

**Board of Public Works Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via a Zoom Conference Call.

Mayor Donchess

As Chair of the Board of Public Works, 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, which has authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means: We are utilizing Zoom through the City's IT Department for this electronic meeting. To access Zoom, please refer to the agenda or the City's website for the meeting link. To join by phone dial: 1-929-436-2866. The Meeting ID is: 970 6882 6149 and the password is: 870727.

We are also providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting: We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, through public postings. Instructions have also been provided on the City of Nashua's website at [www.nashuanh.gov](http://www.nashuanh.gov) and publicly noticed at City Hall and at the Department of Public Works Administration Building at 9 Riverside Drive.

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Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states his or her presence, please say why they are not physically present for the meeting and also please say whether there is anyone in the room with you during the meeting, this being required under the Right-To-Know Law.

Diane, are you on the call and if so, will you please call the roll?

**I. Roll Call**

Commissioner G. Frank Teas, Vice Chair

Yes Good Evening. I am attending remotely due to the Governor's Order. I am at my home and from time to time there are other people, i.e. my family but no one is present at this very moment. Thank you.

Commissioner Tracy Pappas

I am here, I am currently in a room by myself and I am here due to the pandemic.

Commissioner Kevin Moriarty

Yes I am present, attending remotely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I am in my private office by myself.

Commissioner Shannon Schoneman

I am here and I am attending remotely because of the Governor's Order and I am alone in this room in my

house.

Mayor Donchess

I am attending remotely because of the pandemic and I am alone in the room with my computer. Alright the first item is a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Also Present:

- Ms. Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Mr. Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development
- Ms. Julie Chizmas, Transportation and Long Range Planner
- Mr. Dan Hudson, City Engineer

**II. Motion by Commissioner Moriarty:** To approve the agenda as presented.

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	5
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

**III. Motion by Commissioner Pappas:** To approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of April 29, 2021.

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	5
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

Mayor Donchess

Now before we get on to the business of the meeting, I would like to make sure we identify Alderman Mike O'Brien who is the liaison from the Board of Aldermen who is also attending with us.

**IV. Public Comment - None**

Mayor Donchess

Next issue is Public Comment, any member of the public who wishes to address the Board regarding any issue, especially on tonight's Agenda? Now is the time. I see Helen Honorow.

Helen Honorow Thank you Commissioners. Thank you Mayor Donchess. My name is Helen Honorow, I live at 46 Raymond Street here in Nashua. I am a property owner and a business owner. I am here today to speak about the request for waiver of fees for the Bronstein Redevelopment Project. What I think is so critically important about this project and all endeavors to increase affordable housing in Nashua, is that we really are at a crisis with affordable housing and its lack of availability in our City. Right now the waiting list for public housing, the current public housing waiting list is at 2,882 people, that's the end of April's report. The Section 8 waiting list is 3,927. There are people on the waiting list at Cotton Mill for a voucher, a Section 8 voucher 470 people and 275 people at Salmon Brook.

Those include numbers for elderly, disabled and families who are looking for public housing and affordable housing for their family. I think the additional, the 240 units that the Bronstein redevelopment project would provide are critical for our City. It is a plan that will enhance both that area of the City and the life for all the families that may be able to live there.

Our New Hampshire Statute provides the ability for this sort of waiver and I hope that you will strongly consider it. I don't want this project put at risk for any reason and certainly the ability to waive fees for this type of project is in your hands and I hope you will all vote for it. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, thank you very much. Is there any other member of the public? I see maybe Andrew Prolman?

Andrew Prolman – Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, thank you very much, Andy Prolman, Attorney with Prunier & Prolman in Nashua. Mr. Mayor, I am here tonight to speak on the next Agenda item having to do with the maintenance agreement for Sanders Street and so I defer to your guidance. I can speak now or I can speak when it comes up.

Mayor Donchess

Well all we will have is a motion so why don't you speak now?

Attorney Prolman – Sure OK. So very briefly, in 2016 this Board approved the very similar maintenance agreement for Phase I of the Renaissance Bridge Street project having to do with Bancroft Street. And that was approved in October of 2016 and what you have before you tonight is the very same maintenance agreement but this time it is for Phase II of the project where the apartments to be built will be on either side of Sanders Street. So the way this works is the developer of the project is going to rebuild Sanders Street from the sewer upward. They are going to build out their project, they are going to maintain Sanders Street going forward. And in exchange for that work, we get to use the Sanders Street parking space on Sanders Street according to the plans that the Nashua Planning Board has approved. We have the very same agreement that this Board approved in 2016 and for Phase II of the project today. I thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright and Mr. Prolman, could you stay on in the event there are any questions about the agreement?

Attorney Prolman – Of course.

Mayor Donchess

So now, anyone else from the public wish to address the Board? Ms. Colquhoun could you go ahead please?

Laura Colquhoun – My name is Laura Colquhoun and I live at 30 Greenwood Drive. I am here to ask the Board to stop the Bronstein Redeveloping plan. The Nashua taxpayers will be losing an average of 50% of the property taxes over the period of 15 years with a concession of about \$3.7 million dollars. This deal is unfair to

the Nashua taxpayers. When are City Officials going to start looking at ways to help the Nashua taxpayer. The City of Nashua just keeps putting more and more burdens on the taxpayers and at this point, the taxpayers have had it. Nashua has enough low income projects that our Mayor has started, so Nashua does not need anymore. It appears both the Mayor and other City Officials are trying to put too much of the tax burden on the residential properties and this is not fair.

The Mayor is asking taxpayers not to get taxes (audio cuts out) 2024 and then pay \$225,000.00 for an increase of 3% per year. Well the Nashua taxpayers just got an increase of more than 3% in property taxes. Now the Mayor will be asking the residential property taxes – owners – to be making up the difference, then with all the other expenses, the Mayor is asking the residential taxpayers to eat. At this point the Nashua taxpayers have eaten enough. This Board is looking at at least 5 properties tonight for hardship. Start thinking about the Nashua residential taxpayer as asking for a hardship tonight. Please do not allow this Bronstein redevelopment plan to go forward. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Any other members of the public who want to speak to the Board? (There were none.). If not we will go on to number five which is the Sanders Agreement.

