

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, July 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber as well as via Zoom teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering (via Zoom) recorded.

Prayer was offered by Interim City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman Thomas Lopez led in the Pledge to the Flag.

To join by Zoom – please refer to the agenda or the website for the meeting link and telephone number.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please indicate if participating via Zoom state why you are not meeting in person and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

City Clerk King called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 12 members physically present and 1 member participating via Zoom of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly (via Zoom), Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire.

Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton was also in attendance.

President Wilshire to turn the meeting over to Chairman of Budget Review Committee Richard A. Dowd.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

R-22-045

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,294.73 OF FY2022 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE INTO FUND 7024 "OPIOID ABATEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND"

Chairman Dowd

Okay. This evening we're going to be holding a public hearing on two pieces of resolution. The first is relative to the supplemental appropriation of \$50,294.73 of FY2022 unanticipated revenue into fund 7024 Opioid Abatement Expendable Trust Fund. Is there anyone that's going to be presenting this?

Rose Marie Evans, Comptroller

Good evening. Rose Evans, Comptroller. The body of the legislation states these are funds that are part of opioid settlement funds that is received by the State and Nashua receives its proportionate share of those funds on an annual basis. In 2021, we created this Opioid Expendable Trust Fund and we plan to supplementally appropriate these funds every year as the amount we are going to receive is unknown. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Dowd

Do any of the Aldermen have any clarifying questions on this Resolution? Again, it's State money that's given to the city that we are now allocating into expendable trust funds so it can be spent for this reason. Are there any questions? Seeing none. I'll now open up testimony in favor of R-22-045. Is there anyone in the audience or anyone on Zoom who wishes to speak in favor?

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on Resolution R-22-045 at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Dowd opened the public hearing on Resolution R-22-047 at 7:05 p.m.

R-22-047
RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000 OF FY2022 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE INTO FUND 7058 "PARK REHABILITATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND"

Chairman Dowd

I don't think we're going to have anyone from the city to discuss that but I think everyone is pretty familiar with and I'm sure Alderman O'Brien is.

Alderman O'Brien

Yes.

Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director

Chairman Dowd Tim Cummings is here.

Just ever so quickly, I'm here to ask for your favorable support of this piece of legislation. It came about the main thrust of the funds are unanticipated revenue that we got from the sale of an easement off of Amherst Street. I had a couple of conversations with the Infrastructure Committee and how they'd like to spend those funds. The takeaway was that they didn't want the money to disappear into the general fund or laps and ultimately wanting to spend it on long term infrastructure type of improvements. In speaking to a couple of the Directors, it became clear that the St Andrew's project rehabilitation had been waiting a while and needed some additional assistance and so the \$50,000 as outlined brought us pretty far down the path of getting us to the number that was necessary through a couple other unanticipated revenue sources. We were able to get to the \$75,000 and I'm asking for your support this evening so we can move forward with the St. Andrews Park rehab. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Any of the Aldermen have any clarifying questions on this Resolution? Seeing none. I'll open up the public hearing.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on Resolution R-22-047 at 7:08 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Re: Ward 7 appointment questions

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

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Ward 7 Alderman Vacancy

President Wilshire

So tonight we are going to talk to the candidates that are here who are interested in serving out the remainder of the Ward 7 term vacated by Alderman Cathey. What I'd like to do is offer you to come sit in the seat or at the podium...

Alderman Moran

Madam President I was actually going to – could I ask you a question?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Moran

Point of order. I'm sorry.

President Wilshire

Yes, that's okay.

Alderman Moran

I noticed that the Clerk who we hope to confirm tonight is here with his family and we are about to do some lengthy interviews. Would it be appropriate to maybe suspend the rules and do that appointment first?

President Wilshire

If you want to make that motion, you can.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MORAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND TAKE OUT OF ORDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	13
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MOTION CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the appointment of Daniel R. Healey of Derry, New Hampshire, as City Clerk with an indefinite term.

President Wilshire

So tonight we're confirming the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Healey and I didn't know if there was any discussion or we were just going to swear him in.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam Chair. Point of order. We did have a meeting to which Mr. Healey was present, explained some of his past history in his employment to us, and so therefore I feel that he's more than qualified and an adequate candidate, and I would like to support him and thus move his appointment.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO MOVE THE QUESTION, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIEDDaniel R. Healey

Thank you for the unanimous vote and also for moving it up on the agenda. I appreciate that.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO APPOINT DANIEL R. HEALEY OF DERRY, NH, AS THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF NASHUA, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Ward 7 Alderman Vacancy

President Wilshire

Okay. So what we're gonna do is we're gonna give each candidate five minutes and then ask questions. After everyone's had an opportunity to ask their questions, I'm going to call for nominations and then we'll vote. We need to have eight votes to have a successful candidate. So the first on the agenda is June Caron.

