

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Dan Healey recorded.

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

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 13 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Klee and Alderman Comeau were recorded absent.

Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton was also in attendance.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR - None

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR - None

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

***There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Board of Aldermen meeting of May 9, 2023 be accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.***

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Kenneth J. Lennox, Superintendent The Edgewood Cemetery  
Re: Request for Joint Convention – Nomination of Brian Morrissey

**There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file, and scheduled a Joint Convention with The Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees for Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber.**

From: Lisa M. Fauteux, Director of Public Works  
Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen – R-23-119 and R-23-124

***There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication and placed it on file.***

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS EVENING

Bobbie Bagley

Good evening. Bobbie Bagley, Director for the City of Nashua, Division of Public Health & Community Services, 18 Mulberry Street. I'm here this evening to speak to R-23-131 which is relative to the acceptance and appropriation of an additional \$600,000 from the State of NH Department of Health and Human Services into our Public Health and Community Services grant activity for FY2024. This is funding that the State is providing to us for one year that will allow for us to continue to do work that will address the impact of post-COVID impact on our community. I'm here this evening as you will hear this Resolution to request a suspension of the rules for passage this evening in order for this amendment to make it the Governor's and Council agenda next week. So I have to have this signed by tomorrow to get it to them. So this work will allow for us to bring on some additional temporary staff for a year four community health workers that will work with our Division that will also support some of our partners in the community in addressing some of the issues that have presented to them with regards to the impact of COVID on their staffing capacity. These community health workers will focus on work with the individuals that are unstably housed in our community and those who are impacted by substance use disorder. They will provide increased outreach efforts in the community in response to this. This \$600,000 will also be used to support a partner organization Nashua Youth Council and allowing for them to do some work that's focused on the youth in our community that have been suffering from increased mental health behavioral health issues as a result of isolation due to COVID.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

One minute.

Bobbie Bagley

We will also have the opportunity to further look at our response to COVID by working with an epidemiologist, and our staff, and our Public Health Advisory Council to look at how we can make sure our responses going forward will be efficient and effective. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you.

Beth Scaer

Beth Scaer 111 East Hobart Street. Hi. I'm speaking about the ordinance to designate the Public Health and Community Services Division Director as the Chief Public Health Official. I'm here to talk about the Public Health Department because of that ordinance. Bobbie Bagley and her Public Health Department have been erasing women for - I've been following her emails for two years. Starting in August 2021 she said her newsletter refers to "people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to get pregnant, otherwise known as women". In October 30, 2021, her newsletter referred to uptake of COVID-19 vaccination by pregnant people has been lower than that of non-pregnant people also known as women. Then in August 2022, her newsletter refers to this event is an opportunity to strengthen partnerships among hospital-based and community-based services as well as centrally the voices of birthing people in their health care. Birthing people are also known as women. Again in April 15, 2023, it refers to the perspectives and lived experiences of black mamas and birthing people also known as women. And also in the April 15, 2023 newsletter, there's this whole section pushing the idea that black women should have abortions first in reproductive and birth justice movements.

I don't think this is what we want our Public Health Department to be pushing.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

One minute.

Beth Scaer

I don't appreciate the dignity of women being harmed in this way. And that not once in any of these years of newsletters was there a reference to impregnating people also known as fathers and men. I really hope that if this ordinance passes and she moves up to be our Chief Public Health Officer that she can do better. Thank you.

Stephen Scaer

Stephen Scaer, 111 East Hobart Street, Nashua. I'm here to speak about designating the Public Health and Community Services Director as the Chief Public Health Official of the City. I've got a concern I brought here before and whatever happens, whatever decision you make it might be worth addressing. Right now we have a health equity statement that says inequities are created when systemic barriers disproportionately impact minority groups. Racial, ethnic, linguistic, and sexual minorities have historically been withheld from obtaining resources that need to be healthy which is a clear barrier to achieving health equity. I want everyone to get the health help they need. The real health equity what we need it to do is treat people as individuals not as categories. You could be a poor white man, unemployed, and struggling with addiction, and then you're an oppressed group, and you could be a black physician with four kids, a great home, and everything's going well, and you're in a press group. So rather looking at instead of looking at the differences between groups, I hope that the City can look to getting everyone what they need to live a healthy life.

I also am very fond of reality and I'd really like to recognize human females as their own category with their own biological needs. So thank you.

Laurie Ortolano

Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. Madam Chair could I speak at this input? I wasn't able to get here for 7:30.

President Wilshire

You can but you know you're supposed to sign up and be ready before.

Laurie Ortolano

Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. I was at a church service and I got here 5 minutes late. I just wanted to address the supplemental appropriation of the \$500,000 into the Risk Management account. I know that was addressed in a hearing and I came out and spoke to that and there was a breakdown given by Director Cummings regarding that matter which had to do with the IT issues involving the school. I'd like to, you know, I know what the accounting was given but I'm also aware of other appropriations in Risk Management that have to do with this. There was a contract to Charles River to do \$100,000 worth of work that happened in early May that I believe is relative to this software issue and this IT matter with the school hacker ransomware. It would be nice to have a total appropriation of how much money was moved into Risk Management beyond the \$500,000 because I don't feel like the \$5,000 was the full appropriation. I think we ought to understand how much money is being moved over there for that and I also think that at some point parents ought to be told what records were compromised just like a bank would do or a company. They have to report if your information has been compromised but parents still don't know what was taken on their students. I think it's reasonable for them to know that. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: John L. Griffin, CFO, Treasurer, Tax Collector  
Re: CERF – Nashua Fire Rescue FY2023 Purchases

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO APPROVE A CHANGE IN THE CERF LIST TO ALLOW THE REPLACEMENT OF A BOAT TRAILER, PURCHASE OF AN INFLATABLE RESCUE BOAT, AND A MOTOR FOR A THE AMOUNT OF \$32,031.71 AND DEFER THE PURCHASE OF THE 16-FOOT FLAT BOTTOM DIVE BOAT FOR THREE YEARS WITH A CURRENT CERF VALUE OF \$16,279 BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 13  
Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

From: Daniel R.C. Healey, City Clerk  
Re: Issuance of Warrant to Chief of Police for Unlicensed Dogs

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND COMMIT THE WARRANT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ISSUE THE CIVIL FORFEITURE BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 13  
Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following appointments by the Mayor were read into the record.

