLL CALL

Chairman O'Brien

I am present, I can hear the proceeding and I am alone.

Alderman Lopez

I am here, I can see everything.

Alderman Schmidt

And you're alone?

Alderman Lopez

Yeah.

Alderman Schmidt

I am alone and can hear everyone.

Alderman Jette

I am here alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Tencza could not make it this evening, he had an out-of-town commitment.

Alderman Schmidt

That would be four members in attendance then sir.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you. We do have a quorum. Do we have anybody else in attendance?

Alderman Schmidt

We also have Alderman June Caron, Alderman Richard Dowd and I think that's it. We also have Dan Hudson, City Engineer; Mike Buxton, Assistant Fire Chief; and Steve Auger, Project Manager from Hayner & Swanson. Did I get everybody's name correct?

Chairman O'Brien

I think we did. Any other Alderman present that we didn't get. It is difficult, I am sure the Clerk will admit, trying to look at the screen and jot down notes.

Alderman Schmidt

Very small.

PUBLIC COMMENTChairman O'Brien

Oh you're doing a fine job, thank you. OK. At this particular time I am going to open up the meeting to Public Comment. Raise your hand, hopefully I can see everybody and I will recognize you so you can bring up your matter before the Board. Is there anybody that would like to speak in Public Comment? I imagine, Mr. Knapp, you would like to speak. Mr. Knapp I will recognize you, yes sir. Please take yourself off of mute.

Mr. Knapp Ok I think I just did, can you hear me?

Chairman O'Brien

We can hear you, yes sir.

Mr. Knapp Very good. I want to thank Donna Graham for sending us the information that she said that she would from last night's meeting and we really appreciate it. We did not know that we had the chance to express our views on that meeting when it was held. My wife and I were not prepared last night for the Zoom meeting, therefore, did not express our thought totally on how inconvenience this number change would cause, not to mention confusion and costs for us for the next year, if not longer, by implementing the change of our numbered street address.

An example, things like special documents, changing wills at a cost. The Department of Motor Vehicle reissuing licenses at a cost which I just got my license, cost me \$70.00. I just don't have that extra cost. Social Security, banks, hospital, doctors, family, friends, my Veteran's Administration and creditors, not to mention other legal fees that might apply; that is just to name a few of the changes that will take time and a lot of effort that my wife and I just don't want to do at this time. With that said, we are hoping that the City of Nashua and the Board of Aldermen will take notice and consideration on their decision so we can maintain our present number that we have had for 43 year.

We have already gone through an inconvenience already by the seller of this property and by having to move by belongings out of my garage where I don't know where I am going to put it for the builders to un-attach their warehouse at 5 Berkshire Street so they may make my garage safe and structurally sound. Please, we don't need other things to deal with, we are in our 70's and as oddly as this may sound, my wife and I have gone through this exact situation back in the year with rental property that we were renting and I will tell you it was not pretty. It took us almost over 2 years to finally get our records in order with creditors. So I would really like you to please think about the people that have planted their livelihood here and continue to do so. We really want to keep our number 7 please. And that's it. Thank you for listening.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good Mr. Knapp, well stated. Mr. Knapp, could you for the record, please state your name and your lovely wife, I see her listening, you might as well give her the recognition. Can you state her name as well too for the record and your address please?

Rick Knapp Yes sir. My name is Rick Knapp, 7 Berkshire Street, Nashua and my wife beside me is Susan Knapp at 7 Berkshire Street, Nashua.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you, thank you Mr. Knapp. Is there any other member from the public that has any item to bring up of interest to the Board? My phone rang, excuse me. I hope that wasn't a member of the public trying to call. Let's go to the phones. Excuse me, seeing nobody I will close the session of Public Comment on that note.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Steve M. Buxton, Assistant Fire Chief
Re: Broad Street Parkway renaming

There being no objection, Chairman O'Brien accepted the communication and placed it on file.

PETITIONS

Street Re-Numbering Petition – 5 Berkshire Street, Sheet 61B/Lot 30 and Sheet 61B/Lot 29

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Lopez I'll get back to you shortly. I am going to recognize Mr. Steve Auger to go over the project and to show – but I am going to take the liberty to make a motion prior to the discussion.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY LISTED ON THE SHEET 61B/LOT 30 AND SHEET 61B/LOT 29 WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS 5 AND 9 BERKSHIRE STREETS. STARTING WITH 5 IN SEQUENTION ADJACENT TO NUMBER 3. THEN IT WOULD BE NUMBER 5 AND NUMBER 9; TO RENAME SAID PROPERTY TO 5 AND 9 BERKSHIRE STREET BY ROLL CALL
MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ**

ON THE QUESTION

CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN

Mr. Auger, could you now bring up the project, sir.

Steven Auger Thank you Mr. Chairman. For the record, my name is Steven Auger. I am the project manager with Hayner Swanson and our office is located at 3 Congress Street here in Nashua. What I can do now is I'd like to share my screen to show the subdivision plan so that everyone has a clearer picture of what we are talking about and where the site is.

Chairman O'Brien

Please do.