Interview of Candidates:

- June M. Caron
24 Montgomery Street
Nashua, NH 03060

June M. Caron

Thank you. Well thank you for giving me this opportunity to put my name into fill Alderman Cathey's 18 months to go. Sorry to see that he was leaving. As you know, I have been the Alderman for Ward 7 for over ten years and have worked for the city for over 45. So I think I have given a lot of time and effort to my community, which I love dearly. So when this opportunity came about and I did hear from residents of Ward 7 asking if I would put my name in again. So I am submitting my application and hopefully you will see favorable to put me back in the circle and whatever happens, happens. I appreciate that very much. Thank you. I'm sorry I'm losing my voice and I've got a cold. So if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I'll start with this, I guess. So what are your thoughts on keeping or not keeping the Keefe Auditorium at Elm Street?

June M. Caron

I have a lot of opinions concerning the Keefe Auditorium. I think we have to really look at that facility. We need to see how much it's going to cost, what are the good and bad points of it, and the best way to utilize it - whether it's a theater, or something for the youth, or adults, how do we handle it now that you have a \$25 million Performing Arts Center in the downtown. So I think there's going to have to be a lot of give and take when it comes to that final decision. I am sure that everyone will prevail and we may not always get what we want but I'm sure that in the end it will be for the benefit of the community.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you.

June M. Caron

You're welcome.

President Wilshire

Anyone else?

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you former Alderman.

June M. Caron

That's okay.

Alderman Moran

I believe I'm the only resident of Ward 7 here on the Board and one of my questions would be: 1) I know full well you would have wiped the floor with former Alderman Cathey. You're very popular in the Ward and I say that with all due respect to the former Alderman. But my concern would be that there is a current potential candidate for this position who ran for election in Ward 7 as moderator and he's won his last two elections. He's also shown dedication to the Ward. My hearing that, what was your decision to come out of retirement when we have someone else in the Ward who's also seeking to come and be elevated?

June M. Caron

Well, it's twofold. When I decided not to run, it was to take time and re-evaluate in what was happening. When this came about this opening and I was asked to think about it, which I did seriously with my family, I felt that I could contribute for the next cycle at least if not longer and be there. I know we have a lot of new Aldermen and sometimes you need someone who has been around a long time to move things a little bit forward to get people motivated. Then down the road, you have to think that you can't be here forever either. So no offense to Tim because I know who he is. Believe me, I know he was very hard in the Ward because I did the same thing for 25 years. Sometimes you have to start slower than, you know, and you have to work your way up. So I just I didn't feel that I needed to back off. The final decision is within the circle not me making that decision.

Alderman Moran

One follow up. Thank you and thank you for your response. So the one thing I - this last election cycle has been different than the most recent elections I've been involved with. I think clearly that people in Nashua chose different people in the positions. Alderman Cathey was an undeclared person as someone who didn't affiliate with either party. My worry and I don't know you very well even though we're neighbors. My worry is that you mentioned being experienced and there's clearly an old guard on the Board. I'm worried that the people of Nashua spoke as a whole and said that they're not too keen on that right now in this last election. That might change next election cycle. It reminds me of this King of the Hill episode called "Flush with Power". Everyone should check it out. It's very - I was watching it and I'm like oh my God this is like my life right now. Hank Hill gets elected to the county board because he doesn't like low flow toilets that were installed by the county. He had all this proof and evidence that he brought to the board but at the end of the day, the other board members sided with the chairman who they've known for 16 plus years and they had no problems expressing that in the cartoon that I was watching. I'm like, wow, sometimes that's kind of

like here and not to say that's a bad thing. People are friends, it's fine but I'm worried that some things might be stalled out in that type of environment. What's your thoughts on that?

June M. Caron

Well I think everything is everything is different. Everything is new. When you come into this circle or wherever you are – committees. I mean I sit on the Board of Directors for the Senior Center for a long time and there was a lot of very different issues that came up and trying to work through it. The thing is you don't have to like everything someone puts out there. Your job is to try to - I don't care what political party you are, I don't care where you come from. The point of you being here is to do the right thing for your community. It's not about what this group wants or that. It's what you think you feel is right for the community. You try to persuade others within the circle to follow what you're doing but if they don't, you don't lash out at them because they've made that decision based on how they feel. I think that's why I have gotten elected. I didn't always agree. People would say you sit quietly by but when you talk, you try to explain yourself. I've always tried to be very careful of what is said, that's why I stay off social media because I feel that you get wrapped up in that and you can find yourself in a place you don't really want to be.

So my feeling is that I have seen over the years that people disagree and then they get into angry arguments and then they don't speak to each other. That's not how you should be. You have to work together. You have to compromise. You may win today, you may lose the next three after that, but the point is you've made your point across and you've made people understand why you do. I've always told the people in the neighborhood, I can only do what I can do. In the final analysis, my opinion is based on what I think is right for the city. I was not a big proponent of the Performing Arts Center but we came to a compromise former Alderman when we said that. We wanted the private sector to come up with \$4 million to show that the community was in on this adventure. Didn't really work out that way and I wasn't too happy about it but it proceeded. When something else came up and they said it was part of the performing, no this wasn't but I didn't get angry at the other people who decided to, you know, keep pushing in. That was your opinion and that's okay because then what's evident, most people didn't want the performing arts center. I said if we can do it and do it right, let's do it but we also have to make sure that the private sector - the community were gonna buy in on it. That's an analogy that has stuck with me because this particular Alderman and I we didn't get along. We came from two different but he always came to me to ask questions and I asked him questions. We didn't always agree but we were never angry with each other and I think that's what's important and I think that's what I bring to the table. Like I said, the final decision is this group here. Not mine, not Tim's, not Ray's, or the other gentleman that has applied.