Ethics Review Committee

John Fisher (new appointment - alternate)  
21 Indiana Drive  
Nashua, NH 03060

Term to Expire: June 13, 2026

Greeley Park Advisory Committee

Stephanie P. Ballentine (new appointment)  
9 Bartlett Avenue  
Nashua, NH 03064

Term to Expire: June 13, 2026

President Wilshire

I did talk to the Mayor today about John Fisher. His appointment would be as an alternate because the Ethics Committee is already fully slated. So John Fisher would be an alternate.

***There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointments by the Mayor as read and referred them to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.***

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Joint Meeting – Planning and Economic Development Committee and  
Committee on Infrastructure ..... 4/18/2023

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 18, 2023 Joint meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and Committee on Infrastructure be accepted and placed on file.

Planning and Economic Development Committee ..... 04/27/2023

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 27, 2023 Planning and Economic Development Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee ..... 05/02/2023

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the May 2, 2023 Finance Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee ..... 05/10/2023, 05/11/2023, 05/18/2023

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the May 10, May 11, and May 18, 2023 Budget Review Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Pennichuck Water Special Committee ..... 05/17/2023

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the May 17, 2023 Pennichuck Water Special Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Alderman O'Brien

Madam Chair with objection. It may have been misread. Did you include the Joint Meeting of Planning and Economic Development Committee and Committee of Infrastructure of 4/18 as well as 4/27. Am I correct in looking at the docket?

President Wilshire

Did I not do that?

Alderman O'Brien

I don't recall. I'm sorry if you did but.

President Wilshire

I think I did but.

Alderman O'Brien

She did, okay. Even these things I can't hear that well.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

##### Conservation Commission

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the change from alternate to member of Richard Widhu, 23 Syracuse Road, Nashua, to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2025.***

Oath of Office administered at a later date.

##### Greeley Park Advisory Committee

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of Francis Murphy, 72 Berkeley Street, Nashua, to the Greeley Park Advisory Committee for a term to expire May 23, 2026.***

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

##### Hunt Memorial Building Board of Trustees

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointments of Rosalie M. McQuaid, 17 Reservoir Street, Nashua, with a term to expire December 31, 2026 and William J. Dubois, Jr., 3 Stratham Green, Nashua, with a term to expire January 31, 2028 to the Hunt Memorial Building Board of Trustees.***

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

##### Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of Matthew Roscoe, 17 Nova Road, Nashua, to the Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee for a term to expire May 9, 2026.***

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

##### Nashua Arts Commission

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Judith Carlson, 15 Manchester Street, Nashua, to the Nashua Arts Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2026.***

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

##### Zoning Board of Adjustment

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointments of Steve Lionel, 19 Cabot Drive, Nashua, with a term to expire September 30, 2025 and Jonathan ("Jack") M. Currier, 6 New Searles Road, Nashua, with a term to expire September 11, 2025 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.***

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

##### **R-23-116**

Endorsers: Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman Alex Comeau  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$25,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY", ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY" TO DEPARTMENT 109 "CIVIC & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 56 "OUTSIDE AGENCIES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELDERLY**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-116 BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-116 declared duly adopted.

**R-23-119**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Derek Thibeault

**CHANGING THE PURPOSE OF UP TO THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$354,658) OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS FROM THREE WASTEWATER PROJECTS TO THE SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-119 BY ROLL CALL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 49**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-119 declared duly adopted.

**R-23-120**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.

Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2023 UNLIKE ESCROW FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-120 BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-120 declared duly adopted.

**R-23-121**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Derek Thibeault

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$24,550 OF FY2023 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE INTO FUND #7026 "CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-121 BY ROLL CALL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 49**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Jette

So this is a result of an automobile accident that resulted in a totaling of a police cruiser and \$24,550 is the amount received from the insurance company. This resolution transfers it to the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund so the money will be there to purchase a new cruiser.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? 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 Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-121 declared duly adopted.

**R-23-122**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
- Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
- Alderman Alex Comeau
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman Derek Thibeault
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FEDERAL AID PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE TOWN OF HUDSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATING THE TAYLOR FALLS AND VETERANS BRIDGES AND A RELATED AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HUDSON AND TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$2,500,000 FOR THE PROJECT**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-122 BY ROLL CALL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 49**

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	13
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Nay:		0
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**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-122 declared duly adopted.

**R-23-124**

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Derek Thibeault

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FROM FY2023 ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO DEPARTMENT 128 "RISK MANAGEMENT", ACCOUNT 89650 "TRANSFER TO PROPERTY& CASUALTY SELF INSURANCE FUND"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-124 BY ROLL CALL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 49**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Jette

Thank you. I just want the public to know that all this Resolution does is transfer that money into the Risk Management account. This is not an authorization to spend that money yet. The Finance Committee would have to approve it so there are other steps that would have to be taken before the money is actually spent. This is just to make the money available and transferring it from the assigned fund balance into the Risk Management account. Thank you.