Mr. Auger So I am here tonight representing Forcier Contracting & Building Services. In the audience tonight, on behalf of Forcier Contracting is Miss Jessica Forcier. As we did last night at the Board of Aldermen meeting, we are seeking to continue to address approval process for our two lot subdivision which is located at 5 Berkshire Street. Quickly just the history of this, back in October we appeared before the Zoning Board and we were granted four variances, and these are October 13, 2020 to be exact. Each lot received a variance for lot width and for lot size. And then this past March, March 18th specifically, we appeared before the Nashua Planning Board to sub-divide the lot into two tracks. During the plan approval process, the Fire Marshall's Office made us aware that there was no address number left on the street in anticipation of a future subdivision, so with our entire tract here being 5 Berkshire Street and then the track to the right here being 3 Berkshire and over here is where Mr. & Mrs. Knapp live being 7 Berkshire Street. The Fire Department and the Planning Department informed us that we have to go through the address renumbering process which is Board of Aldermen, Infrastructure Committee and then back to the Board of Aldermen and that was a condition of approval as our plan was approved at the May 18th Planning Board.

As the address committee made their recommendations, they offered up two solutions; the first being to continue sequential numbering of 5 Berkshire, this new lot 29 would be 7 Berkshire and then the Knapp's residence would change to 9 Berkshire. The address committee also offered the alternative, if the Board is so inclined, to make new lot 30 and assign that 5 Berkshire and then go out of order to make lot 29 9 Berkshire and then leave the Knapp's residence at 7 Berkshire. I have discussed this with Mr. & Mrs. Forcier and as I stated at the Board of Aldermen meeting last night, if our input is warranted, our preference would be to not inconvenience the Knapp's and to go with the Chairman's motion where lot 30 would be 5 Berkshire, lot 29 would be 9 Berkshire and the Knapp's would keep their existing 7 Berkshire street address. We certainly understand that in taking down this enormous storage building here, you know, the Knapp's

are going to be inconvenienced in that manner. The Forcier's have worked out an agreement with them to ensure the structural integrity of their garage once the storage building is separated from it.

So like I said, the very last thing we want to do is cause the Knapp's the stress of changing their address when they aren't moving. I am sure everyone has changed their address at one point; it is a lengthy and in many cases an irritable process. The very last thing we want to do is put them through that. That certainly wasn't our intention at all. It is just kind of a quirk of the numbering system here, that we are all here.

With that said, the Forcier's are very much in favor of the alternative numbering system of 5 and 9 Berkshire Street on our lots. Like I said, we were approved at the March 18th Planning Board. The plan has yet to be recorded as this, you know, straightening out what our addresses will be is the final step before we can do that. If anyone on the Committee has any questions for me or for Mrs. Forcier, we will be glad to answer them.

Chairman O'Brien

Well Mr. Auger, if I may, is it possible for you to bring up on the screen what is by you Exhibit A for 5 Berkshire Street so that the Committee members can see the particular site in relationship to the Knapp residence and how short the street is what we are talking about. Is that possible sir?

Mr. Auger Are you talking about the GIS map I submitted or I can

Chairman O'Brien

It is a GIS Map, yeah.

Mr. Auger Well let me offer you this.

Chairman O'Brien

Do you have a map similar to what I would like?

Mr. Auger It'll take me a minute to find it but I think I can pull up what you are looking for. Hang on one second. I believe this is what you are looking for Mr. Chairman?

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah thank you. I would like the Committee members to basically look and if you could take your cursor and show where Amherst Street is and then show where Pine Hill Avenue is.

Mr. Auger So Amherst Street, I am running my cursor along Amherst Street right here. Here is Berkshire where we access and then Pine Hill is right here. And as you can see Berkshire Street isn't very long. This right here is 3 Berkshire Street; 5 is the highlighted lot right here and then the Knapp's live right here at 7. And then I think this house here, I think this actually has a Pine Hill Ave. address.

Chairman O'Brien

Correct. And so does the house on the corner of Amherst Street, has an Amherst Street Address.

Mr. Auger Correct.

Chairman O'Brien

So basically what we are looking at is 3, 5, and 7. And so I want the Committee members to know by accepting going 5 and 9 at that location, it isn't clean sequential but it is a very short street and I think everybody should be able to figure out any type of emergency response. Thank you sir for that. Thank you. Are there any questions from any members of the Committee to Mr. Auger? Yes, Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

So this isn't the Zoning Board so just so you know this is just me happening to remember some things that I saw when I was over there. Are you guys doing any utility work in that road?

Mr. Auger Yes, we will be. For the two new houses we are going to have to put in water service connections, sewer service connections and gas service connections.

Alderman Lopez

Ok because if I remember there are some really weird like heaves in the road that dumped water onto other people's property so it might be something to be aware of. I can't give you details because I just remember walking there and thinking that Pine Hill Avenue was shaped weird. But just keep an eye out, you don't want to build a new project and have your driveway flood.

Mr. Auger Our plans are, whether it be by the engineering department and any utility work that we do we are going to patch the streets accordingly in terms of how the City of Nashua DPW wants this street's trench patches fixed.