Alderman Moran

Thank you.

June M. Caron

You're welcome.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I want to ask a question something very specific to your Ward and that is the asphalt. I know it's probably a hard thing to discuss but I personally feel it's gonna have a negative effect on your Ward. I'd just like to know, how you feel about it, if you've spoken to any residents about it, or what would be your concern if it does goes through?

June M. Caron

A few people have mentioned it but as I said before, why would we bring in an asphalt company in the middle of an area that we're trying to redevelop? We're trying to take the old shoe shop and turn it into workforce housing. That hasn't happened but you know, this is something that we've been looking at for a long time. Then you have a restaurant across the street. Why would you want a smelly 'old asphalt company near you? I can't imagine how they could do this. I mean the last one that was in the city was up in Broad Street before the city bought it and, you know, we have the high school there. It's not something that I would think is needed here. If you want to put it somewhere, put it out in the cow pasture. Don't put it here. It would be like them wanting to put it up in 13 acres that they just opened up on 5 Fields Street. What a crazy idea. So no, I would not be in favor of it. You couldn't convince me that that would be the right thing to do for Ward 7.

Alderman Klee

I completely agree with you. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Thank you very much. I appreciate your interest in serving Ward 7 again and we will take up nominations after we hear from all candidates.

June M. Caron

Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Next we have Tim Sennott. By the way just for the record, Alderman Sullivan joined us at 7:22 pm.

- Tim Sennott
62 Underhill Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Tim Sennott

She set the precedent so I'll stand too. Thank you Madam President, members of the Board. It's no secret to any of you that my name is Tim Sennott. I live at 62 Underhill Street in Nashua's Crown Hill neighborhood. Since 2018, I've served the residents of Ward 7 as an election official. I started my election official career as a Selectman from 2018 to 2020. Since 2020, I have served them as the Ward Moderator currently in my second consecutive term. I point to my past as an election official as a great precedent for why I feel I'm qualified to serve on this board, why I feel I would make a good contribution to this Board. If you are not aware in the election cycles whether it's municipal, State, or federal we are required with our ballot inspectors to have an equal member or equal amount of each party. If we have four Republicans present, we have to have four Democrats. If we have seven Democrats, we have to have seven Republicans. Oftentimes the party city committees can appoint ballot inspectors for us to use but if they're not available, no longer interested in serving. It is on us as the elected election officials to take to whether it's Facebook or to the neighborhoods and recruit civic minded residents to serve in that capacity and that involves extending branches across aisles and that's something I'm very proud of in Ward 7. We were left with very few people on board when I took over as moderator and together with my ward clerk and my ward selectman, we have assembled a very diverse team of ballot inspectors who serve and volunteer. At times they've stepped up to serve when we've had Selectmen resign their posts. We have Democrats, we have Republicans, we have undeclared, and they all bring something to the table and they all are capable of working together setting aside their political differences for the betterment of the cause, which is to hold free and fair elections.

In the neighborhood, I've kind of hung my cap on the fact that I've become the guy on Underhill Street that people come to when they want to know what's going on in the city. I have a neighborhood knows that I'm here most Tuesday nights with you folks and some Monday nights, and Wednesday nights, and whenever there might be something of interest on the committee meetings and he often asked me, Tim what's going on the politics in the city right now? I'm very proud of that. People are able to come to me when they want to know who they need to reach out to maybe get a stop sign placed in the neighborhood. That's something that I'd like to carry forward and be their voice for Ward 7. No longer would I have to point to them and say, well go speak to this person and start here. I'd like to be able to just stop the conversation right there and say, let's see what we can do for you.

I've had the opportunity to get to know many of you. I've spent many hours this year in this chamber as I've decided to take my free time that I have and dedicate more of it towards public service. Most recently as many of you know, I was appointed by Mayor Donchess to the Downtown Improvements Committee. I have not had the opportunity to serve on many meetings with that group yet because they only meet once a month. July was difficult and I was sick in June. I've learned a lot from them about the going ons of downtown, what their concern is with downtown. I think many residents would be interested to know that there's more that goes on in that Committee than just barriers. It's the real nitty gritty of what makes downtown an attractive place to be. As I articulated in the Personnel Committee prior to being appointed to that committee, I think our downtown is on a cusp of something great. I think the completion of the Performing Arts Center is going to be a turning point for the city and I'm excited to see how the folks on that committee who many of whom are business owners on Main Street are integral in taking Main Street to that next step. So I thank you for your consideration and I certainly welcome any questions.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Anyone have questions?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. Hello Mr. Sennott. So you answered a couple of my questions in your opening speech so thank you for that without knowing what they were. But I'll throw the same question out as I threw out Alderman Caron. The Keefe - what do you think about the Keefe Auditorium?

