

## **Board of Public Works Meeting Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020**

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via a Zoom conference call.

Mayor Donchess stated as Chair of the Board of Public Works, due to the state of emergency declared by Governor Sununu as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Sununu's emergency order #12, pursuant to executive order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting as authorized, pursuant to the Governor's emergency order. However, in accordance with the emergency order, I am confirming that we are providing public access to the meeting via telephone with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom through the city's IT Department for this electronic meeting. To access Zoom, please refer to the agenda or the city's website or by phone by dialing 1-929-436-2866. The meeting ID number is 92879018524. The password is 841341. The public may also view this meeting on Comcast channel 16. All members of the Board of Public Works have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during the meeting. Secondly, providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting; we previously gave notice to the public for accessing the meeting for public posting. Instructions have also been provided on the City of Nashua's website at [www.nashuanh.gov](http://www.nashuanh.gov) and have also been publicly noticed at City Hall and the Department of Public Works at 9 Riverside Street. Thirdly, we have also provided a mechanism for the public body to alert us if there are problems with access. If anyone has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or channel or 16, please call 603-821-2049. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the phone number mentioned, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes taken shall be done by a roll call vote.

We will start the meeting by taking a roll call of attendance. When each member states their presence and why they are not physically present for the meeting, they will also state whether there is anyone in the room with them during this meeting. This information is required under the Right-to-Know law. The public can also submit comments by e-mail which will be accepted and placed on file within this meeting. Please e-mail your comments to [bpwcommissioners@nashuanh.gov](mailto:bpwcommissioners@nashuanh.gov).

Mayor Donchess, Chair, declared the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and called the roll.

### Members Present:

- Mayor James Donchess, Chair

I am attending remotely due to the emergency order and the social distancing and I am alone in the room.

- Commissioner G. Frank Teas, Vice Chair

I am attending remotely due to the emergency order and the social distancing and I am alone in my office.

- Commissioner Tracy Pappas

I am attending remotely due to the emergency order and the social distancing and I am alone in my room at my house.

- Commissioner Kevin S. Moriarty

I am attending remotely due to the emergency order and the social distancing and I am alone in my office.

- Commissioner Shannon Schoneman

I am attending remotely due to the emergency order and the social distancing and I am alone in a room in my house.

### Mayor Donchess

I wanted to point out that the city has changed the technology from WebEx to Zoom which enables us to take public comment as we were not able to do that before so we put the Public Comment section back on the agenda. We will use the same rules as the Board of Aldermen which is a five-minute limit for anyone from the public who wishes to speak.

### Also Present:

Ms. Lisa Fauteux, Director, Division of Public Works

Ms. Bobbi Bagley, Director, Division of Public Health and Community Services

Mr. Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Mr. David Boucher, Superintendent of Wastewater

Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Aldermanic Liaison

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Commission Pappas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

### **➤ June 30, 2020**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 30, 2020, as presented.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Donchess

Is there any member of the public that through Zoom or by telephone who wishes to address the Board?

Ms. Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street

I just want to make you aware of something on this call because I am using my phone as I usually do. When I did the Alderman call it mutes you automatically and tells you to press \*6 when you want to speak, when you are going to be recognized. So, I didn't even really know that I could be...that I was being heard. I rustled some dog food and some papers and you probably heard that. I just wanted to let you know that it is different and it's a little confusing. I didn't have to press \*6 to get access to community input here.

I wanted to address the new administrative facility that is being constructed. I've been following that and I am concerned that there isn't really any public information available on what's happening with that project. Commissioner Moriarty asked two or two and a half months ago for an update and I didn't see anything given on that. I feel as though when we bond a large project and the community gives us money that there isn't much public information that's available to see how that money is being spent and I think it's too closed off. When I was on the School Board 25 years ago and we bonded \$10 million for a facility we have a committee, it was public, we took notes, and we were very upfront about what we were doing, how the design was going, and we took input. Now, I'm not suggesting that you have to do that but, I don't even know if there are minutes available for the meetings you had. I spoke with the Commissioner and I was told that they don't even know when the meetings are being held and I am surprised that every Commissioner isn't aware of when the building committee or the construction committee is meeting on this. It makes me feel like the building itself, the construction, the planning, or the design and architect work that is being done by a few inside people in public works who are just creating the facility they

want. I just feel like we should know about it and we have the right to know. I don't even know what happened to Burke Street, if it sold, if we have the \$10 million or we only have the \$6 million. I am going to put in a very detailed Right-to-Know request next week to get as much information as I can on the facility and not just the administrative facility but the facility needs for public works in general. I would like to request that there be more public information on these bonds and not just in the Division of Public Works but anywhere in the city when the public entrusts its government to take large sums of money and do projects with it.

#### Mayor Donchess

Is there anyone else from the public who would like to address the Board? There was none.

#### **Public Health Update**

#### Mayor Donchess

I invited the Public Health Director, Bobbi Bagley, to talk about the issue of the pools because that was an issue that was discussed at some length at our last meeting. A couple of the Commissioners said that they thought the pools should open and questioned the decisions to keep the pools closed for the summer. Of course, we all want kids to have a place to exercise, have a place to get cool, and the pools are a good place for kids to go during the summertime. But we understand this virus better than we did a few months ago. We know that it spreads via personal contact and we want to keep our community safe by following the science and relying on the medical experts in order to contain its spread. We know what works, social distancing, and wearing masks. That's why here in New Hampshire and elsewhere in New England, despite having hit a peak some months ago, the number of cases has declined very significantly. The number of positive tests has also declined very significantly and the city, the state, and some of our adjoining states have done a very good job of containing the virus. If we open things up too quickly as we have seen happen in some other states before the virus is really under control, and if we don't continue to be careful and exercise vigilance as we have seen in places where they have failed to do that like in Florida and Arizona...there has been a re-explosion, out-of-control spread of the Coronavirus. We do not want that here. The decision to leave the pools closed this summer was made in conjunction with and in discussions with the health experts, with watching the science nationally, and with public health represented by Director Bagley. I wanted Director Bagley to come to you and explain her decision and recommendation as well as the course we decided to follow regarding the pools so you would gain a deeper understanding of the reasoning behind the decision.