Alderman Lopez

Do you happen to know if there is something under there? You are saying that you need to run the utility work; is there stuff for the houses around it that might be causing that?

Mr. Auger I honestly have no idea if there are heaves or issues with the street; I am unaware of what is causing that. I mean from the few times I have been out there it seems relatively flat. I am really not sure what exactly those issues area.

Alderman Lopez I don't know either; if it is an Indian Graveyard, please make sure the residents know.

Mr. Auger Certainly.

Mr. Auger I saw the movie, it didn't end well.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Alderman Lopez. Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess I would like to start by remembering that on this Committee we have dealt with these addressing a few times now. For the public and for the Knapp's, I just wanted to explain that we do have an addressing committee that is charged with advising us about how numbers should be allocated. And as you, Mr. Chairman, have pointed out many times, Nashua is a relatively old City. So we've got a lot of situations where Streets have similar names like Berkshire Street and Berkshire Road which can cause confusion. And a lot of numberings have, you know, I grew up on 7 ½ Harvard Street and I know the use of halves and quarters and eighths have grown out of favor. The use of letters, you know, A, B, C, D are now reserved for accessory buildings. So that leaves a limited choice as to the situation like this where you have a large lot #5 which is sub dividable into 2 lots and the Planning Board and Zoning Board have granted the variances and the approvals necessary to do that.

So I understand that we have got a problem, we've got the lot with the number 5 and we are going to turn it into two lots so how do we give a number to the extra house. I am sure the developer really doesn't care as long as he gets a number for each house and he is able to build houses there and sell them; that's the developer's main interest. But they graciously have said that they don't want to cause the Knapp's any problems and I am sure no one wants to cause the Knapp's problem. But I want the Knapp's to understand that the addressing committee, you know, their first recommendation is that this renumbering – that 3 stays 3, the two lots on 5 – you know – the first one gets 5 and the second one gets 7 and you, unfortunately get changed to 9. That's the initial recommendation from the addressing committee. And that's not done to cause you any problem intentionally. The purpose of that is to – the whole purpose of the E-911 System is to enable Emergency Personnel to arrive at an address that requires their intervention as quickly and expeditiously as possible.

So for example, if this motion passes, this new number 9, you know, if someone has incident like a heart attack or something at that address and Emergency Personnel are dispatched to number 9 Berkshire, there could be some,

because it is not sequential 3, 5, they see number 3, they see number 5, OK the next one must be 7 and the one after that must be 9 and that's unfortunately your house not the one where the incident is occurring so there could be some delay in rendering emergency assistance.

So that's the reason that the addressing committee would prefer that you change your number to 9 so that it be sequential and so that Emergency Personnel can be dispatched as quickly as possible. Unfortunately that causes you the hassle that you have pointed out to us. I recognize that you've been at this address and have had this one address for a long, long time. I grew up in Nashua but over my personal and business life I have probably had 15 different addresses and my family, my creditors, my clients, everybody seems to have been able to find me. But I don't want to diminish how you view this situation, this is not your doing. You are not the one that is subdividing property but I am just wondering if I could ask, Mr. Chairman with your permission, if I could ask Mr. Auger has his client approached the Knapp's to try to assist them if they were to change their number to 9, have your clients tried to reach an agreement with them that would enable them to make this change with as little disruption as possible.

Chairman O'Brien

Mr. Auger would you choose to respond?

Mr. Auger I would ask Mrs. Forcier to answer that.

Chairman O'Brien

The Chair recognizes Mrs. Forcier.

Mrs. Forcier I guess I ...

Chairman O'Brien

Excuse me, Mrs. Forcier, it is just procedural the way we do it. Just give us your name and your address please, and then you may speak. Thank you.

Jessica Forcier Yeah my name is Jessica Forcier, my address is 3 Chaucer Road in Nashua with Forcier Contracting. I am not really sure how we could assist, I mean I guess I am open for examples of how we could assist in the address change. I don't really know what we would do on our end, I am not sure how to answer to be honest. If someone has a suggestion I am open to hear it but I don't really know what we would do, how we could help that.

Alderman Jette

Could I respond Mr. Chairman?

Chairman O'Brien

Yes.

Alderman Jette

So for example the Knapp's have indicated that this change is going to cause them some expense, you know? They are going to have to pay to change their licenses, they talked about different legal documents that they are going to pay to have changed. They talked about having to move stuff out of their garage. I am assuming they would hire a mover and put it into storage while the building is being renovated. So I guess I am wondering if you have talked to them about whether or not financial assistance would make it easier for them to the point that they would agree to change their number by agreement, understanding that in the end, if the numbers were sequential – 3, 5, 7, 9 – that that would make it easier for whoever ends up occupying the new number 7 and make it beneficial for the Knapp's as well in case they have an emergency. I don't know what their reaction to that would be, I am just wondering whether that issue has been approached with them, by you.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Alderman Jette. Any other member of the Committee? Ms. Forcier, was that you trying to respond?

Mrs. Forcier Yeah I guess I am.

Chairman O'Brien

I will allow it, please Ms. Forcier.