Tim Sennott

Resident Tim thinks that the Keefe Auditorium is a gem to this city. I've had many opportunities to take in performances there as a high school student, as a young adult. I wanted to go see the Symphony once and that's where I went. We have a very vibrant arts community in this city and I feel that the Keefe Auditorium and it's a long-term capacity could be a very adequate complement to the Performing Arts Center just as the theater at Court Street can be a complement to the Keefe Auditorium. The performances that take place the Court Street Theatre are not going to take place at Keefe. The performances that take place at the Keefe are not necessarily going to take place at the new performing arts center.

That being said, this Board is in place to assess the details of that. I know that that's still at least a year off as we as we move on with the new McCarthy Middle School and we assess what needs to be done with the Elm Street site. I'd still like to see more community meetings to see what is to be done with that site but I do believe that there is a large bit of community support for keeping the Keefe Auditorium. We certainly would want to take a look at what the costs are associated with that. I've heard numbers high. I've heard numbers low. I've heard numbers in the middle but standing here today, I am a proponent of keeping the Keefe Auditorium but I certainly would take into account any of the factors that come into play in now.

Alderman Thibeault

Follow up. How do you plan on communicating with your constituents if you're in this role?

Tim Sennott

Well I am a millennial so I am on Facebook for better or for worse. These are the things you think about at night when you know you're coming to one of these meetings and you're not getting a whole lot of sleep. I certainly would make an effort to have a central social media presence where folks could reach me. I think that's the first place a lot of people go. My phone number is available. It's no secret to anybody who wants to find it. I have plenty of access. I have an employer who's very forgiving with time so if the need arises to step aside from my desk for a moment to take a phone call, I'm certainly able to do that. I also work from home two days a week so I'm in Nashua two days a week and accessible to anybody that needs to reach me. I answer all my emails whether people want me to or not. Yes I think it would be very accessible.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you.

Alderwoman Timmons

Thank you, Madam President. I do have a question. Crown Hill area is very diverse and you know you have a community center over there. I'm there quite a lot. I wanted to know if you visit the community center and if you haven't, why not?

Tim Sennott

I have visited the community center. I appreciate a lot of the work that is done there. I've been to a number of events that were held there. My wife and I have taken very ill-fated dancing lessons there. My son loves going to the seasonal parties that are hosted there at Halloween and at the holiday season for Christmas. We've been to tie dyeing events there. Once or twice, I've even signed up to volunteer there. I don't think I had any services at the time that they needed for me to offer and unfortunately since, my time has become a little more constricted in that respect. I certainly love having the community center. I think it's a wonderful use of a historic building. It's centrally located right in front of

my son's elementary school. I'd love to see more done with it. I think it's wonderful. I've basically been there since the beginning of it and I've been able to watch it grow and thrive.

Alderwoman Timmons

Thank you. That's good to know.

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Sennott very good to meet you. I read your letter of intent and I appreciate your service to the Ward. Questions I have pretty simple, pretty broad. Why you and why now?

Tim Sennott

Well as many of you know, I was present for a lot of the discussion with the expanded outdoor dining. That sort of lit a fire under me. I alluded earlier that I've decided to dedicate more of my time to this community. I could go into a long winded spiel about how since moving to Crown Hill I've sort of found my home. I've been in Nashua for 28 years but this is the first time I felt that you know that childhood sense of home. But I see an opportunity to give back to the community in greater capacity. Currently, I am able to serve 14 hours a day, maybe once to twice a year when we're hosting elections. I simply want to do more. I spend a lot of time following the happenings here at City Hall. That's nothing particularly new. I've spent more time coming here in person this year but staying abreast of the happenings here at City Hall whether it's by watching the meetings on YouTube or following along with the meeting minutes when they were a little more verbatim at a time. It's something I've done for a long, long time.

I told a few folks here that the first time I ever set foot in this chamber was when I was roughly 13 or 14 years old when the project for the original David Deane skate park was taking place over on Bridge Street. It's unfortunately no longer located but since then, I've had a great interest in municipal politics for lack of a better word. The work that's done here is the work that affects our neighborhoods and I have come to unwaveringly love the neighborhood that I've landed in and I want to be able to give everything to it. So that in turn where it's a neighborhood that my wife's family group grew up in decades before I was even a thought, it can be a neighborhood that maybe my son would want to settle in one day.

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you.

Tim Sennott

Thank you.

Alderman Dowd

One question. How do you feel about spending city money to keep Court Street up to date or even improve?

Tim Sennott

I think Court Street is another gem just like the Keefe Auditorium. I know that it's suffering lately. I believe Alderman O'Brien used the phrase "tired" when it was first discussed. That being said, I have a great appreciation for the Court Street Theater. I attended presentations there when it was the American Stage Festival. As a kid, developed my love of musical theater there after seeing a production of Godspell when I was in the ninth grade. I think it's a great service to the youth to have a theatre of that size and to look at the opportunities for the city to help bolster that building and bring it to something similar to what it once was. I think would be a very worthwhile endeavor.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I'm going to be rather boring. I'm going to ask you the same question that I asked Alderman Caron and that is your opinion on the asphalt manufacturing.

