

Board of Public Works Meeting of June 24, 2021

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 208 at City Hall, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Mayor Donchess

Well let's call the Meeting of the Board of Public Works to order. First of all welcome back to City Hall. We haven't been together in an in-person meeting for the Board of Public, I was thinking February of 2020 was probably the last time. Anyway, so great, we are back meeting in 208 because the City Clerk is upstairs waiting for her renovations to be finished. But by next we should be back upstairs. Alright, so the first item is the Roll Call. Diane, could you please call the roll or if Lisa is going to do it?

I. Roll Call

Commissioner G. Frank Teas, Vice Chair

I am present, I am attending telephonically and I am alone in my house at present. Thank you.

Commissioner Tracy Pappas

Here.

Commissioner Kevin Moriarty

Here.

Commissioner Shannon Schoneman

Here.

Mayor Donchess

Here.

Also Present:

Ms. Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works
Mr. David Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent
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 Budget Workshop of April 21, 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

IV. Motion by Commissioner Schoneman: To approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works Meeting of May 24, 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

V. Public Comment

Mayor Donchess

Now we have public comment. I think we have, may possibly have someone on Zoom but we do have someone live who would like to at least tell us I know about Ash Street, the Ash Street Tot Lot. So why don't you just come sit right here. Introduce yourself, give us your name and your address or your organization.

Jennifer Benoit

So my name is Jennifer Benoit. I live in the Tree Street neighborhood. I also work at Nashua PAL. I have been involved with Nashua PAL since 2010, employed since 2012 and we frequent

the Los Amigos Park where right now there is no electricity or lighting and I think that we need to get electricity back there for the lights to be on so our community can be safer, come together and we as a PAL can start to attend that park.

Mayor Donchess

When did the lighting go out?

Ms. Benoit

I believe it has been out since last year. We operated our Summer Program in the park because of the pandemic so we were only there a couple hours. But since last year our neighbors, our parents are complaining that there's a lot of stuff going on that might not otherwise be happening at that park if there was lights.

Mayor Donchess

Well we would be glad to look into that and try to come up with a solution. First we've got to determine the cause I think there's some suspicion.

Commissioner Moriarty

Mayor I think this is going to move to moratorium.

Director Fauteux

Yeah it's on the agenda.

Mayor Donchess

Alright good, I get it now. So we are taking up an item that would relate to this then little a bit later in the evening. But we appreciate your thought.

Ms. Benoit

Of course. And I had one more thing to address. I don't know where it is in the budget or if it's under the (inaudible) plan but we would definitely love to see more security if you will on the night path. Because I am a bicycle rider, and (inaudible) here. It would just be more safer, it's a public thoroughway, that's how we get to and from where we need to be, where we want to be and how we enjoy our community and we would like to feel safer out there.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well thank you very much for letting us know. Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

I have some questions that can come more from the Director because I did the issue about the crime in here and I was curious when I saw that two week and related to security cameras in the park that you know I was going to ask if we had security cameras in that park. And if we don't have the answer today, then what might be interesting is to see which parks would have security cameras in, just something we might want to take a look at.

Director Fauteux

Sure, we do not at Los Amigos, we don't have security cameras at any parks. There are security cameras at Greeley Park, there are security cameras at the Holocaust and Skate Park. That's the extent of where we have our security cameras. But that's we could add some in other areas. It is more for the office than it is for the park, correct.

Ms. Benoit

Are there any working cameras at all along the trail, from right there to Not just our neighborhood it could be Ash Street because that's where the PAL is located but even beyond.

Mayor Donchess

I think the answer is no. But we are looking into the cost, Alderman Lopez (inaudible). So we are looking for the cost. Now I understand the issue regarding the lighting of Ash Street will come in the context – on Page 2, you've got the Agenda.

Ms. Benoit

Yes I do.

Mayor Donchess

Page 2 Item number F – the hardship request to excavate on Ash Street. That will relate directly to the ability to light the park.

Ms. Benoit

OK thank you so much.

Mayor Donchess

Alright any other members of the public want to make public comment that are here?

Ms. Benoit

I don't want to speak for you but I think I addressed both issues.

Mayor Donchess

Anybody on the remote on the line or on Zoom who would like to address the Board? Any public comment. If so just speak up. I don't see anyone or hear anyone.

VI. Wastewater Department

A. Motion by Commissioner Teas: To approve the FY22 purchase of polymer from Polydyne of Riceboro, GA in the amount of \$450,000. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Ok we have heard the motion. Now is Mr. Boucher on the screen?

David Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent

Yes I am Mr. Mayor. Thank you. Dave Boucher, Wastewater Superintendent. This motion is for the purchase of polymer which is used in two of our processes to aid in the separate of sludge from water. We have different companies that come in and do bench testing and see which polymer works the best for us. Polydyne is our current supplier of polymer, it is a product that works very well at the Wastewater Facility; we'd like to continue using them. This cost is our annual estimated cost for the polymer.