- V. Motion by Commissioner Schoneman:** To approve the Sanders Street Maintenance Agreement between the City of Nashua and SMC Residences at Riverfront Landing Phase II Limited Partnership.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Thank you. Now Mr. Prolman has provided an explanation. Does Ms. Fauteux or anyone else have anything to add to what has already been said?

Director Fauteux

I think Director Cummings is here to speak to it, Mayor. He may have something to add.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Yes, thank you Mayor. Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development. I will keep my comments brief only because Attorney Prolman did an excellent job outlining the subject matter at hand. I just would ask the Board to favorably approve this agreement. This is the last step in the Renaissance Project. This has been a long legacy project for the City of Nashua. Once we conclude Phase II we will have pretty much brought the project to fruition and I think we are all very excited by that. So thank you for your time and please, when you get a chance, vote favorably for this.

Mayor Donchess

Alright any comments or questions from members of the Board? Commissioner Pappas?

Commissioner Pappas

So I am glad this project is over and I will say I have been following this project since the beginning, I have been on the Board. And I do feel like the City was promised the moon and that didn't happen. For example, they were supposed to pay to move the skateboard park among a number of other things. To me it has just been disappointing that this developer didn't live up to what they were supposed to do. So those are my thoughts. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Any other member of the Commission? Any other Commissioner comments? Well if not, could you please call the roll?

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Morarity, Mayor James Donchess	3
Nay: Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Schoneman	1

**MOTION CARRIED 3 – 2****VI. Board of Alderman Referrals****A. Motion by Commissioner Teas - Resolution R-21-136 - Authorizing Developer Agreement with payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for Bronstein Redevelopment****Discussion:**Mayor Donchess

Thank you. And I think Mr. Cummings is here to explain the proposed agreement?

Director Cummings

Yes thank you Mayor, if I may, again Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development. I am here to ask for your favorable recommendation to the Board of Aldermen relative to R-21-136. The Legislation is an omnibus piece of Legislation that has many different parts to it. But the parts that pertain to the Board of Public Works that I am going to call your attention to is essentially in Paragraph 7. It is relative to the waiver of the waste water fees and this is just for the hookup and an approximate value of about \$60,000.00. And then in addition, the Myrtle Street improvements, that's Paragraph 8 for repaving and restriping, a value of approximately \$55,000.00. With that being said, that Myrtle Street repaving and restriping is not an additional cost but just a rejiggering of the plan where we are going to make sure that we pave the roadway sooner rather than later to make sure we are complimenting the project at hand but wouldn't be any new cost. So at the end of the day, we are really just talking about approximately \$60,000.00 that we are asking for some forgiveness on.

Why are we doing that? It is because the Bronstein Project, which is a housing project that has been eyed for redevelopment for quite a long time is a relatively tired site and we have the potential of redeveloping that site into a 216 units. Of those 216 unit, 206 will be set aside as affordable. Currently, right now on that site is only 44 housing units that are affordable so that's a net new increase into the marketplace of 162 units. We need this additional supply of affordable housing for all of the reasons that were mentioned earlier this evening. I will close my comments by saying that it is never easy to ask for any type of tax forgiveness of any type of waivering of fees. This was something that was very much deliberated on, but for this type of forgiveness the project would not be able to move forward. We have had extensive conversations with the Nashua Housing Authority, their private sector partner Boston Capital, who will be developing the project in conjunction with them, they need to put together a very complicated financing plan and they were able to successfully do it but they needed some help up front to mitigate some of the costs. They've asked for this and we feel it is a good thing to do because in return we are going to be getting that 162 new units of affordable housing. With that being said, it goes without saying that the improvements in and along that corridor, the Pine Street Extension and Central Street, we have spent a lot of money and time as you all know with the redevelopment of the Broad Street Parkway. Getting the private investment that we are talking about something like approximately

\$50 million dollars is going to just help be a catalyst for the redevelopment of that area overall. So with that being said, I ask for your favorable recommendation. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

I would like to add that the City is in critical need of housing; our vacancy rate is less than 1%. We have all of the waiting lists that Ms. Honorow already spoke about. People are desperate for housing. And I think there's a misunderstanding regarding the tax picture here. I mean right now, right now Bronstein is paying zero, we are getting no tax revenue at all. Now if this project proceeds ahead, which I believe it will, the agreement is that we will get \$225,000.00 a year or a total of \$3.7 million which we would not otherwise get over 15 years. This is under a so-called PILOT or Payment in lieu of taxes agreement. This is typical for Housing Authorities to enter these agreements with municipalities because typically they don't pay full taxes. But certainly \$3.7 million that will be derived from this project in addition of course to the housing units, which are desperately needed. But the \$3.7 million dollars that will come in from this project over 15 years is a lot better than the 0% we would get with the current development over that same period of time; \$0.00 that we would get from this project over that same period of time.

I don't know if anyone has an estimate of the sewer charges that will be generated by this project on an annual basis but if you do, we would be interested to know that. But now on to other Commissioners. I see that Commissioner Teas has his hand up, I believe.

Commissioner Teas

Thank you Mr. Mayor and I appreciate your kind of answering one of my two questions in advance and that was would the net positive impact, you know if we are giving up fees, we are now all of a sudden realize \$225,000.00 annually; that's helpful, very helpful and is eye opening to me in terms of supporting the project. However, I did have another question and we may not have the answer, but certainly homelessness and access to affordable living is a problem not only here but throughout all of New Hampshire, all of New England for that matter. And I was wondering if there's any way that we can somehow identify what the opportunity cost of doing this project so if we didn't create 160 more units to make them available to lower income folks, how that would negatively impact resources and capital in our community and further negatively impact our operating budget and taxpayers here in the City.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Cummings, can you quantify that?