Ms. Forcier Thank you, I am still I guess not totally sure what to say because we are actually, have offered a lot already with the other meetings that we have gone through. So we have spoken to them and we have offered, you know, we are taking the side of their garage and their roof and matching things and making it secure, better than what it probably is currently especially since there is a building that goes on their lot that's not even their building. And we are OK with the numbers being the way that the Knapp's would like them. So I just, I mean and it kind of seemed also and I hate for some reason my video is not working so you can't see my face but I can see the Knapp's and I can see them shaking their head very, very sternly that they were not in agreement. So I just don't know how would we get through that barrier, I don't know. Like I can already see that it might be very difficult. So that's I mean, that's what I have to offer. I am not really prepared to offer a number and it doesn't really seem like the Knapp's look like they are looking to accept a number either. So it kind of leaves me in a tough spot here.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Ms. Forcier. Thank you Alderman Jette, are you all set? Alderman Jette, you are on mute.

Alderman Jette

Sorry I don't know how that happened. I couldn't see the Knapp's reaction so I guess maybe they could say, no nothing would make them happier than keeping their number.

Chairman O'Brien

If I may, Alderman Jette. It is my hope and I think at looking at the undertones and it may be wrong between the Knapp's and the Forcier's. I would hope all good people of good will would have some form of negotiation and try to work things out prior to it getting to this level of this Committee. This Committee is not really a Committee to really make a judgmental rule of such. So I would hope it was all done in the past. What is the issue before us is people have the right to sub divide their property and I think the Knapp's do have a right to keep a number that they've been associated with part of their family and their family history for a very long time. And possibly at the end of the day I don't think there's a solution for the Knapp's yet at the same time I don't want to eliminate any rights of the Forcier's to sub divide their lot legally. So unless you have something else, Alderman Jette, I think unfortunately I too wish it would be nice to have a complete sequential of the street. I think in front of us is a good compromise that both parties seemed to have agreed with.

Alderman Jette

Could I ask the Knapp's to respond? I don't want to assume?

Chairman O'Brien

For your comfort I will allow that yes. Mr. Knapp would you like to respond to Alderman Jette is you wish.

Mr. Knapp I am trying to unmute, there we go. OK somebody muted me. Can everybody hear me?

Chairman O'Brien

Yes, we can.

Alderman Jette

I can hear you.

Mr. Knapp OK we are really not comfortable with what has been proposed by Jim (inaudible) and as far as the property being built down, Mrs. Forcier had stated that they have already come through an expense in order to make my garage safe. Well this wasn't my idea to do what they are doing and I understand that life goes on and things got to be taken into consideration but I would really, really like to keep our number 7. And try to keep our lives going with the continuity that we have right now. My wife and I, like I said, we are going to retire here; she already has. And we just don't want to have anything to deal with at this time in our lives, that's all. I mean we are comfortable with what we have, we have been here for such a long time. We are great neighbors.

As far as the expense goes, I am not sure exactly what Mrs. Forcier was saying as an added expense because I would think, I don't know legally if we are responsible to put an end on our building but the person who represented himself when he came here three times, he says that this whole thing would not cost us a penny. And we believed him and the truth of what he was saying. So I am just not sure where all this was going. I thought for sure that like you were saying Alderman, that this is such a short street that number 9 and with the GPS and the modern technology that we have today, I don't think that an Emergency Service would really be that intrusive as far as coming to a right number or not if the houses were identified as such all the houses are on Berkshire Street.

Chairman O'Brien

Alright thank you Mr. Knapp. Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I think the comments and the most recent comments by Mr. Knapp have made it abundantly clear he'd like to keep his number. I think we have a compromise to that effect. I would like to just call the question and move forward.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO CALL THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

Yes, why not. But Alderman Lopez, I do like and Alderman Jette had the opportunity. I will recognize it but I don't know if any other Alderman would like to speak.

Alderman Lopez

Yeah I am just sensitive to not necessarily driving a wedge.

Chairman O'Brien

I agree. I mean like I say, the question before us is not the previous negotiation between the two parties, it is whether we can go with the address?

Alderman Lopez

What is their number going to be?

Chairman O'Brien

Right. And that is what we need to focus on. So therefore, that being said, the address committee did look at this. We do have Assistant Chief Buxton, I will allow him to elaborate if the Committee should so wish. But from the addressing committee which is represented by Adam Pouliot, the Fire Marshall; Captain Thomas Bolton, Jr.; and Pam Andruskevich from GIS; Sarah Marchant, CDD Director; Marcia Wilkins, City Planner; Attorney Celia Leonard, Matt Sullivan the Planning Manager. And they are all in unison to do what my motion is pending. That being said, is there any other further discussion on my motion? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am looking at the letter from the Addressing Committee and the Addressing Committee says that the Committee's recommendation to move forward in a way that will not create a non-compliant situation for future residents. "We recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider renaming the street" well that's not germane now, but "renumbering Lot 61B-27 to 9" that's the Knapp's lot, numbering that to 9 and then assigning a new address of number 7 to Lot 29 and 5 Berkshire to number 30. So that's their recommendation. They do say that "if a non-compliant address is preferred, the Committee would recommend the non-sequential" as your motion represents. So they didn't recommend what your motion represents, they recommended that there be a sequential numbering but if the Committee is not going to do that, they are saying that they would prefer the non-sequential numbering as opposed to assigning a letter or a fraction to the numbers. So yes, they did what your motion represents is their alternative, it is not their number one recommendation. And since Assistant Chief Buxton is here, I don't know if he would comment about how the Fire Department feels about whether or not the numbers should be sequential or not.