#### Ms. Bobbi Bagley, Director, Division of Public Health and Community Services

I would like to start by sharing some of the data because the decisions that we make are usually based on the data that we see in the State of New Hampshire and what we are seeing in Nashua. What I have on the screen right now, and Director Fauteux, I will send you the link to the COVID-19 Summary Dashboard from the state that shows our most recent and up-to-date, confirmed COVID-19 cases. We tend to not only look at the overall

cases for the state but we pay attention to the age groups as well. There have been quite a bit of conversations and discussions as well as additional on-going studies regarding children and their ability to transmit the virus, have symptoms of the virus, and even some of the illnesses that children are experiencing. We basically look at some of the testing data and the hospitalizations, and the deaths in New Hampshire. In comparison to some other states, New Hampshire is still doing very well as you can see from some of this data.

We tend to look at the age groups because it's very important for us to see what the epidemiology is; who is the most impacted. Early on in the pandemic, you can see that the older population had a higher percentage of deaths and a higher percentage of hospitalizations. What we have now been starting to see is an increase in the number of cases in children which is not something we initially saw. From zero up to nineteen we are now up to 412 cases in New Hampshire which represents a percentage rate of about 6.5%. We have had some of the children hospitalized; at least nine but, so far, we have not had any deaths. We had at least one child who was under the age of ten who was admitted into the hospital and ended up in the ICU at the Massachusetts General Hospital for fifteen days with something that is called multi-inflammatory syndrome which is related to COVID-19. In that case, the child was exposed to an adult who had COVID-19 and the mom was unaware that the visitor had COVID-19 and her child became sick but not with the same symptoms that occur in older adults. There were no respiratory problems but they did have multi-organ impact; the cardiovascular system, the liver, and the renal system. I am very happy to say that the child did recover. The presentation was severe stomach pain, dehydration, low-pressure which caused the child to keep fainting, a high fever, and a rash on her hands and lower extremities. With multi-inflammatory syndrome is you have to run all these tests to confirm that was happening. I shared that story with you because in doing some of the investigations that I have done there were a number of other kids that presented that way but were never seen in the hospital, never had the lab work to demonstrate that we may have had more kids that may have had some of the same type of symptomology with the multi-inflammatory syndrome. What we are learning more about this disease is that it does affect children and how it impacts them. What we don't have and the CDC and some of the other countries that have had longer dealings with this disease in children are doing a lot more research on the seriousness and the impact that this disease has on children. Because of that experience and knowing that children can be asymptomatic carriers...that was another thing that we experienced and some of the testing that we have been doing and we do tests in Nashua two days per week and we are starting to have more children show up in our clinics. Each week so far that we have been testing during the month of July we have had at least two children under the age of ten come back positive per week. They have not been hospitalized because their disease has been pretty mild but, those kids are part of households and when they have come to the testing site they have come with their parents and sometimes their grandparents as well.

Our rationale for not opening the pools is because the behaviors that kids have around the pools can be unpredictable and with us not understanding more about the impact of this disease on children's internal organs and their systems, as well as the fact that they could be asymptomatic carriers to those who represent the 30 – 80 age group, where there are higher percentages of hospitalizations and death...we really wanted to be careful about exposing grandparents, and other people in the household who may have a compromised immune system, diabetes, hypertension, lupus, or anything that might make them

immunocompromised. If those individuals do contract the virus, they don't have a mild case that we see in the majority of our cases...New Hampshire has a very high rate of recovery of 85% and Nashua also had a very high recovery rate. Nashua has seen 41 deaths up to Tuesday. Our epidemiologist is on vacation so we haven't had our daily updates but she'll be back on Monday. As of Tuesday, we had 41 deaths in Nashua. When I looked at today's press release there have been two deaths in Hillsborough County and it didn't say specifically if those deaths occurred in Nashua but they were individuals over the age of 60.

We wanted to do our due diligence with protecting the community of Nashua. The mask ordinance is one of those things that we know help. When kids are at the pool they are not going to have on masks. They would be there with their friends who they haven't seen in a long time and it would be very hard to control the behavior of them being able to maintain six feet from each other. It's not so much being in the water that we are concerned about, it's the activities that occur around the pool or waiting to get into the pool or outside of the pool area. We are concerned that there would be an extensive amount of exposure and spread of respiratory droplets. One child to another child and then that child goes home and then passing it onto their family members. We have also seen infants as young as two weeks old who tested positive for COVID-19. Again, that ended in a good outcome but we have seen babies come back positive. At our testing clinic, we have been testing infants. Last week we tested another infant who was exposed to a household member who was positive for COVID-19. I am so glad that we are not seeing deaths and we are seeing a small number of hospitalizations but as you can see, the number of kids that are testing positive under the age of nineteen is starting to go up in our state. That was our rationale, Mr. Mayor, in working with Director Fauteux and the Director of Parks & Recreation, we believe it is important for the pools not be opened at this point in time.

#### Commissioner Pappas

My question about the pools...I purposefully asked people who, like myself, have a pre-existing condition, I have asthma and clearly that would not be a good outcome for me. I was looking into well, it's an outdoor venue so could we do it at a very lower capacity for a couple of hours here and there. My concern was if families can afford to have their kids go to the Country Club or a private pool then they can go and take a quick dip. I assumed you have not gotten any cases from any of the private pools. My reason for following up on it is that my understanding is with these hot spots that we are having for COVID...my kids range in age from 22, 18, and 13. The older kids who can go to indoor dining and bars are really where the spread is and my understanding is that outdoor venues are probably better than indoor venues. So, if you were the one in charge would you not be tempted to say: "you know what, indoor dining and bars aren't going to work but help spread the COVID."