Director Cummings

I was trying to in my head; I wouldn't be able to do it right now. It is a really good question actually because without doing the analysis I am going to just say you are talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars of social services that we would have to put out, namely hotel rooms that you'd have to pay for every night. And then if you have children, the social services to go with that. So I would have to take a step back and really analyze it to quantify it for you but you are easily in access of, you know, at 160 families approximately, it is hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Commissioner Teas

Thank you. No further questions from me.

Mayor Donchess

Anybody else have questions or comments? Any of the Commissioners? Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

So 160 units, how many are there now?

Mayor Donchess

It is 160 additional units, so now according to the testimony there are 44 units and it will be redeveloped to be 216. So an additional 162 I think is the math.

Commissioner Pappas

OK so there is no tax revenue there now, is that correct?

Mayor Donchess

Correct.

Commissioner Pappas

So there's no tax bill to anyone there right now.

Mayor Donchess

Correct.

Commissioner Pappas

OK. So alright that – oh the one question I have just about those programs in general, you know, I mean does that mean that those taxes can only be spent in a certain area?

Mayor Donchess

No. Tax revenue would come in and like other taxes would go to the General Fund and would support City Services.

Commissioner Pappas

But right now we don't get a penny of taxes on Bronstein?

Mayor Donchess

Bronstein does not pay taxes.

Commissioner Pappas

OK thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Any other ... Commissioner Moriarty?

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor, I would just say I think it's a good deal, very good. I appreciate everybody who has worked so hard on this. I mean from our standpoint on Public Works we are talking about waiving waste water for 216 apartments it's just – how can you say no to it really? But I am totally in favor of it, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Now there will be waste water fees collected going forward. It is just the connection charges that would be waived. So for use of the sewer system we would be fully reimbursed. Any other Commissioners who wish to ask questions or make comments? Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

Can you explain why Bronstein doesn't currently pay taxes?

Mayor Donchess

It is owned by the Housing Authority which is in essence a non-profit and maybe can Mr. Cummings elaborate on that?

Director Cummings

Yes, happy to. So as you were saying Mayor the current site is owned by a Government entity with certain powers and privileges afforded to it which is the Nashua Housing & Redevelopment Authority. This particular circumstance, it is a public/private partnership where the Nashua Housing Authority is going to be leasing their land to a private sector owner, a special purpose legal entity that will be holding the asset and making said improvements on the land. We have the ability to waive or reduce the taxes on those improvements and so we were able to negotiate an agreed upon sum of money for this project.

Mayor Donchess

I think another aspect of the project that is certainly less tangible is that the appearance of the site will be improved and we see the School Street Housing scheduled is projected to go up nearby, generating about \$350,000.00/\$400,000.00 in taxes. This is a couple of blocks away. I mean as this neighborhood begins to evolve, one successful project after another, I think it will emulate more private investment. So there could be non Housing Authority projects that would be encouraged at least by this and the other things that are going on nearby when these projects become successful. Anybody else?

Commissioner Schoneman

I would like to make another comment please, if I may?

Mayor Donchess

Sure go ahead, please.

Commissioner Schoneman

It was very surprising to hear that this proposal, every proposal that comes up whether it is a hardship request or purchase of land, there's always someone chiming in saying, well think of the tax revenue we are going to get and here we are forsaking, you know, almost \$4 million in tax revenue. It's quite surprising to hear that at this point. My other thought which I know is unpopular but is nonetheless kind of unbelievable is that truly when you increase low income housing generally you do not see a positive evolution of the neighborhood. I predict, I hope it is not true, but I predict that we are not going to see a revitalization of this neighborhood by adding this many units of affordable housing. That's my thought. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Well I'd like to just answer the first part of that which is that we are foregoing taxes. Because these units will be rented at far less than market, if we charge full taxes, the project will not go ahead because there won't be enough money coming in to support ... I mean that's the whole basis for it. You won't see the project. So it won't happen unless there are certain accommodations made. For example, in addition to the tax issue you might have seen that there are in the agreement \$700,000.00 of HOME Funds going into this. HOME Funds are Federal Funds that are allocated to the City to in turn be allocated into affordable housing to stimulate the development of affordable housing. The point of these various parts of the agreement are that without these things, there won't be any project, you'll just see Bronstein. So the judgement I think that the Commission and the Board of Aldermen ultimately which I think the Board of Aldermen is going to make is half a glass or plus 116 units of housing which is desperately needed, better than just getting nothing and just leaving things the way they are. So it's not like if this agreement were killed we would suddenly get double \$3.7 million, we'd get \$0.00 not \$7.4. I think you understand the point. I hope that I have stated it clearly enough. Anyone else wish to address this issue or ask questions or anything. Commissioner Moriarty?

Commissioner Moriarty

Just a point of clarification, you keep saying 116, but the document says 216. What is the actual number of apartments?

Mayor Donchess

If I said 216...

Commissioner Moriarty

You said 116.

Mayor Donchess

If I said 116 it is 216.

Commissioner Moriarty

OK good thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright. Yes, Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

So I do think, you know, I'll be honest, I know a lot of people's objection sometimes is that when we have a public project like this and developers make a lot of money off a lot of things and I think we've been doing a lot of development downtown and has taken an awful lot of City tax dollars. And I had actually, I came into this thinking I am going to vote against it because I really think that having people make money off of public tax dollars, I really disagree with that. With that said, what changed my mind if indeed it is true that right now we receive no tax dollars for those, for the 116 units now and we are going to 216 is that correct?

Mayor Donchess

No it is 44 units now, 44 units going to 216.

Commissioner Pappas

OK. Alright, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else? Commissioner Teas?

Commissioner Teas

Because we have had so many numbers bantered about, could you or maybe Director Cummings just go over it one more time; total number of units now, total number of affordable housing now and what the project looks like after the fact. Just so that we are all on the same page.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Cummings?

Director Cummings

Yes, happy to. So you have currently on-site 44 units, all those units are affordable units. When all is said and done on the site after the project is done there will be 216 units. Of that 216 units, 206 of them will be affordable; 10 will be at “market rate”.