Chairman O'Brien

Well I will allow it but we are spending an awful lot of time on this Alderman Jette. There is a pending motion. But since the Aldermen, you have the right to ask questions, I will recognize Chief Buxton. Do you want to validate the non-compliant address that was preferred recommendation by the Addressing Committee from representative Adam Pouliot the Fire Marshall?

Steve Buxton, Nashua Fire Department

Good evening Mr. Chair, Steve Buxton, the Assistant Chief, Nashua Fire. The answer to Alderman Jette's question that is the recommendation from that Committee. As the letter also states the RSA puts the authority with the Board of Aldermen to assign addresses. They have the sole authority for street names and addresses. So we get paid to give recommendations at the end of the day, you obviously try to make everything follow in to regulations as Alderman O'Brien has pointed out several times, the City of Nashua has several streets that are much older than even Alderman O'Brien.

At this point in time, trying to change those and inconvenience our residents is not the intent of the Committee. We just make the recommendation in the spirit of the regulations handed down from New Hampshire 911. I think the non-compliant address that resolution is a very good compromise for both the residents of the street. I don't think it is really realistic at this point in time to go through and rename Berkshire Street which is the primary goal of the letter there, that's not going to get accomplished tonight or

anytime in the near future. So I think that the compromise that we push forward is actually the best resolution for all involved.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Chief Buxton and thank you Alderman Jette. Alderman Lopez has made the motion to move the question. Without any further comment by any other Alderman, I will call the question and to remind everybody, I am seeking final passage of this petition and basically the main change will be 5 Berkshire Street, Sheet 61B/Lot 30 and Sheet 61B/Lot 29 will come to be now known as 5 to 9 Berkshire Street. Seeing no other further questions? Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

Are we doing three votes here? Are we going to vote to call the question, then vote to amend and then vote for the thing?

Chairman O'Brien

I think we can do it in one. I made the motion adapted because the petition basically just leaves it to us to recommend. So we made the recommendation to allow 5 and 9 Berkshire and if there are any problems it will be brought up to the Board. Alderman Dowd, maybe you might have some ...

Alderman Dowd

Just to clarify, if there was a motion to move the question you couldn't have had that other discussion that you had. So I would ignore that as a motion and act on – and there was also no motion to make the numbering anything other than what you suggested in your motion 5 and 9 so there's no amendment.

Alderman Lopez

Gotcha, alright.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you to our parliamentarians. Thank you. OK I will call the question. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-21-059**

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

AUTHORIZING A RIGHT TURN ONLY LANE ON AMHERST STREET TO COTTON ROAD CONNECTOR**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**ON THE QUESTIONChairman O'Brien

Very good. The Chair will recognize Alderman Dowd, you seem to be the prime sponsor. Would you like to speak to this?

Alderman Dowd

Yes and I am going to share my, as soon as I move this over I am, I am going to share my screen as I have a presentation, just a couple of slides to explain what we are doing. OK, are you seeing the one with the ...

Chairman O'Brien

Amherst Street intersection problem?

Alderman Dowd

Yeah that's not the one I wanted to show. But I think this one will work. OK right now we have an issue on Amherst Street near the Pressed Sandwich Shop across from the mall. And what happens is you have three lanes coming into – that's Cotton I believe – and you have three lanes coming in and it is supposed to be – this lane is supposed to merge with the middle lane way back here but people don't even see the sign. So I want to show that in more detail. So what happens is people that are in this lane right here, all of a sudden see that there is no lane on the other side and they try to merge and it causes traffic issues. Now in the last week I have seen two 18-wheelers come over here and try to merge and it causes the cars in the middle lane to go over to the other lane. One of these days we are going to have a heck of an accident there.

We have put fixing this off until better weather than the winter. So here's the proposal. We want to make this a right turn only lane and as such like there are on other intersections for instance the one right down the street next to the Volkswagen Garage, we want to make this a right turn only lane from way back here. We want two signs, there's one already but there should be a second sign that says "Merge left" and you want the arrows to show that this lane is only for right hand turns so that people would come in here. Also, there's 3 lights here and the light here needs to be moved over and like on Sharon Avenue, it needs to be a right turn, green only light. And I'll let the timing be worked out by DPW and the City Engineer Dan. But these two lanes can then proceed smoothly and you won't have the merging.

Now there is a bus stop over here but the busses are going to be smart enough to go over to pick up their passengers. This lane on this side is not car length wide and all of a sudden the cars are forced over into the middle lane if we don't do this. So the motion is to authorize that this be a right turn only lane.