Tim Sennott

I don't find it boring. Oh, come on, that's the fun stuff. I do have a great deal of concern about the proposals being put

through the Planning Board at the moment for the subdivision of the Temple Street property there. You had asked earlier whether we had spoken to any residents about that. That is something that I've done. One of the most pressing concerns that I learned in my discussions with residents at Crown Hill is that they were unaware. This is something that's right around the corner and many folks that I've spoken to are unaware. I have met more concern than I have support for it in speaking with my neighbors. I did speak with one individual who, you know, made the very valid point of jobs that would be coming from western Massachusetts to Nashua, New Hampshire. That's not an invalid point at all but my bigger concern is how this facility would fit into the character of that neighborhood. I don't think it would be an adequate fit for that neighborhood. We have more residential space surrounding that area now than I believe we do industrial. We have a new apartment facility that's in the process of being developed. They've already begun gutting through the Henry Hangar building.

To share something a little anecdotally, I grew up in or three on the north end of Nashua about three miles from the Anheuser Busch plant. If I could be three miles from the Anheuser Busch plant, step out every morning and smell malted barley in the air, then I have no doubt in my mind that somebody residing in the workforce housing that's going into the Henry Hanger building is going to be able to wake up and smell asphalt being produced in their backyard.

Additionally, Commercial Street runs right behind that and I don't think a lot of people put much thought into Commercial Street because it's a not a particularly dotted street to drive down. But what a lot of people may not realize is that on the other side of that stone wall are residences whose addresses are listed as Commercial Street. My wife lived there when I first met her and I believe it was a granite production or gravel production of some sort there that had a garage at the time. I heard that from the living room window. If we heard, the folks that are living there are absolutely gonna smell asphalt and I think it's a great concern to put that there. We have many properties in Nashua that were unable to develop because of highly chemical production over the years. We have the Mohawk Tannery, the old - I can't recall the name at the moment but it's at the backside of the Hills Ferry Road.

Alderman Klee

Beazer.

Tim Sennott

Beazer. Thank you. Coppers - that's the one I know it as. These are coppers. In Ward 7, we have the rubber manufacturing plant that took years to clean up after it shuttered in 2001 before they were finally able to open those Marshall Street apartments. So that being an area that we hope to one day develop for a rail plan that they eventually want to place right in Crown Hill, I think that's a very ill advised plan and it's my hope that just speaking with folks in Ward 7 that there might be enough tailwind to come out and voice their concerns.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. For you or any other that are running on August 4th Planning Board.

Tim Sennott

Thank you.

Alderman Moran S

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Moderator Sennott. So I heard a lot of things that you would support, however, would cost, dissuade you on some of the projects that you've said you would support tonight whether it the Keefe, Court Street.

Tim Sennott

I always have an eye for cost. If you had the opportunity to read the resume that I provided, in my professional life, I do work in finance and accounting, budgets, cost estimates are all a daily part of my life. So it's only natural that my inclination tilts that way. However, I also understand that in order to progress as a city, to grow as a city, to thrive as a city that sometimes comes at a cost. It's not going to be my first deterrent when looking at a project. It's something that I'd want to know about. I want to be conscious of how we are spending the residents' money because it is their money. They pay their property taxes and they have their concerns about how it's spent. I just want to make sure that we're spending wisely. I feel that growth, prosperity, these are all wise and worthwhile endeavors that we shouldn't just shy away from due to the notion of not spending.

Alderman Moran

Thank you.

Tim Sennott

Thank you.

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Madam President.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. So want to know what the most important thing or I should say, what do you think is the most important thing - well, most important issue in Nashua currently and something that you care about? So lining up, right most important issue you care about the most?

Tim Sennott

Well, that's a good one. Most important issue I think facing Nashua is the most important issue that faces Nashua every day and that's providing services that best serve our residences. I think that starts at the core of any municipality - good schools, well supported police, well provided firefighters. We place a great deal of emphasis on the Fire Department. My family, my wife's grandfather is a retired Fire Captain who built the house that's three doors down from ours. We all have that reminder every day but the services that we provide to the residents need to be first and foremost. In doing so, we need to always approach issues that affect those departments whether it's fire, police, streets, roads, schools with a mind for bolstering the folks that make those work whether it's our Department of Public Works having the tools and the funding that they need to make our roads safe, keep our roads from damaging our vehicles. We need to attract and retain the best teachers that we can. I've said in this chamber before that we cannot expect to always kick the notion of attracting and retaining the best teachers down the road and expect to keep and retain the best teachers. Teachers approach their careers just like any of us do. When I'm looking for a job in accounting, I'm looking for I'm looking to get the most bang for my buck. Teachers the same way. We need to start treating them like the smart and educated folks that they are if we want to keep them retain them here and see them here for the long term. The best teachers that I had growing up, they've all moved away.