President Wilshire

Further discussion? 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 Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay:	0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-124 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-23-053**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

**DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR AS THE CHIEF  
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL OF THE CITY**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-23-053 BY ROLL CALL**ON THE QUESTIONAlderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to say contrary to an earlier speaker, I do not think Director Bagley is erasing women. I believe that we should change this to the Chief Public Health Official of the City. I think it's the right thing to do. I think she's been doing a great job, and she's deserved it, and earned it.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Madam President. I know we make references to TV shows all the time but that public comment about this particular and we feel like it was an episode of Always Sunny in Philadelphia. So I want to thank Frank and the gang for coming out and making their statements heard.

Director Bagley I've known her for quite some time. I thought her to be a very wise, reasonable person and she's led the Department of Public Health in a very extraordinary way and making sure that the public health needs of the City are addressed in a very great fashion. I don't think I have any complaints about what she's doing over there. We both work in the health sector. We partner on multiple things in the City in different roles and if the Mayor thinks that she should be the Chief of Public Health, I think we should approve it.

I want to make one statement. Just because you get someone pregnant doesn't make you a father and it certainly as hell doesn't make you a man. But you know, we can certainly debate that and what constitutes a man or whatever but there's more moms out there - single moms that are more manly than any fathers that bailed on their kids. So I just want to make that perfectly clear. Thanks.

President Wilshire

Further discussion? Alderwoman Kelly.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you, I just wanted to say that I'll be supporting this wholeheartedly. Bobbie Bagley is a treasure for this community and she's done a ton of great work. I'm really looking forward to having her in this role.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

I also want to voice my support for Director Bagley as two of my previous terms have been a liaison with the Board of Public Health and worked with Director Bagley. She's been involved in a number of community efforts as well. She's taking concrete steps that help people in our community that many others can make comments about, or express opinions about but she's putting her actions where her convictions are. So I think that speaks volumes for her a lot more than a couple of emails that you've managed to cherry pick over a couple of years. I don't think there's any kind of a campaign of injustice or anything like that. I think she's extremely fair-minded. She's highly educated. Her accomplishments do speak for themselves and so I will be supporting her as a candidate.

However, I also feel like it should be noted that this isn't a popularity contest. This is a necessary application point where we do have to designate a Chief Public Health Official for purposes of grant writing, and letting individual biases, or crusades get in the way of functionally serving the people of Nashua doesn't seem particularly well thought out. I think she does a great job. I think even tonight we're seeing the merits of her advocacy and her insightfulness when it comes to getting our City the resources we need to address today's urgent public health issues. So I think our priorities are well reflected by the needs of our City. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Timmons.

Alderwoman Timmons

Thank you, Madam President. I also agree with my colleagues. Director Bagley have done so much for the City and those who is out in the community would see that. As a person of color, I understand completely every single thing that she did and doing. As a person of color, I should be the one that says how I feel about a person that is black because I am. So I kind of resent some of the comments some people made about what she said. She was absolutely right and I totally support what she said. In the black community which I am in, I never hear a complaint about it. So I should be the one that would know. So I'd like to thank Director Bagley for every single thing that she does for our community and the City of Nashua.

President Wilshire

Anything else? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,  
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,  
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,  
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance O-23-053 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS**R-23-126**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE NASHUA MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

**R-23-127**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman John Sullivan  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

**APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF SIDEBAR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND THE FIVE NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIONS REGARDING A POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITING INCENTIVE**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

**R-23-128**

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Alex Comeau  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman John Sullivan

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD LOCATED AT MURRAY FIELD DONATED TO THE CITY BY THE KYLE BEDINGER MEMORIAL TRUST AND ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND RELATED TO THE SCOREBOARD, FUNDED BY APPROPRIATIONS**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, by President Wilshire

**R-23-129**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE SOUHEGAN VALLEY TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE, NASHUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVIER UNIVERSITY, TOWN OF HUDSON AND TOWN OF MERRIMACK FOR TRANSIT SERVICES**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

**R-23-130**

Endorsers: Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Derek Thibeault  
Alderman-at-Large Gloria Timmons  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RENAMING "LOS AMIGOS PARK" TO "REVEREND DOCTOR PERKINS LOS AMIGOS PARK"**

Given its first reading; Assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, by President Wilshire

**R-23-131**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Alderman June M. Caron  
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**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$600,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "FY 2024 COVID-19 ENHANCED DETECTION"**

Given its first reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ALLOW FOR A SECOND READING OF R-23-131 BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

Well as we heard from Director Bagley at the beginning of the meeting, this was largely circumstantial. There have been very inconsistent guidelines and expectations when it comes to the State funding or federal funding that's passed through the State. This is a situation we've seen a couple of times that the Human Affairs Committee. In ordinary circumstances, I had extended to Director Bagley that if ever we were up against a deadline that was imposed externally on us where the residents of Nashua might not get resources that could benefit our City, then we would convene the Human Affairs Committee. Unfortunately, Alderman Dowd took all the spots where we could have possibly done that. So because we're so deep in the Budget Committee season, we wouldn't be able to stack another meeting on in a timely enough manner and the deadline is very short.

I can say that this is very much needed funds. It's not often we have the resources to get community outreach is out there to address the needs of the homeless. Particularly when we're looking at disease and infection control, this is a very important issue. Anybody who's interested in learning more attend the Public Health Board meetings monthly. Our departments are out there making sure that we don't have outbreaks and spreads of any number of things. When you have a large population moving back and forth in and out of our City from other cities in very much underserved situations, it is a risk factor. So in addition, there's a lot of really good work being done by the Youth Council. I think my colleague Alderman Moran can attest that we've seen a huge surge in struggling youth, and youth acuity, and it's something we need to intervene in with every resource that we have. So I appreciate that Director Bagley brought this forward. I know

it's unusual that we have to bring it in under suspension but I think this merits a change in our normal routine to recognize the circumstances.