And my suggestion to DPW is they add an additional sign like the one that's way back here somewhere, they put the arrows on the street and they move this light over a little bit on the pole and make it an arrow light indicating that that lane over here is a right turn only. So if there any questions or if the City Engineer has any questions or statements, this would be the time.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Dowd, I think it would probably be best if Mr. Hudson would like to speak and then we can open it up to questions. Is that OK with you Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

That's fine, yes.

Chairman O'Brien

Outstanding. Mr. Hudson would you like to comment on the matter please?

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Sure it would be my pleasure. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. So I can confirm Alderman Dowd's assessment of the situation. There is a merge that currently occurs across the intersection which isn't a great configuration. Over time, we have tried to make it better by doing some different striping or different signage but it remains problematic. So we support this proposal to make this a dedicated right turn lane and we will sign it and put the appropriate pavement markings to make sure that it happens.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Mr. Hudson. I will open it up to any questions by any members of the Committee. With this up on the screen I can't see everybody.

Alderman Dowd

I can take this down.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Alderman Dowd. I will open this up for questions from the Committee; I do have two. I'll recognize the Clerk, Jan Schmidt, please?

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Next time I'll do ducks too. This is brilliant, this is absolutely brilliant. Thank you for bringing this up. I have been almost creamed almost every time I come through there. If it is not an 18 wheeler it is somebody who is trying to do 90 to get in front of everybody at the light. And it is just insane, this is a great idea. Thank you so much. Yes, please do it as soon as possible.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good. Thank you Alderman Schmidt. Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Follow up to Alderman Schmidt's comments, my standard question for DPW. Did you already do it?

Alderman Dowd

No, they didn't.

Alderman Lopez

There aren't any stop signs that are already installed. I just like to know what my options are.

Mr. Hudson

No, we haven't done anything yet. But we will make an effort to do that as soon as we can.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you. Any other question by members of the Committee? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

O-21-060

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

NO PARKING AT CERTAIN TIMES AND NO ON-STREET STUDENT DROP OFF OR PICK UP ON SECTIONS OF CLEVELAND STREET

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

And again, the Chair will recognize Alderman Dowd as the primary sponsor.

Alderman Dowd

OK. Let me just get back here to share my screen. Alright it worked better this time. OK so as everyone knows that we are in the middle of middle school construction project. We are getting very, very close to completion of the Fairgrounds portion of the middle school project. It will be wrapped up this summer and some things that we found along the way and one is that, let me get over here – OK. First of all I wanted to share this picture because I don't know how many people have seen us, the top of the roof since we installed all these solar panels and there are a lot of them generating a lot of electricity. Just so you get re-familiar. This used to be where everybody went up in this access here. Now it is only the bus loop, only the buses go

in here and drop off at the new front portion of the school which is further along than actually this picture says.

The parent drop off loop is over here. It is a new access road, new parking. The parents come around here and drop their kids off and then exit. Sometimes there are more parents especially in the morning waiting to drop off than this whole queue can handle. So during school hours we want to have, I think – I couldn't remember if there were 4 or 5 parking spots that are going to be striped for no parking from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days only. The signage, the blue signs, well the no parking in this area during school hours, those are the 2 yellow signs. The blue signs, the blue circles that is no student drop off in those areas and the reason being is they want the parents to drop the students off here. They don't want children walking through the traffic. It is a safety issue and especially over here on Cleveland Street. There are two schools, the middle school and the elementary school. And in the morning and the afternoon there is a lot of traffic on that road. And we don't want middle school students crossing against the traffic. So that's a safety issue.

The only amendment, I am going to make an amendment in a minute to the motion to allow parking in this area during elections. So usually a lot of times during the election there are no classes in the school at the time so it wouldn't be a problem, but if there is classes going on during election, we work things out with administration of the school to allow parking here and they will handle the traffic. OK as far as any inconvenience, this is the handicap playground right here and it is hard to notice but we have provided several handicap spots on either side here for people that want to use the playground. So they don't have to park on Cleveland Street. They can park there, which is even closer to get into the playground.

And just while I am here, a few other things we have done, of course the whole parking lot is all new. All parking in the back is new and right now there are two portable classrooms back here which will disappear once we are done with our project; they are only temporary. This road has been built around and leveled out so that fire trucks and police vehicles can use this road successfully. I am sure Assistant Chief Buxton will appreciate that a ladder truck can now put down its pneumatic stabilized arms and access the schools.

Chairman O'Brien

Outriggers, we call them outriggers.

Alderman Dowd

Outriggers. So particularly with the solar on the roof, but anyway, the Legislation is no parking at certain times and no on-street student drop off and pick up on sections of Cleveland Street as shown.

Before we vote on that, I would like to make an amendment to O-21-060 in a discussion with Alderman Clemons that had to do with the parking during elections.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO AMEND THE MOTION WOULD BE NO PARKING AT CERTAIN TIMES AND NO ON-STREET STUDENT DROPOFF OR PICKUP ON SECTIONS OF CLEVELAND STREET. AFTER THE WORD 'NO PARKING AT CERTAIN TIMES' WE WOULD ADD 'EXCEPT ON DAYS OF MUNICIPAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS' BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

So that would be the amendment.