Commissioner Teas

Thank you, sir.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else?

Commissioner Pappas

Thank you for the clarification of those. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

If anyone has anything please speak up. If not, we will call the roll.

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

Yea:	Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Moriarty, Mayor James Donchess	3
Nay:	Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Schoneman	2

**MOTION CARRIED 3 – 2**

**VII. Engineering Department**

- A. Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To approve the Residential and Commercial Wastewater Service Permits and Fees as submitted.**

**Discussion:**

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Thank you, Dan Hudson, City Engineer. I guess this is one that we don't usually speak to. There's just a summary there so I apologize for jumping in.

Mayor Donchess

It's alright. Alright, could you please call the roll?

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas,  
Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman,  
Mayor James Donchess 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

Director Cummings

Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Donchess

Yes?

Director Cummings

Tim Cummings here, I apologize for interrupting. I just wanted to quickly correct the record. I looked at my notes quickly, I misspoke. When I said there was 44 units on site I meant to say 48 units, I was just off by four and just wanted to correct the record. I apologize.

Mayor Donchess

Alright so we are going from 48 to 216, correct?

Director Cummings

Correct, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Does anyone wish to change their vote, based on that? (There were none.). I don't see anyone. OK we are on Item B.

**B. Motion by Commissioner Pappas:** To approve the Pole License Petitions for PSNH and Consolidation Communications # 21-1569 and PSNH # 21-1571.

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

Yea:	Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	5
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

**C. Motion by Commissioner Schoneman:** To approve the purchase of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk signal systems from Ocean State Signal Co. of Smithfield, RI in the amount not to exceed \$65,000. Funding will be through Department 161 Streets; Fund: Prior Year Escrow; Account Category: 81 Capital Outlay/Improvements.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Thank you Mr. Mayor. Dan Hudson, City Engineer. So this is to, as noted, install some enhancements to pedestrian crossings on Main Street. These are the places the crossings that are not currently at a signal. Anyone familiar with the Main Street Bridge will recognize what this is. If you want to cross, you push the button and it provides the blinking yellow lights, which attracts driver attention and makes for a safer crossing. You tend to have much better drivers yielding to pedestrian rates when you have this type of treatment. So this is proposed at the three locations on Main Street that are unsignalized currently. We propose to make this purchase from Ocean State Signal, they are the ones that provided the equipment on the Main Street Bridge and have done other work for us. We have good luck with it so far. And for future maintenance reasons it is much for us to have the same equipment in an area so that's why we are proposing the same equipment here as on the bridge.

Mayor Donchess

Questions or comments from the Commissioners? (There were none.). Could you please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	5
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

**D. Motion by Commissioner Teas:** To consider the hardship requests from Liberty Utilities to excavate in Burke Street to install gas mains.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Thank you Mr. Mayor. I will introduce this item and then I believe we have a representative from Liberty if there is any additional questions. This is a first of a number of hardship items we are bringing tonight. We don't like to do that but it is necessary at times. We have paved about 100 miles of the City's 300 mile network over the last 5 years so by the nature of the work we are doing, we are going to have these and continue to have these. So this first one is for work as noted at intersections along Burke Street. Burke Street was paved in November of '16 so there's about 6 months left on the moratorium. Liberty is requesting to do this work to accommodate planned paving work on Underhill Street and Benson Avenue. So that's the reason for the need for the work.

There were letters and graphics for them attached to the application but either I or Liberty will be happy to entertain any questions that we can.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas? Did you raise your hand? I thought you were about to speak so I called on you.

Commissioner Pappas

No I wasn't, but I will. I will say that I really do not like to give hardships because I think that is not fair to taxpayers dollars but since there's only six months left on this issue, I am willing to ... I will let it go since less damage is done at the end of the moratorium period as opposed to the beginning. So six months, I'll give this one a pass.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else wish to comment or ask questions? (There were none.). Could you please call the roll, please?

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

Yea:	Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	5
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

**E. Motion Commissioner Moriarty:** To consider the hardship requests from Liberty Utilities to excavate in Lovell Street to install gas mains.

Mr. Hudson

I'd be happy to speak to this Mr. Mayor if you would like?

Mayor Donchess

Yes, Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

OK this is very similar to the previous item. Again, it's work that Liberty is doing to accommodate future paving in this case on Pine Street and Marquis Ave. Again, they need to do this work, it is some main work and connection work to basically get out of the way of paving. Unfortunately Lovell was recently paved; it was just late last year, so we missed an opportunity to better coordinate this specific item. But they are aware of the restoration requirements and will do the restoration in accordance with the Ordinances.

Mayor Donchess

What are the streets that we want to pave that this will enable?

Mayor Donchess

It's Pine Street and Marquis Ave.

Mayor Donchess

Questions/comments from the Commissioners? Commissioner Pappas?

Commissioner Pappas

So towards the beginning of the period in which we pave is when a road is cut into it does its worst damage so I will not be supporting this. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else? I don't see anything. (There were none.). Would you please call the roll?

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

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| Yea: | Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Moriarty,<br>Mayor James Donchess | 3 |
| Nay: | Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Schoneman                       | 2 |

**MOTION CARRIED 3 – 2**

Mayor Donchess

Motion passes. I will just say that we really need to pave Pine Street.

**F. Motion Commissioner Pappas:** To consider a hardship request from Sequel Development and Management, Inc. to excavate in Blackstone Drive to install a water line connection.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Yes, thank you Mr. Mayor. So this was a request from 8 Blackstone. The Board may recall that we approved a moratorium waiver request for 4 Blackstone which is the abutting property. That request was part of that PILOT program because they are doing just some curb work along the edges. But as part of that development, there's a future development planned, well actually not part of that, but there's a future development planned at 8 Blackstone. They are in the planning processes. But they view this as an opportunity to install the utilities for that project because the 4 Blackstone will be constructing a driveway and do some edge work which will be required to be recut if this installation was held until later. Blackstone was last paved in September of '16 so there's approximately 4 months remaining in the moratorium period. And I do believe we do have representatives here to speak to it if there's any questions.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioners? Commissioner Pappas?