President Wilshire

It's not all that unusual Alderman Lopez when it's a grant, and it's time-sensitive, and it has to get before the Governor and Council for signature by a certain time. So would I have preferred it go to Committee? Yes but it didn't and I think its money that will be well spent. Further discussion? Motion is to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading. Will the Clerk call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R-23-131**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
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Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-23-131 is declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman O'Brien

Madam President? Early in the meeting, I took the liberty to sign Carolyn Walley's name to it. Oh, she is here. Welcome.

Carolyn Walley

Thank you Board of Aldermen.

President Wilshire

We need your name and address for the record please.

Carolyn Walley

Okay. My name is Carolyn Walley. I'm the Executive Director of Great American Downtown. My home address 108 Depot Road in Hollis, NH. I came before you guys tonight to discuss some of the big things that we have going on. We recently had our Taste of Downtown. It was the 27th Annual Taste of Downtown. It happened on Wednesday, June 7, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. We had about over 650 people came to the event. We had 34 businesses take part - 8 of which were first taste participants. A lot of them were new businesses downtown. If you don't know about this event, it's a signature Nashua event. Like I said it was the 27th year and we set up restaurants inside downtown shops where they serve food samples to the flow of attendees for the night. So it gets a two in one experience for the attendees. We had three live bands playing outdoors - two on Main Street and one on West Pearl Street. The goal of the event is to create customer acquisition opportunities for downtown businesses by highlighting their products and services. We definitely achieved that goal with 98% of our respondents saying that they will patron one or more stores that they discovered on the night of this event. Many people said that they went into stores that they would have never gone into before. There's a lot of new Nashua area residents that I met with that night and they all said it was a great event to introduce them to downtown. This is an event that's unique to Nashua. It's the second biggest revenue generator for our non-profit Great American Downtown. The first being Holiday Stroll. Our goal or...

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

One minute.

Carolyn Walley

...projected revenue for this event was \$20,000. We surpassed that with \$24,000 and that money gets put right back into our non-profit and all of the events and programs that we run.

The second thing I just wanted to update you guys on is the Nashua Farmers Market which we do manage. We're going into the fourth week of the season. It happens on every Sunday through October 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Nashua Public Library parking lot. We welcome a variety of vendors for the mutual benefit of local producers, consumers, and the community. We have about 15 to 20 vendors every week. There's live music and performances every week.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Thirty seconds.

Carolyn Walley

We also have a free kids craft table with a different craft every week. We have a downtown business raffle featuring a different downtown business every week. Just follow us on Facebook, Downtown Nashua, and also on Instagram at the Nashua Farmers Market. Thank you all for your time, appreciate it.

Sean Rogers

Sean Rogers, 26 Coburn Avenue. I find it strange that even though COVID-19 was a national emergency and community emergency it never, I feel like brought us together and maybe that's because of how we handled it and how we never had an open and honest discussion. Instead, the small voices were throttled and we were subjected to masks, and to mandates, and to muzzles, and to involuntary vaccines for everyone regardless of relative risk peddled by the powerful, and the partisan, and the politicians, and their pharmaceuticals pushing compliance like a drug. Shamefully, the well-meaning were weaponized against those with doubts. But perhaps if we had had an open discussion, things could have been different. We could have turned to biology and learned the survival strategy of slime molds of all things, and learned

how their survival strategy mirrors our own, and realize that 100% compliance was never possible, and it was only counterproductive even in emergent circumstances.

Perhaps we could have turned to statistics and learn that group decisions free of polemics and partisanship are almost always the best decision since they are free from coercion and draw upon the wisdom of the crowd from the left and the right, from the lowest to the highest, from the most humble to the most erudite. Perhaps we could have turned an eye towards history and learned of similar situations to guide us such as the plagues of ancient Rome where the pagans who actually practiced self-isolation still died at far higher rates than the Roman Christians who refused to be separated from their mothers, and brothers, and lovers. I think that there's a lesson to be learned, and how we behaved, and how power was never seated but only abused to restrict, and to remonstrate, to exacerbate, and to aggravate rather than moderate and ameliorate. Even now after all has been said and done, our country cannot heal because even forgiveness cannot mend without the suture of contrition.

So looking back and looking forward, we must learn not only the lessons of mutual compassion and understanding but also of freedom.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Time.

Sean Rogers

Because to be free is to allow others to be free and allow them as they will to act or to refrain from action. So I believe that we the people, the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor, and all governments everywhere should and would do well to heed the true meaning of John Starks inspired words of Live Free or Die. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you.

Laurie Ortolano

Once again, I was late and I'm requesting an opportunity to speak.

President Wilshire

Okay.

Laurie Ortolano

Thank you. I'll start my clock. Laurie Orlando, 41 Berkeley Street. I have a handout here I just wanted to give the Board. I'll just put one here and one on this side. I wanted to address - you know, I know you're all aware of the different Right-to-Know actions I've had going with the City and my concerns about open records. I think we haven't moved in the direction that I've hoped we'd move in the last three years.