Chairman O'Brien

OK thank you. Alderman Dowd, on "days of the election" each Ward does have a moderator and he could basically assist in supervising of that. So it is really not a problem to allow people, on Election Day, to park there. Correct?

Alderman Dowd

School staff would also help in making sure that the cars can get into the parent drop off more easily.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good. Thank you Alderman Dowd. Mr. Hudson, are you here also to speak on this. I would recognize you if you are.

Mr. Hudson

Yes. Thank you Mr. Chair. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. Only here to support the proposal. This is in response to improved operations at the school under its revised configuration. So we support it.

Chairman O'Brien

OK I will open up to questions from Aldermen. I see we have Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just for clarification, Alderman Dowd, you said "City Elections". Do you really mean that? Or would it be all of them.

Alderman Dowd

It's more important on National Elections but I meant other than school elections or something like that. I meant municipal or national elections.

Alderman Jette

OK so you did not mean to insert the word "city". If we just left it as "elections" obviously we are talking, well I don't know if it is obvious or not, but we are talking about City, State and Federal Elections?

Alderman Dowd

Yes we are.

Alderman Jette

Thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

OK any other questions by members of the Committee. Alright, seeing none, what we have before us is an amendment which basically would be to insert southside 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. school days except the part that would be added, except on days when elections are scheduled. Would the Clerk please call the roll on the amendment?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman O'Brien

Now we have before us the main ordinance, O-21-061 as amended. Any further discussion? Seeing one, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

Alderman Dowd

Thank you very much. And just as a real quick update, we are turning over a fair portion of the school after school vacation; it is actually this week this middle rotunda area has all been completed as are some of the rooms in the CTE section. And we will be starting on the complete renovation of the gymnasium soon, finishing up the admin area, the new entrance if you ride by you will see that it is much prettier than it is right there. And then all the landscaping and final paving and everything – so that's an update.

Alderman Schmidt

Well done.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good. Alright. Now moving on we will go to items that have been tabled. And if you do remember at the last meeting, we did table R-21-121 to be brought forward at the next meeting of the Committee of Infrastructure pending a report from a Blue Ribbon Committee for lack of a better term to come up with negotiations on changing the name of the Broad Street Parkway. Madam Clerk, do I have a motion?

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE RESOLUTION R-21-121, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman O'Brien

I am trying to think of the right way to kind of do this. I would like to recognize Alderman Caron because she is the lead sponsor of this. But I think it would be fair at this point if Alderman Caron, if you don't mind, if we probably put Assistant Chief Buxton of the Nashua Fire Rescue on the hot seat to give us an update on some of the changes of that Committee that were made. Are you in agreement Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes I have no problem with that Alderman O'Brien.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you. I will now call on Assistant Chief Steve Buxton of NFR please?

Assistant Fire Chief Buxton

Good evening, thank you Mr. Chairman. So before you, you have the Communication in your packet from the Committee that was formed. There's representatives that were appointed by the Chairman to participate in the Committee. They had one meeting where they were able to come to a resolution that all were in favor of. PD was unable to be present at the meeting but we briefed them after and they were in full agreement of it. Basically, as everybody knows, we are trying to avoid a name conflict that would create confusion for people, not necessarily the responders but also the people calling to report in an emergency. So the proposal that the Committee brought forward is to rename the Broad Street Parkway to the Veterans Memorial Parkway. They felt it would be important to place appropriate sized signs on the bridge making sure that people were able to identify if they were on the Veterans Memorial Parkway Bridge. They also thought forward enough to request signs be placed on the Veterans and the Taylor's Falls Bridge to make sure there was no confusion over there. Those bridges, of course, go over to Hudson.

And then the final conflict we had to resolve to be able to achieve the re-naming of the Broad Street Parkway would be to change the name of Veterans Drive to Impendence Drive. As you heard me state earlier the renaming of streets and such, the authority for that through the RSA lies with the Board of Aldermen. But the Chairman had charged the Committee with coming up with suggestions that we found suitable to meet everybody's needs and we think that this is the best compromise to move forward with to avoid any issues. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Chief Buxton. I would like to thank you and members of your Committee and their due diligence on this matter. I think you did a yeoman's job. And I would be correct in assuming what we basically have done here is taken that which was before us, two basic resolutions and combined them now into a new resolution because one was separate of the Veterans Drive and Independence which will be put into this one resolution. So that was the advice of the Committee, correct?

Assistant Fire Chief Buxton

Yes Mr. Chairman that would be correct. One of the Resolutions created a problem that we needed to address with the other suggestion that we had brought forward to solve the other Resolution.

Chairman O'Brien

OK. Mr. Hudson do you have anything you would like to weigh on this as well?

Mr. Hudson

Well Public Works was part of that Committee so we support this change and we are ready to order the

signs, so we think it is a good solution.

Chairman O'Brien

OK. Alright, very good. So I think we have provided, and again thank you all for that Committee work, like I say, great job. I would like to now recognize the lead sponsor of this, Alderman June Caron. Alderman Caron would you like to speak?