Mayor Donchess

Discussion or question? (There were none). If not, 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
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0

B. Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To approve the purchase of the chemical Sodium Hypochlorite in the amount of \$150,000 from Borden & Remington of Fall

River, MA. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Boucher?

Mr. Boucher

Sodium Hypochlorite is used at the Wastewater facility in a couple of different processes. It is used as a disinfection product to disinfect our clean water before it goes into the river. It is also used in our odor control systems. We purchased this product through Northeast Merrimack Valley Chemical Consortium who does all the bidding. Borden and Remington came in as the low bidder, they are our current supplies, we'd like to continue using them. And again this is the estimated cost for this fiscal year, well fiscal year '22.

Mayor Donchess

Any questions or comments from anyone? (There were none.). 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

C. Motion by Commissioner Pappas: To approve the purchase of the chemical Sodium Bisulfite in the amount of \$60,000 from PVS Chemical Solutions. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Account Classification: 61 Supplies & Materials.

Discussion:

Mr. Boucher

Thank you Mayor. Sodium Bisulfite is used at the Wastewater Plant to remove the sodium hypochlorite before it goes to the river. We are not allowed to discharge chemicals into the river. So this is a product that we also purchased through the chemical consortium so it went out to bid. Although the low bidder is our current supplier, but this past year we have had a difficult time with them getting deliveries, getting the amount we requested so we went with the second highest bidder, PVS which is a company that we used in fiscal year '20. They were a good company to us, it is a penny higher per wet pound. So we'd like to go with them. It is important that we have this product when we need it. We can't run out. So this cost is the estimated cost for fiscal year '22.

Mayor Donchess

Any discussion? (There was 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

VII. Engineering Department

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

Discussion

Mayor Donchess

I don't think we need a report from the City Engineer. Any questions or discussion? (There was none). 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

B. Motion by Commissioner Teas: To approve the award of the construction contract for the 2021 Pavement Preservation Program to Sealcoating, Inc. of Braintree, MA in an amount of \$238,371. Funding through Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Bond; Activity: Paving.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Thank you Mr. Mayor. So this a proposed contract for crack sealing, fog sealing. You know, by the nature of pavement cracks in the roadways are inevitable. So what this program is it seals those cracks on the pavement surface to avoid water intrusion which is more detrimental to the pavement wear as we go. So this is a maintenance effort to preserve the life of the pavement. Under this program this year, we have typically done crack sealing but we are looking to add fog sealing as a pilot effort. We are actually amidst fog seals applied over the whole surface of the roadway and that rejuvenates the surface of the roadway and seals it. So that's something that we are adding to this toolbox per se for pavement preservation and treatments. Under this program we are expected to seal approximately 23.6 miles of roadway this and fog seal 1.6 miles. I've attached to the agenda a map of where that work is proposed to occur as well as a list of streets.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

I've always been a fan because I don't think we used to do crack sealing and I think anything to make our roads last longer is great. But can you just explain the difference between the two programs, the two types of (inaudible).

Mr. Hudson

Under this preservation program?

Commissioner Pappas

Yeah.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah so the crack sealing you just have a narrow crack and they band over it with sealant so a rubberized seal. The fog seal will be applied by a truck with a sprayer in the back and that basically coats the whole surface, it kind of wets the surface down per se but it is with a material that then seals and rejuvenates the surface. Pavement is like lots of things, the sun breaks it down and what you have is after an initial number of years, the surface ages and begins to crack and kind of loses its plasticity. This treatment rejuvenates that and gains us additional time. So it's something we haven't used here much but we want to try it. It has been used successfully in other communities. We have viewed its use in Manchester and other places so it is something I would like to try this year to see how it performs versus just going with crack sealing.

Commissioner Pappas

So they are done hand in hand?

Mr. Hudson

Yes.

Commissioner Pappas

OK. Alright, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

I have a question. What is the cost difference between crack sealing and fog sealing?

Mr. Hudson

That's a good question. I don't have specific numbers but the fog sealing does cost more because you are covering the whole surface of the roadway. So there is additional cost but if we see that

in lifespan then it is going to protect your benefit we believe the cost is (inaudible). Both treatments are well below any normal like type costs so this is a preservation method we do to buy additional years over cost. So that's the approach and I'd be happy to share specific costs once we have that, at this time I just don't have it.

Commissioner Schoneman

(inaudible) maybe once we see the communities that are already doing this, what their results are, (inaudible).

Mr. Hudson

Yeah I mean they have expressed to us that (audio interference) to the supplier and they believe it is beneficial as well. So it's one of these things we have a pilot on, a couple loads, you know see how it fares and probably continue to do it on select roads once we have confirmed for ourselves that it has a good application and it works well.

Mayor Donchess

Anyone else?

Unknown

I have a question, me being in a wheelchair, it is very detrimental to have the roads like that, because if I end up with a width about that much, my chair is broke. And I am on SSI, I can't afford to go out and buy a brand new wheelchair. It's detrimental that you guys do that. I don't care which way you go with this but as long as all of the cracks are done. So I am not worrying about how I am going to get somewhere.

Mayor Donchess

Now, Ma'am technically, we took public comment and so now we are just with the Board. But certainly we are sympathetic with your comments and want to do whatever we can make transportation easier. Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Sure, just to that point, I don't know if you were talking about like during the process of paving (inaudible) in that period of time. But I did want to point out as part of the paving program this year, we are making a big effort to reconstruct the ramps, the sidewalks, that is something that

will enable us to make improvements as we go through a neighborhood, we are trying to do a more complete job with making those transitions more accessible for folks. So it is a new area of focus for us. We hope that public finds that, you know, appreciates that hopefully.

Commissioner Moriarty

Commissioner Moriarty, just a comment about paving, when the City comes in, I think the City or when we cut out a section of the road to repair and there's a ledge around the whole thing, well I crunched my ankle on that this fall walking my dog at night. I didn't see that it was cut and I just caught it and I broke my ankle. I don't know why don't we have cones up on those cutouts.

Mayor Donchess

Was that – where did this happen?

Commissioner Moriarty

That happened right on my street, Raymond. (overlapping conversation)

Mr. Hudson

Yeah I don't know the specific situation but you were stepping from (inaudible) traveling in the street, what was the situation and where was it?

Commissioner Moriarty

Well I was walking down the street but ...

Mr. Hudson

It sounds like there was a patch.

? Question who is / are speaking

Yeah a patch about this size of this table or so right, two tables, it was that big but near the edge of the road or something I mean not in the middle of the road.

Just in the curb out?

Mr. Hudson

Yeah, I mean they do the pavement in different layers and so like I assume that was waiting for the top coat but I can see how...

Commissioner Moriarty

Yes there was about a 2 inch and it wasn't, you know, I don't know, there was no cones or markers. That should be standard.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah see I'm not sure if that was us or the utility, but at any rate yeah that's something that we can have the inspectors impress upon more clearly. Clearly we don't want anybody to have that situation. Yeah so that's something we can focus on to try make sure we have warnings for those situations.

Inaudible

Discussion of where it happened?

Director Fauteux

We have been asked by the TV folks to speak up a little bit because they can't hear us.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, well any other questions or discussions? 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

C. Motion by Moriarty: To approve the purchase of an overhead 360-degree vehicle detection camera system from Electric Light Company for the Daniel Webster Highway/Silver Drive signalized intersection in the amount of \$22,180. Funding will

be through: Department 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Trust; Account Classification: 71 Equipment.

Discussion:

Mr. Hudson

So this is, you've heard about this before, these are the 360 degree security cameras, this is the (inaudible) detection camera methodology that we use nowadays, much preferable than to loops which get the (inaudible) utility work and what not. And some of the older camera detections systems we have are failing so ... in this case this one is proposed for Daniel Webster Highway / Silver Drive intersection. This came about as a part of a redevelopment happened in Webster Square where the developer was asked to make contributions towards the DW Highway corridor fund for this purpose. So what we are seeking is approval to expend those corridor on this purchase.

Mayor Donchess

Anybody? (There were none). Would 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 Pappas: To consider a hardship request from Property Possible, Inc. to excavate in East Hollis Street, which has 4.4 years remaining in the 5 year moratorium, to install water and sewer service connections.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Now I believe the owner of the property has requested to address us on this but he may be on remote but first Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Sure, I'll briefly introduce it. This is a redevelopment in Henry Hangar Building, 88 unit residential development recently approved by the Planning Board in May. In order to make the improvements they need to cut into East Hollis Street in 2 locations; one for water service and

one for sewer service. So with that, I believe Michael Malynowski may be on the line, the engineer for Allen & Major. I don't know if that's who you wanted to speak to this.

Mayor Donchess

Is there anybody on for possible property?

Michael Malynowski, Senior Project Manager – Allen & Major Associates, Inc.

Yes, Mike Lafavre I believe is on the phone as well, this is Michael Malynowski from Allen & Major Associates.

Mayor Donchess

OK.

Micheal Lafavre

Yeah I am on the phone, Michael Lafavre here.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, go ahead.

Mr. Malynowski

This is Michael from Allen & Major, Mr. Hudson sort of outlined our project for us, we had recently received approval for the conversion of the Henry Hangar building to 88 residential units and as part of that we are in need of a fire suppression line, water service and an upgraded sewer service which we have shown on the plans in your packet as part of the moratorium we have provisions on the contract drawings that were approved by the Planning Board to mill and overlay a section of East Hollis Street, 20 feet either side of our trench which is customary for this work under a moratorium situation in both of those locations. And those were the plans that were approved by the Planning Board and reviewed by Mr. Hudson and his staff. I believe I also Mike Lafavre from Possible Properties on the line as well who would like to speak just about the project as well.

Mr. Lafavre, Property Possible

So Michael Lafavre here, 243 Stonebridge Drive in Nashua owner of Property Possible so we had purchased this building on April 16th of 2021. Unbeknownst to all of us everybody that we actually had spoken with, we all thought that the paving was supposed to happen this year but apparently it had happened last year. A lot of traffic on that road so for us we really couldn't tell the difference. So yeah we had just this property, this is detrimental to us being able to accommodate 88 units there. The existing water line and sewer line would not be enough capacity for the intended use that we have on the building. So that's our ultimate plan, we

obviously plan on improving the building. We have got about \$10 million dollars going in there to the entire renovation. We believe in the project, we think it is going to add great value to the City and offer much needed housing units that the City desperately needs.

Mayor Donchess

OK, alright. Well thank you for your comments. Do you have anyone else that wants to address the issue. If not I'll turn ... Yes?

Commissioner Teas

I'd like to ask the builder when they anticipate having these units in line. I just want to get a better understanding of the timing of the cut in the pavement?

Mr. Malynowski

So our projected completion date will be July of 2022. As for us actually cutting in, that would be something we'd be trying to get done prior to you know usually the asphalt cutoff date of November 15th or sometimes they'll push it a little bit further. But we would be trying to get it done prior to the shutdown date of 2021 as we will be requiring those main connections with interior renovations throughout the winter.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Teas, do you have anything else?

Commission Teas

No, thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Moriarty?

Commissioner Moriarty

Yeah I am just wondering, are the 88 units are they all market rate units or is there affordable housing units?

Mr. Malynowski

Those were approved by the Board as a market rate units.

Mayor Donchess

And what are the size of these?

Mr. Malynowski

So we have 45 two-bedroom units and we have 43 one-bedroom units. All of the units are only coming with one bathroom; approximate square footage is right around from 500 square feet all the way up to about 900 to 1,000 square feet.

Mayor Donchess

Any other comments?

Commissioner Pappas

I would just say 4.4 years is the amount time in moratorium for a heavy traffic area and given we had to bond for this and this is not an emergency I am not going to support this.

Mayor Donchess

Any other ... anybody else, any comments / questions? (There were none). Alright would you please 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 5 – 0

E. Motion by Commissioner Schoneman: To consider a hardship request from Roscommon Investments, LLC to excavate in West Glenwood Street, which has one year remaining in the 5 year moratorium, to install a water hydrant.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Thank you Mr. Mayor, so this is another application that was approved by the Planning Board in May a site development. This is for a vehicle storage lot associated with the Tulley Automotive Group. In order to satisfy a request by the Nashua Fire Department they need to install a new fire

hydrant and that requires extending a wire main from the end of West Glenwood Street. So the impact here is to just the end of West Glenwood Street but that street is in moratorium.

Mayor Donchess

OK comments, questions? Commissioner Pappas?

Commissioner Pappas

So I am normally not one who likes to approve these unless a couple of things first off, this is made it through 4 years of paving so I think the more recently the street was paved the more likely it is to hurt pavement. So given it only has one year left and given that they want to put in a fire hydrant, I will be supporting this.

Mayor Donchess

Is there anyone else on the line that would like to address this?

Paul Chisolm, Vice President of Engineering – Keach-Nordstrom Associates Inc.

Yes, good evening everybody. My name is Paul Chisolm I am a professional engineer with Keach-Nordstrom Associates. We are the engineers and surveyors on record for the project.

Mayor Donchess

I am sorry I didn't call on you before, I didn't realize we had

Mr. Chisholm

No worries at all. So basically as Dan mentioned we are really just looking to impact a short area at the end of West Glenwood Street. During the permitting process the Fire Department required a hydrant at that entrance. So really the only reasonable place to bring in water is from West Glenwood Street. We looked at reusing a service that was already there but it is a residential service and obviously much smaller than what is needed for a hydrant. So it really is a need to service the hydrant properly to do that. What is good about it is it is at the end of West Glenwood, so most of that road will remain intact. And really as you're driving up it, once this is all built, you will see a change in pavement from what was done 4 years ago to what is going to be done this year, but it is going to be on smooth transition. It is not going to look like a patch or anything like that. It is just going to look like kind of an extension of the road if you will. So it is pretty little impact I believe relative to the you know, obviously the fire safety and life safety positives that it brings. So I will leave it at that but I can answer any questions you might have.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you very much, so does anybody have any questions or comments for Mr. Chisholm or Mr. Hudson or any comments? Commissioner Schoneman?

Commissioner Schoneman

I agree with Commissioner Pappas that this one of those cases where it doesn't look like it is going to do an awful lot of damage and it is not a high traffic area. So I would agree that is probably a good thing to approve.

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

F. Motion by Commissioner Teas: To consider a hardship request to excavate in Ash Street, which has 3.4 years remaining in the 5 year moratorium, to replace an electrical conduit to Los Amigos Park.

Discussion:

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Thank you Mr. Mayor. So this was brought up in the public comment period that there is currently no electric service in Los Amigos Park due to a broken conduit which carries electrical from one side of the street to the other. This was broken as part of a sewer project that was undertaken. From my understanding, at the time when they broke the conduit they thought they repaired it but apparently there was wires damaged inside as well and they are not able to pull those wires out and put in new wires to replace them. So something I missed somewhere in terms of insuring it was properly repaired, so we need to now go back and do that. And so what we are asking for is permission to dig across the street, replace this line so we can replace that electrical line and then restore the street in accordance with the ordinances that the moratorium requirements now.

Director Fauteux

Just to clarify, we did not do this work?

Mr. Hudson

I don't know the details exactly. I believe it may have been a City contractor doing sewer work.

Director Fauteux

Was it Pennichuck?

Mr. Hudson

I don't think this one was Pennichuck because there was both water and sewer work on that street that's to best our best recollection. Collected recollection is that it was a sewer contracted (inaudible). And again there was attempts made to repair it at the time and for whatever reason, I think maybe somebody saw a conduit was repaired and maybe they didn't check the electric but it is unfortunate to have to come back and repair it but clearly we need to restore electric service to the park. So we are asking permission to do this.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

Is there any way we can get some money back, can we charge some fees, number one to have to do the work and number two you know for shortening life of the road? I hope there was some attempt made to get money back from the contractor.

Mr. Hudson

So the challenging part of this one is that at the time, the contractor who was asked to make the repair made the repair and then Parks & Rec apparently reviewed the repair and said it was satisfactory and then now we find out it wasn't. So like the time to address that with that contractor would have been at that time. So it feels like we released them from their responsibility because kind of accepted the work that was done unfortunately. So now I believe the thing to do is make the repair and the City can make this repair and restore to it good condition.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

Well I would hope that if we ever use that contractor in the future, that we might use this argument because that's just, you know, that's not right and you know I mean you might see who figures out whether this stuff gets fixed in the future. Because it is the taxpayers that get stuck

holding the bag. And I am not happing about digging into a road that has 3.4 years remaining on that moratorium but we don't have a choice because obviously we need the electricity in the park but I think we ought to take a look because, "OH well what this just happened" I think it is going to be a lot on the City, it's not fair but I think it's not fair to deny it, because obviously the residents need to have electricity in there. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Anybody else? (There were none). Alright, let's 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

Mayor Donchess

Motion passes, so that clears the way to restore the electric power to Los Amigos Park. Alright, there's a block party Saturday at 2:00.

Overlapping conversation

G. Informational: Street Opening Permits issued for Streets in Moratorium

Mayor Donchess

Alright Item G. Informational Item. Not too controversial, so any questions or comments on that one? (There were none). Alright we will go on to Item H which was an issue that Commissioner Pappas had asked about. So why don't we ask Mr. Hudson to report on that please?

H. Informational: No Right Turn on Red Review - Canal St to Main St

Mr. Hudson

Sure Mr. Mayor. I would be happy to. So as was noted at the last meeting we were asked to review the condition on Main Street with traffic backups and the question posed was – should we be restricting all right turns on red from Canal to Main Street – as it was envisioned that maybe that is contributing to the backup. So Senior Traffic Engineer Wayne Husband went out and reviewed this situation and collected some observations and then I did as well. I went out and

observed the situation as well. And he and I both concluded that the right turns on red are really not the primary contributing factor in this situation. What it is is just the volume of traffic that northbound in the single lane at that intersection, we have reduced lanes so we have outdoor dining which is important for the businesses but that is somewhat limiting the traffic flow through there.

We did observe right turns on red, we did observe a high number in really the period hours there. They didn't fill up the whole lane such that the queue couldn't go it is just that the turns coming off of Park and Water Street and Main Street northbound filled up the available space between two intersections such, in fact, (inaudible) and continue to back up Main Street. When I drove through it took me about six minutes to get from Tosatadoes on Main Street through the top of Library Hill. So there is definitely delays occurring there but if we were to restrict that right turn on red it may have minimal benefit to Main Street northbound but I think the side effect you would see is you would have much longer queues on Canal Street and you would be unnecessarily delaying those people intending to turn right.

So we wouldn't recommend that. What we are going to do is look to see if there's any timing adjustments in terms of splitting the green time between Main Street and the side streets. Perhaps we should favor Main Street more to try to encourage more time for traffic to get through. In that scenario the less time would be given to Canal Street which would further emphasize the need for continued right turns because they would get less green time. So letting them turn right on red would be important. So those are our findings, it's not an official traffic study by a consultant or anything like that. But that's what we were able to do in terms of assessing it and at least giving you our initial findings of the situation. And as I said we will look to see if we can make adjustments to the timing to make things work a little bit better out there.

Mayor Donchess

Do you know what the link of the entire cycle of that light is?

Mr. Hudson

Not off hand. I know that's another thing we are going to look at. Usually if you shorten a cycle link, say you turn it over quicker, the two lights are shorter but you do get less overall capacity because of the red times and the yellow times. You know the longer the cycle length obviously people are building there. The problem with that intersection really is northbound, I've said the volume of traffic it is not even so much that, it's just we only have so much distance now in one lane for traffic to queue up whereas normally they'd be side by side in two lanes queued up. So you know, in the two lanes you create twice the traffic waiting at the signal between the

intersections as you can under the current conditions. So those are our observations and we will continue to kind of improve things.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

So if we had people drive Main Street or (inaudible)

Mr. Hudson

Yes.

Commissioner Pappas

I will say the issue is people taking a right hand turn and they want to go take the left to go onto Amherst Street and they block two lanes. I mean maybe you didn't observe it when you were there but that's what I have observed. And I will say I wish Alderman O'Brien was here because I just feel like we just plunk these things down and I know the Board of Aldermen – but people think it is Public Works but we just plunk these things down and say “let the chips fall as they may” but people are really getting irritated. I watched the Infrastructure Committee meeting and I think Alderman O'Brien thinks if people just block the intersection which they do because they get frustrated and they said, “well have the Police educate people”, the Police should educate, we have no right turns on red until 7:00 p.m. most every side street and that's not enforced. So it is not necessarily that people are going out on lights I think that people do want to support the downtown businesses, I think they do want to support the downtown restaurants and I think they are willing to do it this one more year because of COVID. But if they are talking about doing this 3 years down the road and just letting the chips fall where they may I don't think that's any planning, I don't think that is municipal planning and people are getting frustrated and there's more businesses down there than just restaurants. And as I said, I think people want to support the restaurants, they had a rough year last year and even though they are now open at 100% capacity I think that people understand that they really do need to make up for some lost revenues. But I think you are going to see some real pushback if we just do the same thing next year and say well people need to be patient. Because otherwise, I think that other businesses downtown are going to go belly up. It would be like taking a UPS truck that's full of all kinds of packages and then trying to take that same number of packages and sticking them to a Ford Focus and then figuring out why we can't get deliveries done. And so we may have a whole new Board coming up, I mean we don't what is happening so I certainly hope that decisions aren't

made until January because I do think the people support the downtown restaurants and they are willing to put up with this for another year. I think that beyond that a lot of people have had enough. That's my feeling. And I think we do need to hear people. I don't have a problem with it because I just avoid it, it's not bad coming down I just avoid it totally I take the Broad Street Parkway. But if you want more traffic downtown it kind of defeats the whole purpose. So I just think we really to rethink this for next year. I think people are happy to put up with it again this year because they do support the downtown businesses. But anyway that's what I am hearing, I just wanted to pass that along. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Alright so does anybody have any thoughts or questions on the right turn issue on Main Street? So Mr. Hudson, you are going to look at the timing to see if it might be advisable to give some more time to Main Street?

Mr. Hudson

Correct.

Mayor Donchess

Alright if you might get back to us on that, that would be helpful. Anyone else on this? Let's go then to Administration. We have the Director's Report.

VIII. Administration Department

A. Informational: Director's Report

Director Fauteux

The first slide we said goodbye to Mike Harris last week which was really tough. It is always a challenge when you have somebody in senior staff that leaves because we work so closely together. Mike made a huge impact from the Main Street sidewalk Project, he oversaw that to the Skate Park to snow operations and just a great guy, never complained. Just was always there, incredibly dependable, great sense of humor, always willing to chip in and so whatever needed to be done. So he also, I will share with you, sent me an email, couldn't tell me in person but sent me an email after which reduced me to tears and that's tough to do. So he's going to be greatly missed and we wish him well in his new job in Merrimack. So he's been here with us for 26 years.

Next we have a sewer main on Norwood Street and Coliseum Ave. that was repaired to address a historic backup caused by a stagnant pipe. This was done as Department City Sewer Rehabilitation Program. This is sort of interesting, this was a Main Street Road Restoration

following gas installation by Liberty Utilities and we found an old concrete road bed below the asphalt pavement so it was near Kinsley Street, it was kind of interesting to find. And this part of our 2021 paving program on the left is Blackfoot Drive being reclaimed by our contractor and also testing done by SW Cole on the right on Broadcrest Lane. On the next side, again by our contractor we had milling on Independence Drive and binder paving on Milan Street. I am sure you noticed there's a lot of paving going on; Durham Street on the left was reclaimed by Sunshine Paving and Daytona Street was paved on June 10th; Durham Street on May 24th, Daytona on June 10th.