One of the recent lawsuits I had had to do with New Market Tax Credits and records involving New Market Tax Credits. I put in a Right-to-Know to Director Cummings' office to get information on whether we were pursuing New Market Tax Credits for future work. I didn't get the response I felt was right so I filed the lawsuit. The paper I gave you happens to be a contract that we just undertook in December, January, and February with Neil Cannon. Neil Cannon was the specialist hired to assist us with the New Market Tax Credit in 2018 through the very beginning of 2021 when we signed our contracts. He was considered the tax credit specialists New Market Tax Credit sole proprietor specialist and he did the work. Unknown to me, we hired him. Director Cummings hired him in December, January, and February without the use of a PO, a requisition, or going through the proper purchasing channels to make such a purchase. We paid him \$5,000 a month at a fixed rate with no definition. If you look at page one, you can see the invoice for February 1<sup>st</sup> which had to do with the December billing period for \$5,000. Page two is the check paid to him. There is no definition of what he did for \$5,000. If you look at page three, it's the approval of a non-PO invoice which according to the procedures of the 65-page purchasing manual, a non-PO cannot be used for a service like this.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

One minute.

Laurie Ortolano

It's not considered proper. Then if you look at pages four and five, you'll see the invoices he gave us when he did the work in 2018 for \$5,000 and the attached invoice with all the detail of what he did hours and time. I feel it was unlawful and illegal for a contract to be given to Neil Cannon without the public having any knowledge of that contract and knowing what was going on.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Thirty seconds.

Laurie Ortolano

And you know who do you take it to? This language in here says it's unethical, it's unlawful. Who do you take it to? Director Cummings controls the HR Department. Director Cummings controls Purchasing, although this manual says Purchasing is under Finance. It isn't any more. You know its wrong and the citizens, I can't track what was done. I don't know what we paid the man \$15,000 for and I haven't been able to get those records yet.

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Time.

Laurie Ortolano

This is an ethics violation. It's an unlawful issue and it should be addressed by the Board. Thank you.

#### REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. I would just like to take a moment to congratulate particularly our graduates from Nashua High North, and Nashua High South, as well as all other graduates from Nashua. I wish them luck in their future endeavors whether it be college or joining the blue-collar work fan like I did. But I would like to wish them all the best.

Second to all the fathers of the universe, we don't get the credit. We never took the job to get credit but there was no proud moment in my life as the day that my wife made me a father and I enjoy all my children. So I say to my fellow fathers enjoy your special day and I wish you all the best. Thank you.

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Madam President. First and foremost, I'd like to wish my daughter Summer a happy eighth birthday. Today is her birthday. She just got back from Disney World. I didn't get to go. I was stuck working but I picked her up today to from camp to bring her to get a cake and she said oh we're going to have presents. I said absolutely not your present was Disney World. She said I get presents on my birthday. I said well imagine Disney World was wrapped in a bow because that's your present. So very happy birthday to her. She of course with Father's Day coming up, she is the girl that made me a dad, and a father, and I appreciate her coming into my life. Just like Alderman O'Brien said, I appreciate my wife for making me a father. Without her it definitely wouldn't be possible.

Second, last Board of Aldermen meeting I knew I forgot to mention something. I want to thank Nashua Community College the registered nurse program. I was the keynote speaker for the graduation for their opening ceremony. It was a wonderful graduation to be present for and to speak at. I'm a healthcare worker and many of you know that and working with nurses is integral to the work that I do and I've done throughout my career. We have a great group of nurses coming out of Community College up here in Nashua and just in general community college is great. That's where I started my college career and just keep on going. I know a lot of those nurses will end up being nurse practitioners soon enough.

I have a few things. Oh yes, congratulations to all the graduates of North and South. Hard work definitely paid off for you. Sorry that some of your family could not hear the ceremony over at North the other day. I was saddened to hear that today when speaking with some colleagues.

It is pride month. I just want to wish everyone who celebrates a happy pride month. Over to my left,



I think needs recognition Aldermen/Representative O'Brien for helping vote down Senate Bill 272 up at the State House in a very bipartisan way. Republicans and Democrats joined together to strike that Bill down which was it was named something else but really it was "don't say gay bill" similar to the one down in Florida. Recognition needs to be given to Alderman O'Brien for helping make sure that LGBTQ kids are protected no matter what and I appreciate that.

I won't go too much into comments that we heard earlier other than there'll be here every June probably forever. Everyone has the right to exist. Everyone has the right to privacy. I think it's actually an amendment in the Constitution. People can identify and be whoever they want to be and there's no regulating free thought and expression of self. For those who sit silently when you hear derogatory statements like that, in any context, you're just as complicit as anyone else. If you can't state it publicly or acknowledge it, you're just as complicit and I hope people have the strength to stand up to it every day whether the way you vote like Alderman O'Brien or any other expression of support for all people. Thank you.

#### President Wilshire

I skipped over Alderman Sullivan. Sorry about that Alderman Sullivan. You're up.

#### Alderman Sullivan

Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to congratulate Bobbie Bagley on her promotion to Chief Health Officer for the City of Nashua. That's fantastic promotion and well-deserved. I look forward to taking up similar legislation for the promotion of Administrative Services Director Tim Cummings to Chief Operating Officer as well so I look forward to that discussion.

I wanted to congratulate all of the graduates here in Nashua - both Nashua North last night, and Nashua South tonight, and then also Bishop Guertin last weekend. I look forward to all of it to the greater Nashua area.

Also finally I wanted to congratulate our own Alderman Tyler Gouveia who got hitched over the weekend. Congratulations to Alderman Gouveia. To many happy years ahead, congratulations.

#### Alderman Lopez

I'd also like to congratulate Alderman Gouveia.

I would also like to congratulate the graduates of Nashua High North and South and particularly their parents because the last couple of years have not been easy trying to navigate the education system keeping your teenagers on track. That's something everybody can be proud of.