Alderman Caron

Yes, thank you Mr. Chair. When we spoke a couple of weeks ago there was some confusion because Armory and Amory Streets were similar and your suggestion to have Police Fire & DPW get together to come up with a compromise I thought was a great idea. And the name that they came up with to change Veterans Drive to Independence Drive, I am in full support of that so I have no problem with it and I am glad that we are still moving forward to naming the Broad Street Parkway to Veteran's Memorial Parkway. So I have no conflict or confusion concerning this and I too would like to thank the Committee for getting this done in a quick turnover. Thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Lopez I see that you are second in the sponsorship of this; would you like to speak?

Alderman Lopez

Yeah I just wanted to point out that I was in favor of it too, although I do defer to Alderman Caron as the ranking alderman and I do think it is important that we take the step forward to recognize our veterans particularly on that stretch because the parkway has become a great opportunity to put memorial signs of Veterans up to celebrate Veteran's Day. So I think it is a meaningful gesture; I think it will be well received. And I also really like the use of Independence Drive instead of Armory because I had brought that up to them a long time ago and everybody thought it would be fine. I like being right but I like better ideas too.

Chairman O'Brien

Very good. I will now call on my Clerk to make a motion and then we will open up discussion on the motion.

R-21-121

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

CHANGING THE NAME OF VETERANS DRIVE TO ARMORY DRIVE, AND CHANGING THE NAME

**OF THE BROAD STREET PARKWAY TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY
MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL
ON THE QUESTION**

Chairman O'Brien

Alright. Thank you to the Clerk. Any discussion by any Alderman on the subject? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

So I heard Alderman Schmidt say Veterans Parkway. Is it going to be Veterans Memorial Parkway?

Chairman O'Brien

Yes Alderman Schmidt did read, and it is on mine as well, but I think it's clearly by let me give you the title that I'm reading off the Resolution "Changing the name of Veterans Drive to Independence Drive and changes in the name of the Broad Street Parkway to Veterans Memorial Parkway". So I am sure it was a typo of the preparation of what we are following. Yes, so you would be correct in assuming the true title will be Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Alderman Jette

I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

Chairman O'Brien

Very well pointed, thank you. Any further discussion? Ok seeing none, could the Clerk call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

Chairman O'Brien

Motion carries amended. OK. Seeing nothing else that is coming off. Does the Clerk see anything?

Alderman Schmidt

I see something further down about Ordinance 21-056.

O-20-004

- Endorsers:** Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

ALLOWING PERMITTED OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PARKING ON EIGHTH STREET

- Tabled at 2/26/20 meeting

O-20-006

Endorsers: Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderwoman Linda Harriott-Gathright

ALLOWING PERMITTED OVERNIGHT ON-STREET PARKING ON A PORTION OF PRESCOTT STREET

- Tabled at 2/26/20 meeting

O-20-032

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Brandon Laws
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu

REDUCING THE FINE FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING VIOLATIONS

- Tabled at 10/28/20 meeting

Alderman Dowd

Your parliamentarian is going to tell you that you have got to dispose of that other Resolution. Take it off the table and then send it to indefinite postponement, because as I understand it, you don't need it. Right?

Chairman O'Brien

Yeah.

Alderman Dowd

So you have to take it off of the record. So it has to be brought back on the table and then a motion for indefinite postponement.

Chairman O'Brien

Alderman Dowd, you are really doing a great job as parliamentarian. Mr. Hudson, I see you waving sir.

Mr. Hudson

Mr. Chair, I may be misunderstanding but I believe the Ordinance item is other sections of the Ordinance that refer to the renamed streets. So I don't think that should be removed, I believe that should be also recommended.

Chairman O'Brien

OK so your interpretation of O-21-056?

Mr. Hudson

That section of the Ordinance that make reference to those street name signs (overlapping discussion).

Chairman O'Brien

Ok thank you for that clarification. That being said...

Alderman Dowd

You do need it.

Chairman O'Brien

We do need it. Yes. Thank you. So with that being said on O-21-056, would the Clerk like to make a motion?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDINANCE O-21-056, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette	4
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

O-21-056

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO STREET NAME CHANGES OF VETERANS DRIVE AND THE BROAD STREET PARKWAY

- Tabled at 3/24/21 meeting

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

Very good. So it seems, Mr. Hudson, so when we transcribe this, could you just go over to what you explained of what the intentions?

Mr. Hudson

Sure I'd be happy to. Yes, thank you Mr. Chair. Dan Hudson City Engineer. So the Resolution recommended there renames the streets as indicated, so there are sections of the Ordinance that make reference to those names and that's highlighted in the amended copy here. For example, it was talking about

an intersection at Broad Street, what will be now Veterans Memorial Parkway, where it used to be Broad Street Parkway. So there's various sections of the Ordinance that need to be amended and that's what this does is amends all those such references.

Chairman O'Brien

Thank you Mr. Hudson and while you were explain that I was diving through my Ordinances here and that's exactly the way you said it so thank you for putting the plug in the gap here. So thank you. I'll open it up to any questions by members of the Committee. Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Schmidt,
Alderman Jette 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 8:17 p.m.

Alderman Jan Schmidt
Committee Clerk