We need to support our Police Departments. We have in Nashua, I believe, a very adequate Police Department. I know they've bolstered at the request of the residents in Ward 7 their presence significantly In Crown Hill at least over the past few years. They're very responsive to even the silly, little pithy neighborhood concerns that we have somebody speeding down my road. We can get an officer out within five minutes. That's the sort of community oriented policing that I like. I just feel that bolstering those services that we have, putting them up, and continuing to ensure that they thrive should be the most pressing thing for our city. Everything else can come on after.

Alderman Thibeault

That's a lot of issues. Great, thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Thank you very much. We will take up nominations after we're done interviewing all four candidates.

Tim Sennott

Thank you all for your consideration.

President Wilshire

Thank you very much for yours.

- Bob Resch
114 East Glenwood Street

Nashua, NH 03060

President Wilshire

Okay. Next we have Bob Resch. Bob is joining us via Zoom tonight. So Mr. Resch, you have five minutes.

Bob Resch

Thank you. Thank you to the Board. My knee thanks you for allowing me to do this through Zoom.

As the saying goes, I wasn't born in New Hampshire but I couldn't wait to get here. I was born in New York City and spent the first 39 years of my life there. I had New Yorker's view of the world. New York, Hudson River, vast wasteland, Pacific Ocean. I went to school in the New York City school system. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the city college. Through a twist of fate, of course, I ended up in the medical profession.

In 2003, I had a job offer from an MRI company in Maryland and I decided to leave the City and find out what life was like beyond the Hudson. What I found stunned me. I found a place where I could move in a very comfortable way without paying a fortune and rent and taxes. After several years, I left that company for a new position in New England. At first, I lived in Massachusetts and when my wife and I decided to stop renting and buy a home, we found Nashua. We found it a very friendly City and State. Not just friendly towards people but friendly towards business as well. In the years we have lived in Nashua, my wife and I have seen numerous new businesses open and new housing being built. A few months ago, my wife and I went to the movies just over the border in Tyngsboro. We saw a shopping mall that had once been filled now had over half of its stores vacant due to the economic restrictions imposed by Massachusetts. In driving home, we saw two new stores being built in Nashua. The difference is striking.

Our nation is currently experiencing an economic downturn. Although Nashua hasn't been hit as hard as some other places, we are still feeling the crunch. I see the best way to ease the crisis is with careful government spending and incentives for new businesses. When we grow our economy, we grow our community. The New Hampshire advantage is real. We are informed the Gate City just (inaudible) location as the entry in New Hampshire. We are a gateway for a freer way of life and if you choose me to be Alderman for Ward 7 maintaining that freedom for our citizens and our State's advantage will consistently be at the forefront of my decisions. Thank you for your time.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Anyone have any questions for Mr. Resch?

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Resch thank you for applying. I have actually two questions. I'll start with the one that I've asked everybody else so far. What are your views on the asphalt manufacturing company?

Bob Resch

Well although I do feel that there is a necessity for new business to be brought into our city, I don't feel that the location for the asphalt manufacturing facility is the proper location for it. As was pointed out before, the speaker who preceded me, it's not something that the residents there want to wake up to smelling every day. I think that we can find a better use for that property, a better way to bring jobs in then to have something like that which can ultimately be toxic to the residents in the long run.

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much. I do have one other question for you. You're very thoughtful in discussing the economic downturn, and careful government spending, and etc. I don't know how long you've been here in New Hampshire but are you aware that New Hampshire is a Dillon State and sometimes as Board of Aldermen although we may want to do something, we can't do it unless we've had legislation approval from the State of New Hampshire as we are a Dillon State?

Bob Resch

Yes, I am aware of that. I've been in Nashua for eight years now.

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you for applying Mr. Resch. We have not met at all. I don't know you at all so I'm trying to find a little bit more out about you. I'm going to start with the question I asked the other two just because I want to be very consistent in questioning each person. What do you think about keeping or not keeping the Keefe Auditorium at Elm Street?

Bob Resch

I don't believe it's absolutely a necessity at this point. I figure I feel that with the Court Street auditorium and with a new art center that's opening up, we can find a better use for that space or even to sell that space and to use that money in conjunction with private funds to enhance the Court Street auditorium.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else have questions for Mr. Resch?

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you, Madam President. Same questions as I asked her Mr. Sennott. Why you, why now?

Bob Resch

As Alderman Moran pointed out not only do we require people who have been on the Board for a long time for their knowledge, their wisdom, their experience, we also require fresh eyes, fresh perspective, fresh blood. I have not served in government in New Hampshire or Nashua and I feel that I do have, although I do have experience serving in local government and school government, and I feel that a new fresh set of eyes, a new way of looking at things, someone who is not beholden to anyone, and be a very good boost to the drawing board.

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

Mr. Resch thank you for putting your name forward. I just wanted to get an idea of what your experiences in the neighborhood you'd be representing are. Do you have - have you spoken to any of the other candidates in any of the capacities that they served in? Have you volunteered with any organizations? Anything like that?

Bob Resch

No. To be honest with you, I have not spoken with any of the other candidates. Due to my past workload which has now been alleviated quite a bit since I work from home now, I will I will have much more time than I would have in the past which is why I'm actually putting my name in now and have not done so before.

Alderman Lopez

Okay. Thank you for your answer and your willingness to get more involved.

President Wilshire

Anyone else have questions for Mr. Resch? Okay. So we're gonna take up nominations after we interview our last candidate so stay with us. Mr. Guarino.

- Ray Guarino
59 Elgin Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Ray Guarino

Thank you, thank you very much and thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here. I live on Elgin Street. I've been a resident of Ward 7 since 2002. Many of those years June Caron has been my representative on the Board and I always voted for her because I believe she did a great job.

I also know Tim Sennott and he has always been a very hard worker, very dedicated at Ward 7. So you have some great candidates for Ward 7. I think they they'll do a great job. They both believe in good government and even though we have changes, I want to speak a little bit about what Alderman Moran said about how having changes. June Caron has about 10 years' experience but some of these new people in these new changes, change is sometimes not good because you don't have people who actually believe in government that are in government. But you do have people like Tim Sennott who do believe in government and do a good job. So I think is very careful about change. Some change is good, some change is not good.

I actually want to remove my name from consideration because I think June has done a good job. I would urge you to vote for June. I know Tim. Tim is also very good candidate too. So I hope that helps you get closer - it makes your job easier choosing a candidate. Whoever you choose, you know, I'm going to help them at Ward 7 because we do have a team down there at Ward 7, especially on Election Day and everybody works together. So thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Mr. Guarino. We appreciate you coming. Okay.

Alderman Dowd

Yes. I'd like to nominate June Caron to fill the Ward 7...

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd, I'd like to open up the floor for nominations. Okay. I'm going to open up the floor for nominations.

Alderman Comeau

If I may before you do that, just a quick question. I noticed there's a hefty sized audience on Zoom and I wondered if it would be appropriate for us to allow a period of public comment before we decide to vote.

President Wilshire

We don't have public comment at this meeting this evening.

Alderman Comeau

Could I make a motion to allow public comment?

President Wilshire

You can make a motion.

Alderman Comeau

Then I would like to do so please.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN COMEAU TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lopez

I generally like to be the sole agent of chaos But in this particular case, I would find it helpful to hear what members of the public who live in the neighborhoods that we would be appointing someone for because I find this to be a very unusual circumstance where there was an election, they voted, and now because of the resignation of Alderman Cathey, we're in a position to make a decision for people whose personally I don't live in that neighborhood so I would be supportive just to kind of understand what the sentiment is there.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. Aldermen Comeau beat me to it. That's all I had to say.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I usually do vote for public comment and I do think it's a good idea to get some input from Ward 7. My only concern is that when we put out the agenda, it did not have public comment. So some of the candidates that are here won't have necessarily representation. I still want to hear from the public but I want to make that very clear that it wasn't on the agenda. So there may be some people that just didn't bother to come. They may have come if they knew it was on the agenda and I think that needs to be taken into consideration when we place our vote so thank you.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to say that I will not be entertain the thought of public comment. I usually want to hear exactly what the public has to say but in this particular case, we have. This meeting was to nominate candidates. I have great fear if we open it up for public comment, we will hear much more not so much about the candidates but perhaps other different things that could be better addressed at a full Board of Aldermen meeting when those particular subject matters are taken up at the particular Board. I'll go by the wishes of the Board but keep that in mind in your vote that unless somebody wants to make an amendment to the motion that the comments must be on to the specific nominations. Thank you, Madam President.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, again, I would favor a lot of time public comment but in this instance since we're selecting a Ward 7 Alderman, I think, the only people that we should hear input from are people who live in Ward 7. Otherwise, I think we're going to get into personality and conflicts that are only leading to elongate this meeting without due cause.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. Usually I'm for public comment as well. Last week, I made a comment that we should have had public comment on the Franklin Street issue but in this case, people did not know that they were going to be able to speak tonight so someone may not have come. They've had opportunities to send us stuff and some people have. I mean that's just as good as any public comment. So thank you.

Alderman Moran

Just to be safe, I'd like to amend the motion to allow for public comment restricted just to this topic and only from Ward 7 residents.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MORAN TO AMEND TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RESTRICTED JUST TO THIS TOPIC AND ONLY FROM WARD 7 RESIDENTS, BY ROLL CALLON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Okay, so you've heard the amended motion. Discussion on that?

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you, Madam President. Just a question. How are we vetting public comment? Are we asking for addresses and checking to make sure they live in the Ward?

Alderman Comeau

Thank you, Madam President. I would support an amendment to restrict comment to just the item before us. I don't know how, you know, unless we're sitting here with Google maps open that we're going to verify by the time people start talking whether they live in the Ward or not. So I would prefer that the amendment just restrict the topic and not so much the geography.

There's an argument to be made also that even though it is a Ward 7 Alderman, decisions that that Alderman is going to make affect everyone who lives in the city. So I'd still like to hear an opinion if somebody has one from a different Ward as long as it's on this topic only.

Alderman Moran

I'm going to withdraw my amendment and offer the amendment of only on this topic of Ward 7 candidates.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN COMEAU TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT ONLY ON THE TOPIC BEFORE US RIGHT NOW, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Wilshire	11
Nay: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons	3

MOTION CARRIEDPUBLIC COMMENTLou Juris

Good evening. Lou Juris here. 56 Haines Street in Nashua. This is maybe for me a difficult, I guess, discussion. A difficult choice and I know both candidates very well. It was good testimony tonight. Good questioning and I would support Mr. Sennott at this point to carry the remainder of the term. Thank you for your time and I want to thank all the candidates - June, Ray, Mr. Resch, and Tim for putting their names forward. Thank you.

Sonia Prince

Hi. My name is Sonia Prince, 49 Tufts Drive. I do hope that you support either Mr. Sennott or Ray Guarino. I think they're both very qualified, very involved in the community, they know their stuff, and it's refreshing to see people who are that excited about coming to our Aldermen meetings. So I hope you consider those candidates. Thank you.

Beth Scaer

Beth Scaer, 111 East Hobart Street. I wanted to say I really miss John Cathey on the Board. I'm sorry that we lost him. He did a great job and I think Tim and June are, you know, I'm happy that they're running. I have really good relationships with both of them but I would really love to see you appoint Bob Resch. I loved hearing about his fiscal conservative outlook. The city's going to be in deep trouble with property taxes shooting up as the commercial values fall and residential property values go up. We need a lifeline here. So please consider appointing Bob. Thanks.

President Wilshire

Thank you.

Matthew Gouthro

Thank you. Matthew Gouthro, 104 Fawn Lane here in Nashua. I wouldn't be as presumptuous to assume that my comments would sway anyone from voting for the candidate in which you've met this evening. I believe all the

candidates that spoke out here, I applaud them for volunteering to come out here and step forward and putting themselves in this position to help assist our government during this time of need.

I just think that at the end of the day, this should be settled by the voters in a special election. I know that the Charter has been changed recently to reflect that and I hope in the future that we have a review of our Charter to see if we can put unique situations like this back in the hands of the voters. I appreciate you allowing comments for this and thank you for your continued support of our residents here in Nashua.

President Wilshire

Thank you.

Allison Dyer

Hi. Allison Dyer, 9 Squire Drive Nashua, New Hampshire. I just wanted to echo the sentiments of the previous speaker, Mr. Gouthro and again say that I thought everyone did a wonderful job with their speeches this evening. I would have to say I would love to see June Caron come back. I think she has been great for the City of Nashua in the time that she was there and I think that she's contains a broad spectrum of views and I think that would be good for the residents of Nashua again. So thank you again.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Is there anyone else wishing to give public comment on the Ward 7 nomination? Seeing none, okay, I'm gonna close public comment. Right now I'm going to open up the floor for nominations

President of Board of Aldermen calls for nominations for Ward 7 vacancy

Alderman Dowd nominates June Caron

Alderman Dowd

The first thing we should all be thinking about is why are we here this evening? We're here to select the best candidate to fill the Ward 7 slot. All the candidates are good, hardworking people, and it's no reflection against any of them. I've known a number of Aldermen in like 12 years serving on the Board of Aldermen and I have never seen an Alderman that works as hard as Alderman Caron. She is in a number of things and works hard to support all the people in her Ward. So many people in her Ward that I talked to that were shocked that she didn't run again. I think it's probably a fair bet that if she had run this last term that she would have won since she's been elected five previous times.

Also, I think it's a good idea to have a diverse Board - new people and people with experience and knowledge because the new people learning every day, and can hear what has happened in the past, and take that extensive background into consideration. So I just think that we need that mix of experience. Certainly June Caron with 45 years working for the city, and 10 years on the Board of Aldermen, and all of the different things she's involved in - Senior Center, going back to school, Lions Club number of things that I think that she presents the best person that can represent the people in Ward 7 and I think that's why we're here this evening and I think that's the way we ought to go.

Alderman Clemons nominates Tim Sennott

Alderman Clemons

I have known Tim for the last couple of years as a hard working Ward Moderator. Somebody who has a lot of interest in local government, in politics particularly here in Nashua obviously. He cares a lot about his neighborhood and he's involved in the goings on in his neighborhood. I think that he will offer a fresh perspective to this Board. I have worked well with June in the past and I think that she would do a great job as well but I think we need to look to the future and I think that Tim will offer us that path forward. So I hope that my colleagues will join me and support Tim this evening.

President Wilshire

Any other nominations?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to make a motion to close nominations.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	13
Nay:	Alderman Lopez	1

MOTION CARRIED**VOTE ON ELECTION OF WARD 7 VACANCY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022-2023 LEGISLATIVE TERM**

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

June Caron:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Jette, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Wilshire	9
Tim Sennott:	Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons	5

President Wilshire

So the votes go to June Caron. Ms. Caron would you please come up and be sworn in.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

Alderman Dowd

Alderman Caron we have good news and bad news. The good news is you've been elected to the Ward 7 Alderman. The bad news is you have a meeting following this one.

Alderman Caron

I thought I was going to go home and celebrate or cry.

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JULY 25, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Attest: Susan Lovering, City Clerk