I wanted to address the legislation that was given its first reading tonight to rename Los Amigos Park to its not exactly worded exactly as I intended but honestly, it's kind of a mouthful. So the total wording that I've been working with the families on is Pastor Reverend Doctor Bertha A. Perkins Los Amigos Park. So it seems like a mouthful but there's a lot of reasons behind it. One of them is because Los Amigos Park is known for that area and it's important to the Hispanic community. So we don't want to replace anything but Reverend Perkins was very much an advocate for celebrating diversity and including people. She's very important to that street. She was the founder of New Fellowship Baptist Church. I'm sure Alderman Timmons can speak more in detail. She was very respected in the community and the anniversary of her passing is coming up. So I thought it was important to recognize her in the neighborhood that remembers her and that appreciated her most while keeping in mind the great impact she had in our City. She was very much a part of the Ethnic Awareness Committee which ultimately turned to the Cultural Connections Committee, the conversation on race and justice. Many, many moments where our City needed a spiritual guide, she stepped forward for. She attended the Longest Day Vigil on at least one occasion. I appreciated her support because it can be controversial saying you know we want to remember people who died from an overdose, and struggled with SUD, and there's definitely a movement in the City that they just want to look past that and they assume that people who are defined by their last moments shouldn't be remembered the same way and that's not true. There's many, many people who care deeply and passionately about that and I appreciated her support when we were first trying to launch that.

So at the block party - the Tree Streets Block Party this Sunday, we are celebrating Juneteenth at Los Amigos Park and we are celebrating fathers but we're also going to be recognizing Reverend Perkins. I just wanted to clarify to the public, particularly the New Fellowship Community, that there's a couple of different ways we're trying to do this. One is there are renovations that are due to be completed at the Los Amigos Park that have been, I think, three years in the running now because of various other projects or issues that are happening in the City. So when those are done, we're working out how to do a commemoration plaque which will have information about her, have biographical information, a lot more than just the title of a park but that won't be ready until probably the end of the summer/fall when those renovations take place.

We also do want to recognize her by amending the name of the park. But as this Board knows, we can't do things instantly. We have to go through the process of referring it to the Infrastructure Committee, having the discussions, following due process. So that won't be done by her anniversary either. The third thing that we're trying to do is Mayor Donchess' office is doing a proclamation to recognize her which is, again, long overdue. So that will be ready by the Tree Streets Block Party and we will have speakers there, including her daughter to talk about her life and there will be members of the community there as well to talk about the different impacts that she had. So I invite everybody to come to that. The Juneteenth is a major part of the Tree Streets Block Party that we're excited about but we additionally will be having a non-profit resource fair. We'll be having games for kids over at Nashua PAL. We're going to have a spoken word exhibition performance, some hip-hop performers too organized by Flow Free or Die. Anybody who's been to these events knows that the community turns out. Ash Street loves it and the tree streets are something to be celebrated. We did think twice about whether or not we wanted to have this on Father's Day because we knew throughout the City a lot of fathers would be traveling but there's a lot of fathers in the tree streets too and they deserve to have a place they can take their family to. So it was important to pull this off. So I invite anybody who's interested or doesn't have plans to try to make their way down to Ash Street. It will be closed between Central Street and West Hollis from 1:00 to 5:00 and it should be really good time.

The Longest Day Vigil I mentioned earlier is when we remember those we've lost to substance use disorder. We stand in solidarity to them and we commit ourselves to policies to helping our residents and those families that struggle with it. That is going to be next Wednesday here at City Hall at 6:00. So you're all invited to attend that as well. That's it for me. I appreciate all of your time and attention.

#### Alderman Jette

Thank you. I'd like to make note of some recent deaths of notable individuals. The first is Jack Atkinson. Jack's father Arthur Atkinson started Bronze Craft which still is very important company in Nashua. Jack lived in Nashua for a long time and he followed his father as President of Bronze Craft until he retired. He eventually moved to Hudson when he remarried and where he lived in Hudson was on property that was owned by my grandfather who had a farm on Webster Street in Hudson. That's where my father grew up and Jack ended up living on that property. He had invited my father to return and kind of revisit where he had grown up. Jack did a lot for the community. He was a well-known and outstanding member of the Nashua Rotary Club and the First Church. At his funeral, the Minister told the people attending that Jack regularly asked the Minister whether there was anyone that the Minister knew who needed help because Jack wanted to help them and he did. So that was a great legacy that he left and my condolences to his family.

The second is a resident of Ward 5 - George Pitarys who was born and lived in Nashua all his life. On West Hollis Street, there's one street named after the Pitarys family. They owned a lot of land on West Hollis Street and George and his family owned the Pitarys Farm where we used to get our vegetables during the summer. We're gonna miss that. My condolences to his wife Fotene and his children.

The third person I'd like to mention who is very much alive and that is Dean Shalhoup who recently had a celebration at the Library on this past Sunday celebrating his long career at the Nashua Telegraph. We all mourn the demise of the Telegraph as does Dean but Dean is now contributing to the New Hampshire Union Leader. So congratulations to Dean on a successful career. Thank you.

#### Alderman Clemons

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to briefly wish everyone a happy pride month. Unfortunately, I will be away on vacation so I won't be able to participate in the parade but I wish everybody a great time and a very happy pride month. Thank you.

#### Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you very much. I wanted to congratulate Miss Walley on a lovely Taste of Downtown. I was there with my family and I hobbled around in downtown and had a really great evening. So I wanted to say thank you for that and looking forward to going to the farmers market.