Commissioner Pappas

I just want to qualify, there's only four months left on the moratorium, is that correct?

Mr. Hudson

Yes, that correct.

Commissioner Pappas

Alright, again since it is so close and it doesn't do as much damage towards the end of the moratorium, I'll give them a pass. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else have comments/questions? Commissioner Teas.

Commissioner Teas

I am going to support it given the fact that we supported the neighbor and also what Commissioner Pappas said, well you know my position on most of these things but where there's only 4 months left.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else? (There were none.). Could you please call the roll?

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas,

Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman,  
Mayor James Donchess

5

Nay:

0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

**G. Motion by Commissioner Schoneman:** To consider a hardship request from BJ's Wholesale Club to excavate in Daniel Webster Highway to make driveway and site improvements for development of the property at 210 Daniel Webster Highway.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Hudson

Thank you Mr. Mayor. So this is for a planned gas station project at the corner of DW Highway and Adventure Way. It's through the BJ's; it is going to be BJ's gas. They have been through the Planning Board process and been approved. They have actually started demo on the existing building. But they need to do a little work on Daniel Webster Highway which was paved in August of '16 so there's 3 months left on that moratorium. They worked with us trying to address some of the sidewalk issues out there, so that's also part of the reason they are doing this work. If approved, we would include this in the PILOT program as it is work only along the edges of the road so they would limit the restoration to the shoulder area.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioners? Go ahead Commissioner Teas?

Commissioner Teas

I have a general ask or comment if I may. I am wondering, it might be helpful if on the Agenda within parenthesis perhaps after each of these requests we were to note how many months are left in the moratorium. It might be helpful just to see it quickly like that. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Schoneman?

Commissioner Schoneman

I have a question as well. Do I understand right that this is just mostly curb and driveway amendment, there's not a lot of excavation going on, not a lot of big excavation like laying pipes and draining?

Mr. Hudson

Yes that is correct. The service work is on Adventure Way not on DW Highway which is in moratorium. And I think we'd be happy to include the months remaining on moratorium for future items for ease of understanding.

Mayor Donchess

And you said there's 3 months on this one?

Mr. Hudson

Correct.

Mayor Donchess

Alright any other questions or comments? (There were none.). Could you please call the roll then:

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas,  
Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman,  
Mayor James Donchess 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

**H. Motion by Commissioner Teas:** To consider a hardship request from John DuPre' to excavate in Fairway Street to install a water service connection.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson, please?

Mr. Hudson

So Mr. DuPre is on the phone. He's a resident of 7 Fairway Street. Pennichuck is installing a water service and the location of the water main as they understood was not in the road but it turns out they need to encroach into the edge of the road because it is not exactly where they thought it was. Their intention was to avoid all impacts to Fairway but that's not going to be possible. So this is half-way through the moratorium, I have 2 years and 5 months of being left. The excavation will be along the edge of the road, so again we are looking to limit the restoration to the shoulder area of the road. I believe the impact there will be fairly small. So with that, I am happy to answer any questions?

Mayor Donchess

I think the Memo says that the paving was in October 2017. Is that accurate, so that's ...

Mr. Hudson

I might have miscalculated, that might be 1 year and 5 months.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, other questions/comments? Commissioner Schoneman?

Commissioner Schoneman

I'd like to comment. It is interesting that this request is closer to an actual hardship than many that we have come across the desk. They were told that the main was in one place and it wasn't. So I think that would be the right thing to do is to allow them to make the connections so that they can build their house.

Mayor Donchess

Anybody else? (There were none.). Could you please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	4
Nay:	Commissioner Pappas	1

**MOTION CARRIED 4 – 1**

- I. Motion by Commissioner Moriarty:** To approve a Drainlayer's License for Colonial Contracting and Excavating, Inc. of Ashburnham, MA in accordance with Nashua City Code §255-19, Issuance of Drainlayer's License, and authorize the Division of Public Works to temporarily suspend the license if work is found to be unsatisfactory during an initial 6-month probationary period.

**Discussion:**

Mayor Donchess

Any comments or questions from the Commissioners? (There were none.) Could you please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess	5
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

- J. Informational:** Street Opening Permits issued for Streets in Moratorium

Mayor Donchess

Item J is an informational item unless people have questions or comments on that, we will go on to the Administrative Department.

Commissioner Pappas

Mr. Mayor, can I direct a question to the City Engineer?

Mayor Donchess

Yes, please.

Commissioner Pappas

So I find it really helpful when we receive the report about streets are getting paved certain weeks. I have a couple more suggestions at what might be helpful if people call us to see what is going on to see if this would be a huge hassle for that report. So I know some of the streets that we are going to do this year were supposed to be done last year and it is probably going to happen next year because we all know how difficult it is to coordinate all the different utilities. So if we have a street that's listed to be worked on, can you specify if it was from the previous paving year?

Mr. Hudson

Yes Commissioner Pappas, I believe we can do that. I don't think we carried any roads over this year, I could be wrong. I know we are completing a punch list of final clean up items. But last year we did a pretty good job of trying to clean up all the previous years and get caught up. I think we are caught up but yeah if we do have any of those...

(Overlapping conversation)

Commissioner Pappas

I don't know there are two streets that I thought were supposed to be done last year but I may not, that may not be accurate. But if you don't mind checking first that would be helpful. The other two items, if it is possible to put on the weekly report, if we are doing crack sealing and also maybe what sidewalks we are going to be working on if that would be possible to do that. If not weekly, monthly, I would find that really helpful.

Mr. Hudson

So we are in the process of contracting for crack sealing for this year, so that work hasn't started yet but I think we will be bringing that contract at the next meeting so that work will start later and we can try to find a way to notify people of that. And in terms of sidewalk, a similar thing, we haven't done any, we haven't bid out any sidewalk work yet this year. I mean we are doing a bunch of ADA improvements as part of the paving project this year which I think people will start to notice as a positive, beneficial thing for access. And then I don't know as part of other work we are doing in-house, I don't know if it will be possible to do that notification, I mean that's usually more spot repairs.

Commissioner Pappas

OK so how about monthly, how about for our monthly meetings if we can say these streets are set for or have been done crack sealing on or have had sidewalk repair or anticipate. Would that be possible?

Mr. Hudson

I believe so. I mean certainly the work that we are coordinating – the contracted work, we certainly can do that reporting that way.

Commissioner Pappas

Great, thank you so much.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, anyone else before the City Engineer, before we go on to Administration? (There were none.) If not, we will go back, we will go to Administration. Item A is an informational item regarding the Bird Scooters. I think Ms. Chisholm is here on that.

**VIII. Administration Department****a. Informational: Partnership with Bird Rides, Inc.**Julie Chizmas, Transportation & Long Range Planner Community Development Division

Thank you, I am here. Thank you so much for your time this evening. I do have a few slides if that would be ok if I share my screen.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, of course.

Ms. Chizmas

Alright, thank you. So yes I am here this evening to discuss the partnership that the City has with Bird Rides. My name is Julie Chizmas, I am the Transportation and Long Range Planner in the Community Development Division. And as I said, the City has partnered with Bird Rides to bring dockless, electric scooters to Nashua at no cost to the City. This is very similar to what we had in 2019 with a company called VeoRide. They started initially, we had dockless bikes and then they added scooters to their fleet. And then in 2020 they decided not to relaunch that season actually about 3 weeks before everything shut down. And they had not offered to come back so earlier this year the representative from the company Bird reached out to the City to see if we would be interested in partnering with them and we are and we did. So similar like I said, similar to VeoRide these scooters unlock using an app and then you pay per ride; it's \$1.00 to start and \$.39 a minute to ride.

The service area that I have up on the screen is similar to what we used with VeoRide and, in fact, they had determined that was the best service area for their scooters based on ride pass so figured we would use the same one. This is editable and we can modify it as needed. When a scooter goes outside of the geofence, what it actually does is you are riding within the service area and when you go across the line, which is clear on your app and also it will sound an alert, the scooter will just slow down and eventually come to a stop. So you can't ride it outside of that service area. And what I have shown on the screen is the geofence and then on the side of it the scooters launched on Thursday and so this is a heat map showing where those rides ended, where people stopped their ride and as you can see it does not leave the service area.

With Bird, again, they have a 24/7 customer service. A lot of this was in your memo so I am not going to try to repeat too much but I just want to stress that they do have 24/7 customer service both through the app, via phone or through an email. They have a community mode so if you have the app you don't have to have a credit card attached to it but you can just from the app scan a scooter and send a report if there's a problem with it. Bird also offers some great programs for the community one of which is their Access Program that

provides an option for low income residents. You do have to apply for it and show that you are eligible. But with that you get discounted rides. They also offer discounted rides for seniors, veterans and select community non-profits.

I will go back, one thing I forgot to point out was their free rides for health care and medical professionals. In response to COVID that program is still in effect so members of the medical profession can ride for free a couple times a day. One other great thing that Bird offers are free helmets for its riders so you need to be a registered user and have used the scooter at least once and they do require that you pay a shipping fee but other than that you can go to the web site and it is also available through the app and request a free helmet. These are some images from this afternoon, we did a little launch event out in front of City Hall. Right now our agreement with Bird says that we will have 125 scooters to begin with and that is true only about 50 of them are out right now, we are doing kind of what's called a "soft launch" to allow the fleet managers who are going to operate the system to kind of ramp up production. So we have about 50 out of the 125 scooters out right now and as of about 5:00 this afternoon since Thursday at about 8:00 in the evening to about 5:00 this afternoon, there have been 473 rides ridden over about 790 miles and in that time, like I said only about 50 scooters that are out.

The company strives to have at least 2 rides per scooter, per day and we are achieving that for the most part. The 20 and the 24<sup>th</sup> which is a partial day to day and then the first day they launched weren't hitting those numbers but they are meeting the performance measures of the company likes to see and that will make their fleet managers profitable. Just for some comparison, I don't know if it's really going to work but in 24 weeks that we had the VeoRide scooters, they had 95 scooters for a 24 week period. We saw just under 24,000 rides in about just under 34,000 miles that these scooters, not the bikes, but just the scooters were ridden. And they averaged about 2.1 rides per day. So that's all I really have to share, I am going to stop sharing my screen so you will be able to see and I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone has about the program.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well thank you very much.

Ms. Chizmas

Thank you.

b. **Informational:**

Mayor Donchess

We now have Item B which are some more informational items I believe from Director Fauteux.

Director Fauteux

So just the first, Mayor, are Budget Transfers which I will be happy to answer any questions on.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, Commissioner Pappas?

**a) Budget Transfers: April 2021**Commissioner Pappas

So I had noticed it is \$50,000.00 going through Architectural and Engineering Services and it is coming from Other Contracted Services. So I will say I was kind of surprised to see that we didn't get the money that the purchaser of Burke Street; I thought some of that money was going to be used towards the Architectural & Engineering Services. So I guess two questions; number 1) what Other Contracted Services are we going to be missing out on? And I guess my second comment would be, if we have got \$50 grand to kind of throw around on that, are we over budgeting? So what services are we kind of giving up the \$50,000.00 for?

Director Fauteux

First Commissioner Pappas this Waste Water so this isn't the Sewer User Fund; this isn't in the General Fund. But it is actually Architectural & Engineering Services that are being transferred into Other Contracted Services. This is for the design of the Phase II of the Pump Stations; we needed some additional money so that's what that is for.

Commissioner Pappas

So that does come from the Waste Water, OK.

Director Fauteux

Correct.

Commissioner Pappas

So for the transfer for machine or equipment to infrastructure improvements, the \$35,000.00?

Director Fauteux

So that is also Waste Water and that is for when we were building the Newton Pump Station we were trying to take power off a pole that was close by and we found out that it didn't have Phase III power, so we had to connect to a different pole so this is for the conduit and fiber and connecting to the other pole that is a little bit further away for the Newton Pump Station.

Commissioner Pappas

OK so once the waste water fees are raised do you think that you won't have to do these big transfers?

Director Fauteux

Oh I think we will always have to do transfers. That's just pretty common especially when we get to the end of the year with our budget to find that we need a little bit more money in one line and we need a little less money in the other line. While \$50,000.00 and \$35,000.00 certainly is a lot of money it is a small amount of money when you think about the amount of money you spend at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. So it is a huge

advantage that we are able to transfer money so we are able to get some of these things done and some unforeseen things like the power...

Commissioner Pappas

So that put the other items short is what I am saying.

Director Fauteux

Correct.

Commissioner Pappas

So in other words, the money where you are getting it from, those items won't be underfunded, is that correct.

Director Fauteux

That's correct, Commissioner Pappas, yes.

Commissioner Pappas

OK, alright thanks a million.

Director Fauteux

You're welcome.

Mayor Donchess

Anything else on the budget transfers? (There were none.) If not, Director, could you go on with the other informational items?

- b) DPW Facility Update**
- c) Director's Report**

Director Fauteux

The first slide is for Public Work Week we had trucks at Greeley Park, at the landfill and at the Street Department to collect food for the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. And this is Northeastern Boulevard Paving, this is Sunshine Paving working on May 10<sup>th</sup> as part of our annual paving program. This is an emergency residential sewer repair that was done by Crisp Contracting at 116 Allds on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are cleaning and preparing the Splash Pad at Sandy Pond for the upcoming season and that will be opening soon, that's Waste Water helping us. We have flipped the shade cells back up at Roby Park which have been enormously popular and they will stay up 'til about sometime in early November and thanks again to the Jeff Morin Foundation and the Morin's for buying those for the park, they are a great addition.

We are doing lots of tree work, this is a picture of Accurate Tree taking down a tree at the corner of Dane and East Dunstable. This was on our list for some time, so the residents there are very happy to see that come down. We have been doing a lot of mulching, as you can imagine here in the spring, pictured to the left is Stellos in the middle Main Street and on the right Concord Street. Here are Street Crews working to repair a failing structure on Huron Drive. The Street Department crews worked together with Pan Am Railroad to reset rails and repave a crossing on Bridge Street. This is the Street Crews finishing up the handicap access ramp that's part of the Boat Ramp Project at Greeley Park. Our staff pressure washed and painted the concrete walls of the Salt Barn with the Street Department.

We shimmed and overlaid part of the Stellos parking lot. The part closest to Stadium Drive. We plan to do all eventually but we did half of it. This is installing new berm and replacing damaged sections of the berm along Stadium Drive. We have been diligently repainting crosswalks downtown. This location is Dearborn and Prospect Street. These are pictures of the on-site biofilter that we have at Waste Water. The media inside needs to be changed annually and this helps, of course, with odor control. The Gillis Street Pump Station, this is just a picture of the final paving and I think there's a punch list of items to complete, it's almost done.

This is just to give you a sense of how large these pumps are, these are the wet weather facility pumps and we need three to operate at full flow. Each pump can process 20 million gallons a day of flow, for a total of 60 million gallons a day. So we have four pumps, of course, because if one of them goes down, we need a backup. This is a picture of, we forget that we have a Certified Lab at the Waste Water Treatment Plant which is pretty full. If you ever have a chance to visit, it's worth the trip. And this some of our lab personnel training our operations staff on what they are seeing microscopically. So they watch this very closely, the Superintendent watches, the Operations Supervisor watches this to see if there are any issues. This is one of the ways that they determine if we have issues in the process so we need to treat things a bit. Dave Boucher loves to show off the lab and show all the micro-organisms, so he would love to show anybody.

We had our first Household Hazardous Waste Collection and it was very successful, we had 327 households that participated. And interestingly enough almost half of the people dropping off items were first timers so that's good. The next collection will be held on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 in Nashua at 25 Crown Street. This is glass collection starting again at the landfill, we are installing more, we are installing one of 9 vertical wells in the gas expansion area. And the Four Hills Landfill will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Memorial Day and, of course, all collection routes will be delayed by one day this week. And that's it.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, any questions or comments on the Director's Report? Thank you Ms. Fauteux. Commissioner Pappas?

Commissioner Pappas

I have two items. One would be directed Mr. Mayor either to you or Alderman O'Brien. I know I had mentioned it at that last meeting and I have noticed this has been a problem even before we put the barriers up on Main Street. So if you are coming down Canal Street and those vehicles are allowed to take a right turn on red and if you are in the right lane you tend to go – you either take a right on Lowell Street or you go straight on Concord Street. And if you head in the left lane you are headed to Amherst Street. So the problem is, since these folks are allowed to take a right turn on red, even if they are not blocking the intersection, when all those

people are taking right hand turns, Main Street traffic can't move, because you are not supposed to block an intersection.

I know in other areas on Main Street pretty much most intersections it says, no right hand turn 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. And I think that there's much more of a danger of traffic getting backed up on Main Street even without the barriers but with the barriers it is a real problem. And people get angry and people get frustrated. I noticed the article in the Union Leader when they said there's bad behavior on Main Street and you know as I've said, if you are traveling south on Main Street it's not bad because you can go down the Water Street ramp. But if you are heading north on Main Street, people get very frustrated. It takes a very long time to do that so I think a "no", I know the Commissioners can't sponsor Legislation but I think that Legislation should be sponsored to not take a right hand turn on Canal Street when you are at the intersection if you go left you go on to Main Street but if you take a right you are going towards Amherst Street or Concord Street. I think it has been a problem for years and I think it has made things more unpleasant on Main Street with the barriers up and I think that it would be a very good move to take a look at that.

Because I do think that people want to support the Main Street businesses, they want to support the restaurants, but I think anything we can do to make the traffic heading north less aggravating would be good and I actually think that would be a good move, even as I said, even without the barriers, I think sometimes that that has been a problem and I think it would really help, I think it would help traffic move better on Main Street.