This is what Engineer Hudson had referred to earlier, we are focusing on ADA ramps. There's a couple of ramps here that are being reconstructed East Dunstable Road at Judith and Almont at Blanchard. We have all of our spring flowers planted, you can see how the flowers have grown in just a short period of time from one picture to the next, Park & Rec has done a nice job. We finally have all of the fountains installed, there was some delay in getting them installed. We had some issues with the pumps that they needed to be repaired and we had to send them out for repair but they are now, well for existing fountains are in (inaudible) a new fountain on the east side of the bridge directly behind Peddler's Daughter.

The Street Department has done some renovations at the tennis courts at Shady Lane, we have converted that to our ever growing sport of pickle ball here in Nashua. We are just now waiting for fencing and then we will pave the courts. So hopefully that will happen soon. The traffic crews repaired a crossing signal damaged by motorists on Prospect Street. Another repair done to a traffic light that was damaged by a motorist on Harbor Ave. The crews repaired some guard rail that was damaged by a vehicle on Spit Brook Road. We have helped Economic Development and Great American Downtown install some wayfinding signs. These are on Concord Street on the left and on Broad Street on the right. Our street crews performed an emergency dig at 64 Dublin Ave. to repair a broken and plugged sewer service. It's been very busy.

Street crews prepped and paved a section of sidewalk joining two other sections of sidewalk on the eastbound side of Amherst Street and the area of Blackstone Drive. Our mechanics installed a flatbed on a new 5500 truck for the Street Department and also replaced some broken spring packs on truck 46 which is part of the rear suspension. Again, just to highlight some of the work that the mechanics are doing. On the left is a weld repair on a standard mower and on the right is a deck rebuild on a leaf vac. Our gas collection work is near completion, the work included the installation of 8 vertical wells and also a liner drain along the entire wall to help eliminate odors and emissions.

Commissioner Pappas

Did we get the final paperwork from the new parking

Director Fauteux

The permit? No we are working on it. It's an incredibly intensive process.

Mayor Donchess

Phase IV right?

Director Fauteux

Phase IV, we are working on it.

Commissioner Pappas

Any time sense?

Director Fauteux

No, I don't know.

Commissioner Pappas

6 months? A year? You don't know?

Director Fauteux

I am hoping within 6 months or a year we have it, yes. It is incredibly – there's a lot to it, a lot of different aspects. But yes hopefully within 6 months or a year. We have meeting a lot with DES on it answering their questions. Solid Waste just wants to remind everybody how to place their toters. The wheels should be against the curb or the shoulder of the road. The arrows should be pointing towards the road and they should be at least 3 feet apart, so it should be at least 3 feet apart and 10 feet away from fixed objects like telephone poles and so on and so forth. And curbside collections for the 4th will be the normal schedule, there will not be any delays. So we will be on the observed day we will be collecting trash so there will be no ...

Overlapping conversation

Director Fauteux

Monday the 5th is the observed day. We have been following that on observed days we pick trash and we have been following that now for quite a few years.

Overlapping conversation

Commissioner Pappas

I don't know if it is worth putting some of our signs up.

Director Fauteux

I mean that's a good idea, we could put in on the message boards, yeah that is a good idea. We will do that because people will just automatically (inaudible). Yeah we will do that. That's it, any questions?

Mayor Donchess

Questions / comments for the Director?

Director Fauteux

Yes I am sorry, may I add one more thing, thank you Diane for reminding me of that. The landfill will be closed though. So we will have collections but the landfill will be closed on Monday the 5th.

Mayor Donchess

On the Monday the 5th. OK. Alright, we now have Commissioner's Comments. Any Commissioners have comments? Commissioner Teas?

IX. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Teas

I apologize I normally wouldn't ask this in this venue, but I just was wondering if selfishly as I traverse Northeastern Boulevard many times a day if we might have an update on the status of the finalization of that paving and so forth.

Mr. Hudson

Yeah I unfortunately don't have any specific date or anything, I know that that is underway and should be completed soon is my understanding, but yeah, I don't have a specific date.

Commissioner Teas

Thank you Mr. Hudson.

Mayor Donchess

Let me just address our guests, we have taken care of your item and if you want to stay there is going to be a non-public; if you want to stay you are very welcome but if you are staying just to be polite because you think, you know, you can definitely take off. There's no need for you to stay.

Jennifer Benoit

We've got your backs, we didn't know what your formality was and you're right, we didn't want to be rude.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah will it occurred to me that you were still here because you are afraid that we would be offended; we will not be offended.

Overlapping discussion

Mayor Donchess

We are not offended if you wanted to go home.

Jennifer Benoit

We are going to go, thank you so very much. Have a good night everyone and thank you for inviting us.

Diane Thibodeau

Could I just get your last name again for the record, could you spell that for me?

B-e-n-o-i-t.

Overlapping conversation

Mayor Donchess

Alright thanks for coming. Now onto personnel. Commissioner Moriarty?

Commissioner Moriarty

I'm sorry I had a Commissioner's Comment.