My second piece, I'm hoping everyone will indulge me. I know I'm unusually short and sweet but this is something I'm really passionate about. So it's been brought up that it is pride month. Earlier reality was brought up so I want to talk about that. I want to talk about what the reality is for our LGBTQ community. When I was a child the reality is that if you were heteronormative, you might be afraid to talk about who you loved. You may have stayed in the closet. There were targets of bullying and violence because of who they loved. I want to say we're doing better we're trying but the reality is these individuals in our cities still feel unsafe every day. When people come out to support banning books like gender

queer, or to force disclosure of pronouns, or use their public comments to further their hateful agendas, these individuals feel attacked, unsafe, and othered in their own City. So the reality is next Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, our Pride Festival is more needed now than ever. I'll be there with my family. I'm going to have plenty of sparkles, and rainbows, and that's not because I love a party, I do but because I want every citizen of this City to know that they are accepted and loved exactly as they are. That's the Nashua I know and love and if that's your Nashua, I hope to see you there.

#### Alderman Dowd

Just a few quick things. I was at Dean's party as well on Sunday and had several conversations with him over the years. I knew his father Mike who was also a reporter with The Telegraph years ago. Probably more years ago than some of you were born but long time ago. That was a nice event.

The other thing I'd like to wish Alderman Gouveia the best in his marriage. I've worked with his mother and his grandmother for years at BAE Systems and know them well. I'm sure that they're very happy that now that he has settled down.

The other thing is I congratulate Bobbie Bagley on her new position. Bobbie I've worked with over many years and it's always been in the betterment of the City of Nashua.

I want to congratulate the graduates of both Nashua High South, Nashua High North, and wish them well in their endeavors as they move forward into their new careers or college agendas. I think that they will do well because I know they've had an excellent education here in Nashua.

Also, I hear all these conversations about the LBGTQ community. I can tell you because I have grandkids in the school system. The kids handle this a hell of a lot better than most adults. They understand it. They know, they realize, and they have open conversations but yet we seem to have adults that want to tell them what they should be saying rather than what they actually know from experiencing things. So I just wished that we wouldn't be trying to force our schools to do things that aren't broken. That's all I have.

#### Alderman Gouveia

Thank you, Madam President. I'll start off by congratulating the North and South graduates and a Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there, including mine who there is no way I could have gotten through the past probably week without him. I got married on Friday night a small church wedding and on Saturday, we had a larger gathering and ceremony and it was it was really special to be surrounded by a bunch of family and friends for that. It was nice because I got to marry my best friend and that is something that was a long time coming. We were dating for about five years and then we were able to do this. I proposed about a year and a half ago and it all led up to this. It was just a really great weekend to be with our family and friends. She's one of the hardest working City Hall employees here in the HR Department. So for all the other City Hall officials watching here, I am gouveiat. She is gouveiae. If you send stuff to her that's supposed to come to me, it will be really weird but if you send Board of Aldermen stuff to her, it will still get to me. So I thank you all for the positive comments and it's a pleasure to serve with everybody. Thank you.

#### Alderman Caron

Thank you. I want to wish Alderman Gouveia a wonderful long life. My husband and I just celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary and it's wonderful when you marry your best friend. So I wish you the best.

The other thing is I want to thank everyone for approving the \$25,000 for the Senior Center. As you know, the building does belong to the City but the Senior Center with this money has been able to upgrade lights, and carpeting, and doing the floors, and now being able to professionally steam clean their kitchen at least twice a year which is really, really great. So thank you so much for that.

I also want to let you know about the passing of former Mayor Donald Davidson's wife, Chip Davidson, who passed away last week who had been very, very ill. She was the one behind the Mayor. So she pushed him along. So my condolences to all of her sisters.

The other thing is also congratulations to Nashua High and Nashua South and North. I also attended my granddaughter's graduation in Weare, NH. I sat there and did not know they were shooting off cannons. So that could be a little scary when you run in the fields. So at least you're not having that over there at Stellos Stadium. Thank you.

#### Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. Just a couple of things. One thing that was mentioned during the going around the chamber is that we were going to have legislation to make Director Cummings a COO. I'm pretty sure that was already - no legislation is needed for that unless things have changed. So I think he's currently the COO.

The next thing is to I think it's Alderman Jette's, I saw Dean Shalhoup and Tom King actually at the Black Heritage Trail. I tried to corner them to see if they could just make a Nashua newspaper together and just, you know, not retire or not stay with the newspapers that they're going to be with but that that did not happen.

So it is pride month and with pride month comes a lot of nonsense that we would expect which we shouldn't expect. I got an email I think it was this week or last week from someone that called the Pride Parade, and you guys got the email, "a pride prance" whatever that may mean but I take it as a negative connotation of pride with some other things in there, including a post of what is a woman and what is not. I think it's abhorrent that someone would even do that. Some people think that's funny. Now to me I mean can call me whatever you want to call me. I don't really care. Obviously I know who I am. I'm not part of the community but I 100% support it - 100%. So I don't care what people call me but when you start using transphobic and homophobic words, it's just a whole downer on something that really should be supported and celebrated who people are and let them be who they want to be. I don't see why that's such a problem. Everybody wants to tell everybody what they should be and what they shouldn't be. Let them be who they want to be however you want to be. I will be there at the Pride Parade barring any unforeseen circumstances. I'll be there at the festival afterwards in the library parking lot. I was there last year. I was in the front of the parade and wholeheartedly supporting it and all their rights. That's what we should do as people. It doesn't matter if it's a race thing, or if it's a gender thing, I think we should be supporting everyone. Everybody's a human being. It's not that difficult in this world where kids get it better than we do. It's just horrible. It's a horrible thing. So let's celebrate that in two weeks or a week and a half whatever it is now and you know let Nashua come together to celebrate the event.

Also lastly, I want to congratulate the Nashua South and Nashua North kids, especially Nashua South. I didn't have a child there this year but my son's girlfriend Ella did graduate tonight. So congratulations to her and both schools. I have purple on tonight for that. I know some of you in North but Purple Panthers. So thank you.