#### Director Bagley

Any indoor venue where there are large numbers of folks (over ten) is an increased risk. We actually have had cluster outbreaks with individuals who have been involved with outdoor activities and some of those have included private pool parties. Again, they are in small clusters of groups with people they are familiar with but anytime people are together in settings where they are less than six feet apart and they are not sure of the status of all

of the folks that they invite to these parties does create some of those risks. We've actually investigated one cluster who were very well-meaning, professional people who decided they would get together at a small, private event and it ended up that three of the people present were positive for COVID and there were 26 contacts to that little cluster. These small outdoor events do create clusters. Our goal when we identify them is to contact people as quickly as we can and identify their contacts and get them in quarantine as quickly as we can and that helps slow the spread of the infection.

Commissioner Pappas

When I am talking about pools, I am talking about those that the Health Department looks over. I know my son works at one of them and you have to have a mask when you go through to check-in. They went through a lot of duct tape because they put all the furniture and they have places where people can put their towels. They do more than six feet apart, I think they do eight feet apart. Once an hour they have to wipe down any surfaces that people have touched. I don't know if that's true of all of the other private pools but what I mean is not someone's residential pools. I know the Health Department keeps records...I know that these kids who work at the pools have to readings of the waters and that sort of thing and that's even in a non-COVID time. Have there been any cases from any of those, not personal pools but private pools, say from anywhere from the Country Club to a private pool that's like a pool and tennis center type of thing.

Director Bagley

Not to my knowledge.

Commissioner Pappas

Have there been any outbreaks from either the restaurants or the bars? It's my understanding that is what is spreading it.

Director Bagley

We have had three cluster outbreaks that were related to restaurants in Nashua.

Commissioner Pappas

As I said before, I really appreciate your work, I've got an awful lot of respect for you and I was just thinking since the private places opened, I just wasn't sure if we could do something at a very reduced capacity and that's why I asked to look into it. I certainly was not second guessing you and I feel we are very fortunate to have you. I thank you so much and your message is very clear and I appreciate the way you directly answer questions.

Mayor Donchess

But I think that Director Bagley will agree that certainly, the indoor dining has a larger risk associated with it than the outdoor dining but the city is working with the State of New Hampshire and the Governor in determining how quickly and under what conditions these

various businesses can open. Of course, he first authorized the outdoor dining and the city helped to expand outdoor dining in the safest way we could proceed. Then the order came down from the state that the indoor dining could open at 50% capacity. Certainly, that could be debated and if the state sees an explosion of cases related to the indoor dining activity there will be a change in policy. Fortunately, here in Nashua, we have a relatively small number of cases. I mean we have had 700 plus which is quite a few but it's not nearly what we have seen in other cities and that's partially the result of the work that has been done by Director Bagley and our other public health nurses who are tracing all of the contacts of any of the positive patients have had as well as the overall city effort which is a huge team effort and has involved great sacrifice by many of our citizens. Who likes to wear a mask? I don't think anyone. Who likes not to see their friends, not to be able to go social events; no one likes that but people have pulled together to try to contain the virus and protect everyone including relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Commissioner Pappas

I do agree with you, Mr. Mayor, nobody appreciates people's efforts more than I do because I am in that risky category. I know they haven't made a decision for the public schools yet but it sounds like many of the private schools will go ahead and open. Will we be monitoring that. It's my understanding that the spread is, especially if you are over ten, it can be worse and I think most children that are over the age of five should be able to wear a mask. My understanding is anywhere from grade 7 through grade 12, obviously, those kids can wear masks and they obviously won't be great about social distancing. So, number one, will you be monitoring that and number two, will the city be checking in to make sure there are masks inside the classroom as well as outside of the classroom.

Director Bagley

We are working with the school and participate on the re-opening taskforce. They do have plans for the students to wear masks and reducing their activities outside of the classroom and making sure that the students aren't going from class to class. They will also reduce the number of students who are in the school at one time. How they are going to monitor mask use in the hallways...when the students come into the schools and leave the schools, they do have a plan in place for that. All of those things will be based on how much staff they have to monitor that as closely as they need to, especially with the younger kids.

Commissioner Pappas

So we do have a mask mandate in the city and I've read where some places say: "well, we are not going to require masks in the classrooms" but if the same kids are there together all day long...will that be the hope and the dream of public health and will you go ahead and try to say everyone over the age of ten or whoever can possibly wear a mask. Will you guys be encouraging that and trying to get that through as a policy?

Mayor Donchess

Definitely.

Commissioner Pappas

Even in the private schools?

Mayor Donchess

Yes. The decision to open full blast is clearly not going to happen in the public schools but that is not in my opinion the best way to proceed. My opinion is based upon what we hear from the medical experts. There should be more limited access into the buildings and have a gradual re-opening which relies upon an analysis of the data that comes in, the critical information that is developed on a daily basis. If they do open full blast then certainly public health will be counseling them to have everyone wear a mask at all times...any child that is old enough to do that.

Commissioner Pappas

Will they be meeting with them in advance? I don't think any private school would open full blast either but I would imagine if they spaced kids out more and followed the advice to keep the same kids together...will public health be monitoring that in any way?

Mayor Donchess

Yes, and public health is also monitoring the shopping venues and if they learn that masks are not being worn, they contact the business and suggest very strongly that they begin to require masks to go into the store. There will be a provision to the mask ordinance which places some obligation on the store or at least the manager of the store to require masks. Of course, a lot of the big chains like Walmart are requiring customers to wear masks as well as employees. Public health is doing everything they can in advance of this and counsel anyone who seems to be not being careful enough to exercise more caution.

Mayor Donchess

Does anyone else have any questions or comments for Director Bagley?

Commissioner Moriarty

I really appreciated Director Bagley's comments on the reason why the pools were closed and I agree with the decision. I think safety comes first and you did the right thing.

Mayor Donchess

Does anyone else have any questions or comments for Director Bagley? There were no further comments.

### **Parks & Recreation Department**

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the additional site at the west entrance of Mine Falls Park for the 2020 Sculpture Symposium.

Ms. Gail Moriarty, Chair, Sculpture Symposium

As you know, we have a very strict set of protocols and I have been working very closely with Bobbi Bagley, the Mayor, and some of the other directors. On that note, we have decided to have more of a community-based Sculpture Symposium. Everything is brought right back to just the sculptures working for the city to create arts for us. All of the events have been canceled and there will be no social events. Everything will be live-streamed or if someone does want to come and visit the sculptures, they are welcome to but they need to stay six feet apart.