Mayor Donchess

Oh sorry, please go ahead.

Commissioner Moriarty

Just to inform my fellow commissioners, as you know I sit on the pension board and a matter came before our meeting that we should be aware of. I don't think it has been resolved, as you know, we signed off on the AFSCME Contract and that involved 3 year retro pay and there was an error in the payroll system in the City and so the percent of the money that was supposed to go into the retirement fund for the employees did not, it went to the AFSCME employees. And I guess they have been asked to return that and they feel that it is a City problem, the City made the error and they are not doing it. So I wanted you to know that and am I correct in that?

Director Fauteux

I left you a message?

Commissioner Moriarty

Oh you did?

Director Fauteux

They have. So the money has not been returned yet but they have, and this just happened, the Administrative Services Director called me yesterday. The AFSCME leadership has agreed that the membership needs to return the money.

Commissioner Moriarty

OH wonderful.

Director Fauteux

So they are supposed to be – they are going to pay it over a period of time. But they will be hopefully returning the money. They have agreed.

Commissioner Pappas

Thank you so much I appreciate that.

Commissioner Moriarty

It's the right thing to do to return the money because obviously they owe the employees, the retirement department.

Mayor Donchess

Alright, any other Commissioner's comments? Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

I would just like to briefly address the issue that we talked about before. We were really talking about the right turn on red but we were also talking the related issue of the jersey barriers downtown. And I completely get what Commissioner Pappas is saying that people want to support those businesses. They realize they have a hard time, we want to be on their side, etc. But yes, people are getting tired of it. There are plenty of people I know, myself included, that just won't go downtown anymore because it is a mess. It doesn't look nice, it's not nice parking down there and I just don't feel super motivated to go down there and support those businesses

because of the traffic, because of the jersey barriers. We are at 100% capacity, are they really necessary? That's my thought. I know that we will probably extend it out to November just as usual, but my personal feeling is they are not great. It would be better, I think to get rid of them.

And the other thing, I debated whether to comment on this or not; it may seem trivial but there's sidewalk replacement being done on my street by the Streets Department. I have an almost 5-year old son who repeats everything he hears, everything. And the language, I can't let him go out by our house, the language of the workers working on the street on that sidewalk has been horrifying. And I don't want to have to explain to my son what that word means and why he's not allowed to say it. Anyway I know it seems trivial, I know you are not their mother.

Overlapping conversation

Director Fauteux

Nobody has ever mentioned that to me.

Commissioner Schoneman

They are professionals and we pay a lot of money for them to be doing this job.

Director Fauteux

That is not acceptable. What street was this?

Commissioner Schoneman

Webster Street.

Mayor Donchess

Yeah I saw the sidewalk, I didn't hear the language but yes.

Director Fauteux

Thank you for letting me know I will definitely talk to them about that. That's not acceptable.

Commissioner Schoneman

He's super interested in all the diggers and everything like that, but oh no, cover your ears, we are not going out there.

Mayor Donchess

One of my grandson's is about your son's age and he's totally into those machines and all those projects.

Director Fauteux

Well he probably thinks that those men are cool right, because of the work they are doing so he probably would like mimic them too. So yeah that's not OK.

Commissioner Schoneman

I'm glad the sidewalks are being done, we need them badly.

Director Fauteux

Thank you for letting me know, I'll address that.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Teas?

Commissioner Teas

Thank you. I am pro-business, we were an economic first responder as a bank in providing PPE funds and certainly witnesses first hand some of the businesses that saw their doors almost close overnight because of the pandemic. So I am a big fan of supporting businesses and the restaurants in particular. But I kind of echo what Commissioners Pappas and Schoneman said earlier. In terms of, you know, I think we need to have a solid plan. I personally enjoy outdoor dining but I think in many instances some of the restaurants, we gave them an inch and they took 25 yards and they have double the capacity outside than they actually do in their building. So I just want to ensure that we do have some mindful discussion of a plan so we can both have enjoyable outdoor dining and have passable streets by both pedestrians and vehicles. Thank you.

Mayor Donchess

Any other Commissioner's comments? (There were none). Alright, let's then go to Personnel, Item A.

X. Personnel

A. Motion by Commissioner Moriarty: To accept the retirement of Ed Jackson, Mechanic 1, effective July 16, 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

B. Motion by Commissioner Pappas: To accept the retirement of Mike Harris, Division Operations Manager, effective June 18, 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

C. Non-Public Session

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TEAS THAT THE BOARD GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91:A3, 2 SUBSECTION B, THE HIRING OF ANY PERSON AS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

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

So we will go now go into non-public session. I don't know who is doing – it looks like Jeff is doing the TV.

Jeff Poehnert

Hello. This is to confirm we are off.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TEAS TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL NON-PUBLIC MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2021 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD VOTES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD NO LONGER BE SERVED

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

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TEAS 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

The meeting of the Board of Public Works is adjourned at 6:42pm.