Mayor Donchess

Alright my recollection was that traffic or the City Engineer and traffic were going to look at that question and give us their thoughts. Now I don't know if you got to that or not?

Director Fauteux

You are correct Mayor. I am going to ask the City Engineer if he's had a chance to review that.

Mr. Hudson

No we have not had a chance to fully review that. We did hear the comment and we will look at that but some people have been out on vacation and different things so we will have an effort to look at that and have a response next month.

Mayor Donchess

OK could you summarize your thoughts in writing so you could give it to Infrastructure as well?

Commissioner Pappas

Sure.

Mayor Donchess

No I didn't mean Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

I thought you meant my request, I apologize for the mix up.

Mayor Donchess

I meant Mr. Hudson, a Memo to the Board and we can get it on to Infrastructure so they would see the conclusions or at least the thinking at the same time.

Mr. Hudson

Sure.

Mayor Donchess

But the question is if we, the basic question if we were to prohibit right turns from Canal to Main during red, would that improve conditions on Main Street?

Commissioner Pappas

Correct.

Mayor Donchess

Correct. Alright so we will have a memo for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pappas

OK and I had one more issue, it's more administrative for these meetings and I had spoken to the Director about it. For years we always did our personnel hiring in public session. Obviously if someone is getting dismissed or if someone is getting some sort of ruling against them that would not be something we'd ever do in public. But I know it's quite common practice to do hiring in public session. For example, all teachers, when you are a teacher, you know your name is going to be put in front of the School Board and it's always done in public session. And it's not a huge deal but I think it would be easier for the Clerk if we didn't have to go in and out of public and non-public every single, you know, every single meeting and perhaps if the applicant is afraid that their boss would be upset or whatever, maybe they can be asked if they want their hiring not to be in public session. I just think it gets more difficult for the Clerk and then people trying to keep track of what is public and what is non-public, gets a little not sticky but cumbersome is the word.

Mayor Donchess

Based on that reason we have ended to take these things in public even though it says non-public for example with hiring, but like tonight, I think we should take that in public session.

Commissioner Pappas

I would agree.

Director Fauteux

I used to agree with both of you, but can we go into non-public tonight and I can explain why I now disagree, please?

Mayor Donchess

Alright.

Director Fauteux

Something happened that I think may change your minds, that's all. Because I was on the very same page you both were up until this last meeting.

Mayor Donchess

Do you mind Commissioner Pappas if we go into non-public.

Commissioner Pappas

Absolutely not, Mr. Chair, it's your call.

Mayor Donchess

Alright anyone else, well the Director presented her report, any other questions on that and/or Commissioner's comments? Commissioner Teas.

Commissioner Teas

I've got a bit of a problem I've got to attend to at home, I've got a boy stuck in something that he can't get out of and I may literally need to call 911 so I need to hang up the phone.

## **IX. Commissioner's Comments**

Mayor Donchess

Please take care of your family situation, we hope it turns out OK. Alright anyone else have comments or questions? Commissioner's Comments or questions for the Director?

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor I would just remind the Commissioners of the Board of our meeting tomorrow night as well at the time, 4:00 is it?

Mayor Donchess

Yes we are meeting in concert with the Infrastructure Committee. I think it is 4:00.

Commissioner Pappas

Yes it is.

Director Fauteux

Yes it is.

Mayor Donchess

To talk about the building project and how we are going to move forward with that. Alright, conditional, of course on the sale of Burke Street, which we think it is going to go through. Alright any other comments?  
Commissioner's Comments.

**X. Personnel**  
**A. Non-Public Session**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PAPPAS THAT THE BOARD GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91A:32B – THE HIRING OF ANY PERSON AS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty,  
Commissioner Schoneman, Mayor James Donchess 4

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0**

Mayor Donchess

Alright, we are back into Public Session. Is there a motion regarding sealing the minutes?

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MORIARTY TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL NON-PUBLIC MEETING OF MAY 24, 2021 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD 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: Commissioner Teas., Commissioner Pappas,  
Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman,  
Mayor James Donchess 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0**

Mayor Donchess

Before we conclude the meeting and maybe I should have done this under Commissioner’s Comments, this is National Public Works week 2021. So I have a Proclamation which I will read to the Commission:

Whereas National Public Work’s Week is an annual educational campaign by the American Public Works Association, Public Works Departments across the Country use this week to promote the hard work of Public Works employees and the results of that work is seen in street paving, upkeep of Parks & Recreational spaces snowplowing, sidewalk repairs, trash pick-up and recycling and a lot more. And whereas this time is a chance to celebrate Nashua’s Public Works Division. The City of Nashua has 32 square miles of territory which includes 53 parks, more than 600 lane miles of streets and an average daily flow of 16 million gallons at the Waste Water Treatment Facility. Our dedicated, passionate, hardworking Public Works employees give it their all every day to provide Nashua’s citizens with services that they can depend upon. And whereas during this past year, through the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Nashua is more grateful than ever for its amazing Public Works team. Through this challenging time, not only did they continue to sustain and improve the health, safety and quality of life for all Nashuans, but also paved 26 miles of streets, offered safe, alternative, family friendly parks as well as recreation programs and kept the community informed. And whereas National Public Works Week is an opportunity to say “thank you” to Nashua’s invaluable Public Work Personnel and share our appreciation for them. Now, therefore I Jim Donchess, Mayor of the City of Nashua, New Hampshire and the Board of Public Works do hereby proclaim the week of May 16 to 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week and encourage all residents to honor the contributions that our Public Works employees make every day for the betterment of the City”.

So this is the proclamation right here which I will give to Director Fauteux when I see her again.

Director Fauteux

Thank you very much Mayor, that means a lot coming from you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well any other comments before we adjourn? (There were none.). If not Commissioner Moriarty?

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Moriarty to adjourn.

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

Yea: Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas,  
Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Schoneman,  
Mayor James Donchess 5

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 P.M.