We have come up with a place that we thought would be a really great place to have one merged sculpture. The three sculptures who would normally be from three different countries are all from the United States and they are all within driving distance of Nashua. They will all socially distance at home and stay quarantined for two weeks and they will all have a COVID test.

When they come to the city to work, they will stay at our building and we found a site that might be great at Mine Falls. I have been very lucky this year to have Ms. Grace Finlay agree to be the chair of the Sites Committee.

Ms. Grace Finlay, Chair Sites Committee, Sculpture Symposium

The location we have identified is at the western entrance to Mine Falls. It's the wooded hilltop area on the right-hand side as you approach (inaudible) It fits very well with our focus for this year which is to have community engagement as it is a faith-based sculpture.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any questions or comments from members of the Board?

Ms. Moriarty

I want to thank Nick Caggiano for all of his help with this.

Director Fauteux

Nick is on vacation but I will let him know.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**B. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the purchase of a GS6-60x150-15.85-R Galaxy Outdoor Message Center from Scoreboard Enterprises of Mansfield, MA for the total purchase price of \$39,738. Funding will be through Department: 177 Parks and Recreation; Fund: Grant; Activity: GOFERR Grant.

**Discussion:**

Director Fauteux

This is something that we have wanted for a very long time but did not have the funding to be able to purchase it. This is in a very high-profile location, it's right on Amherst Street. There is a current message board that is kind of "hoaky" now and we wanted to have an actual electronic sign that we would be able to put out alerts for snow emergencies or other emergencies such as traffic changes. This also gives us the opportunity to provide COVID-19 alerts as well, whether it's regarding the wearing of masks or social distancing. We also can advertise all sorts of different things like when the police are hiring and when the Health Department is having clinics. There are a lot of uses for it. We have several message boards that we have been deploying around the city but we don't have enough of them.

Commissioner Schoneman

Where is the big electronic billboard going to be placed? Amherst Street is a very long street.

Director Fauteux

It will be in the very same place in which it currently exists, Commissioner Schoneman.

Commissioner Schoneman

So, it will be right up next to the stadium?

Director Fauteux

Yes, that's correct.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**Engineering Department**

**A. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the Residential and Commercial Wastewater Service Permits and Fees as submitted.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**B. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Pavement Management Service Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of Burlington, MA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,100. Funding will be through Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Fund: Bond; Activity: Paving.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Dan Hudson, City Engineer

The Board actually approved entering into a contract last year with Stantec Consulting Services. They are the company that evaluates the paving condition around the city. We have about 300 miles of road and each year they assess one-third of it, about 100 miles. This change order is to add in this year's inspection. This is a rotation, one-third of the city every year. This information is important because it gives us the PCI (paving condition index) upon which we base a lot of our decisions about what types of repairs are appropriate on different roads.

Commissioner Pappas

I noticed that they use a Cartegraph and I know that's something that we invested in and I hope that we are utilizing it as much as we can. I am wondering if they are inputting the information into our city software.

Mr. Hudson

Yes, they are and we are still using Cartegraph. We still have a little ways to go with fully implementing it. We were well on our way but this COVID thing set us back a little bit. They are entering all of the information and that allows us to have all that data in our system and we track it over time.

Commissioner Pappas

So, any information they have they put right into our system, right?

Mr. Hudson

Yes, that is correct.  
Commissioner Pappas

Do you and the staff use that somewhat or is it mostly something that Stantec uses?

Mr. Hudson

We use it but like I said we are still working on fully implementing it. We track some of our resident issues and other things. It is a robust program with a lot of capabilities and we are working on expanding it to use it to its full capability.

Commissioner Pappas

Thank you, I've been pretty impressed with that company and I'm glad that we are still working on getting full use of that.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any other Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**C. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Change Order No. 1 to the 2020 Sidewalk Program Contract with RWC Enterprises of Nashua, NH for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 funded through the Southeast Quadrant Funds (\$31,000) and Capital (\$9,000). Funding will be through Department: 160 Admin/Engineering; Funds: Trust and Capital; Account Category: 54 Property Services and Activity: Sidewalks.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Hudson

You may have noticed if you have been on East Hollis Street that we are actively constructing a sidewalk of about 900 feet. Unfortunately, when we got into the construction, we found some additional work that we needed to do where the sidewalk abuts properties so we have to put some bag curb in and move and extend the sidewalk to

match the buildings. There are some additional ADA improvements that I would like to make at some of the intersections. There is one corner of sidewalk that has been damaged by trucks over the years tracking over so we are going to expand the depth to reinforce that section.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**D. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the hardship request from Pennichuck Water Works for excavation to repair the water service at 47 Coburn Ave.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Hudson

We received a request from Pennichuck to make that water service repair at 47 Coburn Avenue. They attempted to perform a repair outside of the paved street but they were unsuccessful so they have to go in where the service meets the water main in the street to make the repair. They anticipate a 5 x 5 excavation. The reason for the repair is a little volume of water, low-pressure issue.

Commissioner Pappas

Is it just one resident or is it several condo units?

Mr. Hudson

I believe it's just a single residence.

Commissioner Pappas

How bad is the water pressure?

Mr. Hudson

In the memo, they reference it as low as 11 PSI and a normal house pressure is 40 plus. It is a low-pressure situation.

Commissioner Pappas

Off the top of your head, what is the percentage of water pressure that they are getting?

Mr. Craig Castle, Pennichuck Water Works

When it comes to pressure, typically in that area a customer will see about 60 PSI (pounds per square inch) and it's not so much of a pressure issue that they are having because they have 60 PSI when they are not using any water but there is some type of obstruction in the water service line because they are only getting about eight gallons per minute which is well below the standards that we have set for the flow rates.

We tried to dig in the private property to see if we could remove the obstruction but we were not successful and the only option that we have at this point is to remedy the situation would be to dig that connection for the water service at the water main in the roadway.

Alderman O'Brien

Having been on the fire department I understand the difference between pressure and volume. With the restrictive flow, you get pressure but you don't get the volume. That obstruction does need to be repaired.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any other Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**E. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the hardship waiver request from Liberty Utilities for excavation in moratorium streets for Grade 2 leak repairs through Calendar Year 2020.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Hudson

As you know, every time we have a grade two leak, we have brought that to the Board of Public Works individually for approval. At times that can delay the repairs which may be unnecessary because in the past the Board has been pretty supportive of repairing these and recognizing that as Public Utilities Commission the requirement is that the leaks be repaired within six months or within the same calendar year.

In the interest of both enabling Liberty to make these repairs more quickly and being cognizant of the Board's time we are proposing to not bring those to the Board each and every time but to have the Board grant an annual approval to Liberty to be able to make grade two leak repairs on moratorium streets. They will continue to follow the restoration requirements and we can keep the Board informed about those as they occur. We would bring this back to the Board annually in case there are any concerns that the process isn't working as they would like.

Director Fauteux

I want to confirm that our Engineering Department will need to approve this and it will not give Liberty complete free reign to just do whatever they want. They would still have to apply to the Division in order to get approval, is that correct?

Mr. Hudson

Yes, that is correct. The same process will be followed, it's just that sometimes it means waiting an entire month to be able to do the repair. In terms of the engineering permit process, it will be exactly the same as it has been. It's just the Board of Public Works granting the annual approval as opposed to individually.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments?

Commissioner Pappas

I don't find it to be a real problem to go ahead and grant these because sometimes there are more layers to it and I think it's really good for us not to be kind of left out of the process. I think if people have questions as to why the gas people are here, I think it's important and I haven't considered it to be burdensome.

Mayor Donchess

If this passes, we could ask Engineering to inform the Board on a monthly basis as to any category two grade leaks. Would that be possible Mr. Hudson?

Mr. Hudson

Yes, definitely we would certainly be happy to do that. We could take the number of forms in our portion of the department report or we could do a summary table like we do for the sewer permits each month as an agenda item.

Commissioner Pappas

I think the upside of just doing it the way we are doing it is that it's just going to be one more way for residents to be able to look and say: "okay, maybe there will be a hold up on such and such a street even though it just had hold ups from paving." That would be my druthers and my reasoning for it.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any other Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Teas,  
& Commissioner Moriarty 3

Nay: Commissioner Pappas, & Commissioner Schoneman 2

**MOTION CARRIED: 3 – 2 – 0**

F. Informational: Sewer Main Repair on Reed Court at the intersection of Canal Street

**Discussion:**

Mr. Hudson

As part of our sewer work this year, the collapsing sewer on Reed Court was replaced. Although we had taken a video of the pipe before and it looked fine, it turned out it was collapsed and we had to go into Canal, into the moratorium street to be able to repair it. It was an emergency situation and we restored the street in accordance with the regulations.

Commissioner Pappas

How often does that happen where you might look through a sewer and it looks fine and then it's really not okay?

Mr. Hudson

Since I have been here until now, I have probably seen three of these situations. I'm not saying it looked perfect, we had intended on lining that section versus digging it up so we are going to make some improvement but it collapsed before we got the chance to line it.

Wastewater Department

**A. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Amendment #2 to the contract with Waldron Engineering of Exeter, NH in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,568.90 for construction administration services for the Energy Recovery Upgrade Project. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Energy Recovery Upgrades.

**Discussion:**

Mr. David Boucher, Superintendent of Wastewater

This is a request for additional money to cover the engineering oversight of our Energy Recovery Project at the wastewater plant. Waldron Engineering of Exeter, NH has been the engineering firm contracted to do the oversight for the construction portion of the project. Unfortunately, the project is running behind in part because of the COVID-19. There have been a lot of complexities of the project and a lot of unknown locations of existing utilities have caused change orders. The funding for the engineering services is depleted so this is to cover the engineering oversight through to the end of the project. We do see an end of the project soon. Right now, we are in the phase of doing air permit testing, generator testing, power load testing, and there is some extra work that has to be done so we can connect to the grid for Eversource. We've worked well with Waldron Engineering through this project and it would be great to continue to use their services.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

Yea: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Teas, Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty, & Commissioner Schoneman	5
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Nay:	0
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**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**B. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve Change Order #7 to the Energy Recovery Upgrade contract with Methuen Construction Company of Plaistow, NH in an amount not-to-exceed \$39,315 for various mechanical, instrumentation and electrical modifications to the energy recovery room. Funding will be through: Department: 169 Wastewater; Fund: Wastewater; Activity: Energy Recovery Upgrade Project.

**Discussion:**

**Mr. Boucher**

This change order is to cover several changes to the project. As we are getting towards the end of the project there are some complexities that have to be addressed. Some of it is addressing unknown stuff. We put together a list that I will briefly go through.

1. A fuel blending skid that had to be located due to some underground utilities at the wastewater plant and it required additional piping.
2. The generator company requires us to buy oil misters which are for extra protection for the generators. We procured the generators separate from the contract but the contractors are willing to install the oil mister sporous'.
3. There are on-site fabrication modifications because the generators were relocated. The piping that came with the generators didn't fit so we had to have new on-site modifications made.
4. Eversource is requiring us to put in all new wires for the transformer on-site. They wouldn't allow us to use the existing ones.
5. We also have a fabrication to the existing fuel train that we had which was required by the company that provided the generators which was Milton CAT.
6. We also had some coring's that had to be done through the ceiling. It was determined that the existing coring was unusable due to the weird angle that it was cored in the past.
7. We had to cover some demo that was done. There were some wires damaged and the wires were not on any plans.
8. SCADA is the interface program that we had planned so we could monitor the entire process from inside the facility on our computer program...unfortunately, that was going to be done by a SCADA programmer who was part of our staff but he left the city and moved to Texas so now we have to hire a sub-contractor to do that work for us.
9. There is also an existing pressure gauge transmitter that is not working but it was determined that it would be beneficial to us to have this piece of equipment up and running to help us monitor the generator system.

**Mayor Donchess**

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**C. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to abolish one Operator III position and create one Operator II position at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Boucher

At the wastewater plant we Operator III positions and Operator II positions. There used to be differences between the two but we have noticed that there are a lot of overlaps. We only have two Operator III positions. One had just retired. A lot of the things were extra that the Operator III's used to do that we don't do anymore as they are done by other departments are operating the roll-off truck; Solid Waste does that for us and we have other positions that do what they used to do such as respond to pump station alarms. This is an effort to abolish the Operator III position and have some uniformity and just have Operator II positions at the facility with one common job description. This also helps with the fairness between the operators when it comes time for doing call-outs. Often times the Operator III's were left out so this would ease that and help us with coverage on overtime call-outs. The current contract required us to designate shifts based on the job classification. With this, we will have more flexibility with Operators moving from shift to shift.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**Administration**

**A. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to accept the City of Nashua COVID-19 Return to Work Policy & Temporary Policy on Emergency Leave due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), effective July 6, 2020.

Mayor Donchess

As you can see, these are policies that we adopted for the city and they should also apply to public works and, therefore, we are proposing them to you to adopt them to create uniformity and create a procedure for handling these issues.

The first Return to Work Policy just goes through the procedures that need to be followed when someone comes back to work; screening, taking temperatures, and wearing masks. It's pretty standard in terms of the steps that we are proposing to take and the temporary leave policy is one that conforms with the federal law regarding people who are quarantined or need to be absent as a result of the inability to gain childcare. We are conforming here in that regard with federal law.

Director Fauteux

We have been doing wellness checks, the temperature checks are something that we will be adding as a result of this policy but I think you did a good job at explaining it, Mayor.

Mayor Donchess

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments?

Commissioner Pappas

I assume we don't allow smoking inside of the buildings and at some point, I would like to see if we can deal with smoking inside of the vehicles. It is a standard policy but I have a couple of questions. People that have asthma will often cough on a fairly regular basis and certainly, I think smokers much more so; they almost always have a chronic cough. Do you have a sense of how you will differentiate those types of coughs from like a sick cough?

Director Fauteux

Yes, that's a good question. If somebody answers yes to one of the questions that are in that policy we would ask a follow-up question like do you have allergies, do you have asthma and try to discern if it is something to be concerned about or if it is something that is fairly normal for an individual. I, for instance, sometimes will have allergies and I can tell the difference of whether it's an allergy or whether it's a cold or something else.

Commissioner Pappas

I did notice that childcare was one of the reasons they said up to two weeks. Do they do it like two weeks all at once or let's say there is just one day that you are not sure that a kid is doing okay and then they bounce back fine. Can they use the two weeks throughout?

Director Fauteux

It's actually up to twelve weeks and it is for parents or guardians who don't have access to childcare due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That means maybe reduced hours of childcare or the childcare facility is closed or something of that nature. They would receive two-thirds of their pay for up to twelve weeks.

Commissioner Pappas

So, let's say that their particular childcare center wasn't working but I know the Y was opened with fairly limited access. Would you first try to help them find the childcare before you gave them the twelve weeks?

Director Fauteux

I am pretty sure that the policy states if your normal childcare is not providing childcare or is providing reduced childcare that you will be eligible for this leave and that you are not required to look for additional avenues of childcare.

Mayor Donchess

One of the questions I believe you asked Commissioner Pappas was did it have to be a solid two weeks or could it be intermittent, like a day here and a day there. I believe it can be intermittent.

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Mayor Donchess

This is a federal law so we would have to follow the requirements of the law anyway so we are really just restating what the federal requirement is.

Commissioner Pappas

Right, but what I am saying is that if one person has one childcare person that only takes three kids at a time and that's their preferred one, and they could get childcare from someone else, they can still stay home for the twelve weeks?

Mayor Donchess

Well, that I don't know. I believe they have to say that they really can't get childcare "because the employee is unable to work because of a bonafide need to care for an individual subject to quarantined whose school or childcare provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19. I believe we would have to defer to federal interpretation here. I guess I would read that to say if your regular childcare provider is not available then you are eligible.

Director Fauteux

And, just to be clear....

Mayor Donchess

This is the kind of thing that gets litigated later on. Sometimes these regulations...again, we are just restating a federal law here. Sometimes courts get involved and decide questions like the one you just asked and we can give an answer of what we think but, in the end, if there is ambiguity, a court ultimately decides. Not that we want to get into litigation over this, we don't but it's possible around the country the decisions around the ambiguity could be an issue.

Director Fauteux

All of the requests do go through HR so it isn't up to the individual directors or managers. HR are the ones screening them and approving them or disapproving them.

Commissioner Moriarty

The supplies that the Division will be using for this, the hand wipes, the hand sanitizers, the infrared thermometers, etc. Is that coming from the state or is that a cost that we are absorbing?

Director Fauteux

That is coming from federal dollars and not from our operating budgets. All of our requests are going through Administrative Services and Risk Management. They have a great system in place. We look 60 days into the future on what we need for PPE and they order it for us and then we pick it up. That's working out extremely well.

Mayor Donchess

Back to Commissioner Pappas' question, as I read it says: "there is an entitlement to leave where the childcare provider is closed or unavailable." I interpret that to mean it is the regular childcare provider.

Commissioner Pappas

Yes, that's what it sounds like.

But once they use up the twelve weeks, it's up to them.

Mayor Donchess

Well, they don't get any more pay.

Commissioner Pappas

Right.

Mayor Donchess

And they are paid at two-thirds of their normal rate under this law. They might be entitled to take more time off for other reasons but they would not receive compensation any further.

Commissioner Pappas

Would that include sick time and that sort of thing?

Mayor Donchess

It could but it would depend on the circumstances or vacation or whatever else.

Are there any other Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**B. Informational:**

- i. Budget Transfers – June 2020

Director Fauteux

There are two lines where we transferred into the Parks & Recreation vehicle line which was to repair an engine in one of our vehicles.

Commissioner Pappas

Which vehicle was it?

Director Fauteux

It was one of our CNG vehicles. We lost the engine and it was a fairly new vehicle so we needed to repair it. It's a truck that plows but I don't know the number off the top of my head.

Commissioner Pappas

So, it wasn't a trash truck?

Director Fauteux

No, it was a Parks & Recreation truck.

Commissioner Pappas

Oh, I didn't realize that some of those were CNG.

Director Fauteux

Yes.

Commissioner Pappas

Like just a regular pick-up truck?

Director Fauteux

Yes. We don't have any really heavy-duty CNG trucks, Commissioner Pappas, you are correct.

ii. Director's Report

- The first slide is we were finally able to install ramps on Main Street for outdoor dining space so all residents can access it.
- This is an ADA ramp and sidewalk work that is being done on Birch Hill Drive. Sunshine Paving and the Street Department are working collaboratively to construct 650 feet of sidewalk.
- The next is berm installation prior to final paving on Bolic Street and it was installed to help address some of the drainage concerns.
- This is the installation of a new catch basin which was done by our sewer contractor, SUR West, and was done at 240 Main Street, right in front of CVS. It was part of our complete combined sewer system reconstruction between West Hollis Street and Mulberry Street.
- This is an 1870's era sewer manhole that was replaced on Main Street at Mulberry Street.
- This is a picture of some sidewalk reconstruction and also some tip-downs that were put in on the South Main Street roundabout. We paved the roundabout and made them ADA compliant.

- We had a surprise visit from Senator Shaheen who admired our boat ramp work and she put in a good word for LCHIP funding.
- This is the boat ramp entrance sign which was put in place on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- This is a picture of Director Bagley meeting with the Silver Knights to help them put in some safety protocols for the reopening and train them on social distancing, mask wearing, and sanitizing procedures. I can't say enough how much Director Bagley and her staff have helped us through this pandemic.
- This is a picture of Holman Stadium and prepping the field for our opening night game.
- We have done a lot of field renovations and this is a new field that is being installed at Haynes.
- This is a picture of some park clean-up at Los Amigos Park on Ash Street.
- From July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> the waters were treated for aquatic invasive species which are on-going treatments that have helped reduce invasive weeds and improve the water quality.
- We have 25 sanitizing stations for playgrounds. We have started the installation of these but I don't think it is quite complete. I expect it should be completed within the next few days.
- There was an emergency sinkhole that was repaired on 56 Pioneer Drive.
- Construction is on-going at the Street Department fuel island upgrade.
- This is another picture of the Greeley Park boat ramp which is complete and it looks great.
- We are working on our pump station upgrades. This is the wastewater crew receiving training at one of the pump stations on the controls.
- This is a picture of another pump station at Trestle Brook with the station being installed.
- This is a picture of our chlorine contact chambers being cleaned. We do this annually. Every tank comes off-line for cleaning and maintenance.

- This is our wet weather heating/cooling pump replacement. These pumps circulate the water through the boiler and throughout the system.
- We are excited that we are going to host our first household hazardous waste collection for the year and it will be on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Streets Department on Stadium Drive. My thanks to all the people who put together a safe protocol to allow us to do this.
- This is a picture of what we have done for outdoor break rooms. We've had to be very creative. We are not allowing most of the staff in the building for safety reasons so we've put up some tents and some chairs so that we have an outdoor break room. We have hand sanitizing stations and using social distancing when people are badging in and we have plenty of masks for everybody, gloves, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing spray. We have taken all the precautions and I am very pleased to say that we have not had one public works employee that has contracted the virus to this point. I think that is largely because of everyone's efforts in being vigilant.

#### Mayor Donchess

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

#### **Commissioner's Comments**

##### Commissioner Pappas

I had come up with this before I knew that we were going to have Director Bagley but I think it's still important to say. My main concern is for folks to be able to feel free to express differing views.

A couple of days after our last meeting I heard Representative Katy Porter make a point that I was trying to make at our last meeting regarding the set-up of safe opportunities for children. Her criticism of federal state and local governments was that its focus was on booze, bars, and restaurants and not providing safe child-centered opportunities. I believe that's the case in most places and I believe that is the case here in Nashua although I think Nashua has actually done a pretty good job. Due to state law, we are having indoor dining and indoor bars open. Generally, COVID is spreading in large part by people who go to these indoor venues. Prior to our last meeting, I had read in the paper about the \$24,000 for yoga and dance parties and I brought it up at the last meeting since I felt it was germane to the issue when the administration said that we didn't have the resources to open the pools. Mr. Mayor, we discussed these at our last meeting, and at the start of the discussion...you and I listened to each other and I think we disagreed but it was very respectful.

When Commissioner Schoneman made comments regarding pools and other events...Commissioner Schoneman and I did agree on pools opening at reduced capacity but I didn't agree on the fireworks. With that said, I think it should be okay to express different opinions without being interrupted as she was. This is far from the first time that you have interrupted Commissioners and I'm really sorry to say that it's only been the women who have been interrupted. I know that they did some kind of a study on Capitol Hill and they did find the female Senators were interrupted far more than the male Senators. You may not have meant it that way but I will tell you that I felt Commissioner Schoneman was dressed down and treated very disrespectfully by you and think you threw in the death of a gentleman from the North End and there was a COVID outbreak at his office. Restaurants were open at that time but certainly, pools and outdoor venues were not and that was a terrible tragedy and I felt like Commissioner Schoneman really didn't deserve that. When I suggested to open the pools with a highly reduced capacity with adults overseeing lines and checking for masks and checking for the 6-foot rule, you asked me a question which was what if the pools were open and there was an outbreak. I think I responded pretty politely that bars and indoor dining are probably the biggest spreader of the virus outside of living in a nursing home. I'll end the COVID discussion there. I request that Commissioner's not get interrupted and are not dressed down or verbally attacked, especially, as I said, I'm sorry to say, I looked through some of our meeting minutes and it's mostly the woman who have been interrupted. Someone who dares to have a different opinion than people do...I think that different opinions are a good thing and I think we can feel passionately about them but I think we should always be respectful. I know that you are capable and able and willing to provide better leadership than that. I thought this was very important for me to say that and I appreciate your time. Thank you.

#### Mayor Donchess

First of all, I have to disagree with you on several points, Commissioner Pappas. I don't recall interrupting Commissioner Schoneman. Sometimes the Zoom thing is difficult, it seems like sometimes you, I don't know, are sort of in a different world. I did not attack anyone. Often times when someone disagrees with you, you interpret that as a personal attack and if we listen to these, you probably talk 80% to 90% of all the words that are spoken by the Commissioners, meeting after meeting and no one was interrupting you. You've talked much more than all of the other Commissioners put together tonight and no one has interrupted you at all. So, I don't agree and if you are accusing me of sexism, which seems apparent, check out City Hall. Who is running city government with me as Mayor? Lisa Fauteux, Sarah Marchant, Cheryl Lindler, and Bobbie Bagley. Almost all of my direct reports are female and if you were to ask any of them, I think they would tell you that the idea that I am sort of sexist and I interrupt and demean women is ridiculous. What I request...and this kind of attack would probably be against the Aldermanic rules of conduct, accusing me of sexism based on the supposed idea that I interrupted someone in a Zoom meeting. I think you should tone down your accusations because this isn't the first time you have made really wild, really extreme accusations and if you really want to listen to the meetings...again, I repeat, we have been here for two hours and you have probably talked more than all of the other Commissioners put together and no one has interrupted you. So if your theory were correct and we have disagreed during this meeting as well, last time you said that we shouldn't close the pools and said so very vehemently and we explained why and again, you

often interpret a simple disagreement as a personal attack even though it's not a personal attack but just a disagreement.

If I interrupted Commissioner Schoneman I apologize for it. I've tried to be very respectful and I don't think I interrupted anyone. Maybe we will review the tape but in return, I would request to try to stop making these extreme allegations which you have had a habit of doing over several years and just try to stick to the business of the Commission.

Commissioner Pappas

You might want to hear the tone because it has happened. I wasn't going to go through all of the meeting minutes to show the number of times someone has been interrupted, I just thought I would bring it to your attention. I didn't think that I was treated very badly the last time, I thought Commissioner Schoneman was and I think sometimes it's...

Mayor Donchess

Well, you know....I'm sorry I have interrupted, go ahead.

You have leveled these charges at me, at Director Fauteux, and at other people at various times. I think you should reconsider that approach because it doesn't add anything to this meeting. I don't think that anyone in the city thinks that I am a sexist and I've been Mayor for almost twelve years in total and an Alderman. It's an offensive allegation. Maybe we should stop discussing it but I have to say that I totally disagree with you and that's not a personal attack, it's not sexism, and it's not an interruption. It's just telling you that I don't agree with you Commissioner Pappas.

Commissioner Pappas

Perhaps you might think of how you behave when someone disagrees with you if you want to take a look at it down that avenue. We will end it there.

Mayor Donchess

That's fine, you can have the last word.

Do any other Commissioners have comments?

Commissioner Teas

I was wondering if we might have at the next meeting an update on construction and so forth as appropriate. Understanding that perhaps a piece of the transaction might be confidential. I'd like to be able to talk about that as a group.

Mayor Donchess

We have two items that are non-public and one of them might touch on part of this but maybe not completely. But, yes, we could certainly have an update on construction.

Are there any other Commissioner comments? There were none.

Mayor Donchess

Commissioner Pappas, just for my enlightenment, we have a copy of the minutes. Would you mind for the next meeting going through and identifying exactly where these interruptions occurred just so that I can try to correct my behavior in the future, if, in fact, I did interrupt anyone?

Commissioner Pappas

There's a dot, dot, dot.

Mayor Donchess

I am looking at the minutes right now and, in fact, I don't see me speaking with Commissioner Schoneman except for once or twice. One time I say "that's nice to hear" and then I asked her a question because I didn't understand what she was saying. I said, "public health would agree that it's not what?" I didn't hear her so I simply asked her to repeat it as I did to one of the people today. Those are the only two times that I can identify by looking at the minutes that I spoke after Commissioner Schoneman. She asked me a question and I answered it. I don't know that the minutes actually bear this out but I will continue to look at the minutes and see if there are any times when I interrupted and if I did then I apologize.

**Personnel**

Mayor Donchess

We are now onto Personnel and there is one personnel item that we wanted to take in the public session because it is simply the acceptance of a retirement and then we do have two items that will be discussed in a non-public session.

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to accept the retirement of Patrick Jordan, Groundsman I, effective September 5, 2020.

Are there any Board members who have questions or comments? There were none.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

Mayor Donchess

Before we go into non-public session I would like to let the public know that this could take a little while because there are a of couple items, one has to do with the potential trade of real estate and once we are through with that we will come back into public session but it will probably be only for the purpose of adjourning the meeting. There is no likelihood of any significant discussion once we come out of non-public.

Director Fauteux

Mayor, before we go into non-public can we address the one new hire that's on the agenda?

Mayor Donchess

The person in charge of running the video has said he will end the broadcast when we go into non-public so there will not be an opportunity to see us adjourn.

Director Fauteux

We have to seal the minutes of the non-public session in the public session so you have to stay to record it.

- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Pappas to approve the selection contingent upon acceptable results of criminal and driving record checks and pre-employment drug test of Mr. Tyler Atwood of New Bern, NC, to the position of Wastewater Collection System Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Starting salary for the position will be \$24.49 per hour. Funding will be through Department 169; Wastewater Fund, Wastewater Account Classification 51 – Salary & Wages.

**Discussion:**

Director Fauteux

Mr. Atwood is living down south right now and he's got great experience from New Bern, NC, and he is moving back home. We were very excited to get the application and I had the opportunity to interview him when he was here on vacation with his family and I was very impressed and very excited to have him join the Division.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**C. Non-Public Session**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Teas moved by roll call that the Board go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA:91-A3 §2(d) to consider the acquisition sale or lease of real or personal property, which if discussed in public would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Teas to seal the minutes of the Board of Public Works non-public session of July 23, 2020, 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: Mayor Donchess, Commissioner Teas, 5  
Commissioner Pappas, Commissioner Moriarty,  
& Commission Schoneman

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Pappas made a motion to adjourn.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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