#### Alderwoman Timmons

Thank you, Madam President. I'm going to try to make this quick. I don't think so because now I'm on the floor. So anyway, I want to thank my colleague Tom Lopez for mentioning Dr. Bertha Amada Perkins renaming the park. But let me tell you a little bit about her. Reverend Perkins was a member of the American Baptist Church and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. And she was also active member of the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire where she was the first female pastor to serve in the convention and held the position of President of the Women's Auxiliary. Later served on the Executive Board as the first Vice President. Pastor Perkins, she was my pastor by the way, was active in several organizational activities. One - she was very proud to have worked with the Southern New Hampshire Outreach for Black Unity which we call "OBU" and collaborative work with other organizations and individuals in the State to make Martin Luther King Civil Rights Day an official holiday in the State of New Hampshire. So it's fitting to have that. That's number one thing I have to say.

As well as the Tree Street Parade is in collaboration with June 13. June 13, Juneteenth, is Monday, June 19, 2023 is the oldest known celebration making the end of slavery in the United States in case people don't know. First recognized by the State of Texas. It is also known as "Freedom Day". Juneteenth Independence Day or MS (inaudible), so that's one of the things I want to say.

Also, I want to say happy pride day. I will be there. I don't know a family that do not have someone in that particular group. I know I have several. You know it's no big thing to me, so I'll be there on that day.

I want to congratulate my grandson who graduated from North. Every year for the last 20 years I had somebody graduating because I have a bunch of grandkids. So congratulation for the Nashua High School North and South tonight.

Mostly I want to congratulate Director Bagley because it's well deserved, well deserved. A little late coming but well deserved. She's very instrumental in the community and I can't say enough about her. I know what she does in the community and it is well deserved.

So we talked about yesterday was Woman's Veterans Day, right? I am a woman veteran. I don't know if you know we celebrate that but we do celebrate that and mostly Happy Father's Day. I think that's it. I was trying to rush through it.

#### President Wilshire

I too would like to thank the ...

Alderman Lopez

I didn't mean to interrupt, sorry.

President Wilshire

But you did Tom. I would like to appreciate the students that graduated last night and tonight from North and South. My granddaughter was one of them. I was at the Nashua North graduation last night. It's emotional. You know when you see these kids grow up and now they're going off to college. It's just pretty nice. Schools do a good job. My granddaughter graduated 12th in her class. I mean if you put into your kids' education what you want them to get, they're gonna get it. Our schools are good. Our schools are very good.

Happy Pride Month.

What else do I have? Dean Shalhoup. Dean Shalhoup will be missed. I'm sure we'll still see him. I run into him at a bar every now and then not that I go to bars often but I do once in a while run into Dean. He'll be missed. He's a great guy, really great guy.

And also congratulations to Alderman Gouveia and his bride. I hope you have a long happy marriage.

Alderman Kelly

Thank you. I just wanted to give some logistics for the Pride Parade because we won't be in the chamber again before. So, the Pride Parade is from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on the 24th. Two o'clock is when we push off from Elm Street so if anyone of you want to join us, we'll be assembling between 1:00 and 1:30. Any of you as Board of Aldermen if you've signed up to be in the parade, you can also be there to assemble from 1:00 to 1:30. The festival will go from about 2:30. It takes about half an hour til 6:00 pm in the parking lot of the library.

Alderman Timmons

One last thing, thank you. Let's talk about health. A conversation around health and wellness to create the healthiest greater Nashua community. The Community Health Assessment Conversation is an hour and a half session. You get free dinner and goodie bags for those who attend. It is Thursday, June the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Boys and Girls Club from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and Thursday the following week, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Nashua Public Library from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. So hopefully you've been able to make it

Alderman Lopez

Sorry. So I was very much into my block party thing and I wanted to make sure everybody knew also that this Thursday on PBS Nashua is going to be front and center and highlighted. Our history is going to be gone over thoroughly and I would urge anybody to tune into it. It is this Thursday, June 15 at 7:30 on PBS. They're featuring Nashua in their "Our Hometown" segment. Some of us got to see a preview of it and it's great so I would highly encourage people to check out "Our Hometown" on PBS this Thursday at 7:30.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Timmons

Thank you, Madam President. Tomorrow is the Health Committee meeting here at 12:30 in the auditorium. So those who want to know all about the health and all that falls under Director Bobbie Bagley should join that meeting tomorrow - 12:30 in the auditorium.

Alderman Dowd

I'm going to take up a few more days. We have a public hearing on the FY2024 budget on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Nashua High School North at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. We have a wrap up session for the Budget Committee on the FY2024 budget at 7:00 pm June 21<sup>st</sup> in the aldermanic chamber at 7:00. Our next regular Budget Committee meeting is at 7:00 pm June 26<sup>th</sup> in the aldermanic chamber. The final action on the FY2024 budget, it will be at the next Board of Aldermen meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> hopefully at 7:00 pm right here in the aldermanic chamber.

Alderman Kelly

I will remind us that 27th meeting but we are going to hold our Personnel on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

President Wilshire

Okay. Anyone else on the Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Madam President. Tomorrow night at 7:00pm PEDC will be meeting and we'll have a Public Hearing on O-23-055 which is amending the overlay for the rezoning of land up on Amherst Street. Months and months of planning for this and I hope anyone who has public input can come out, and discuss it, and ask questions, and then hopefully we'll have a good conversation at the Committee level. See you there.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JUNE 13, 2023, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Moran, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	12
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Nay:	Alderman Lopez	1
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**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk