

## BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

JULY 27, 2020

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Monday, July 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

### Chairman Dowd

As Chairman of the Budget Review Committee, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

***a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:***

**To access Zoom, please refer to the agenda or the City's website for the meeting link.**

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***b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:***

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

***c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:***

If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or Channel 16, please call 603-821-2049 and they will help you connect.

***d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:***

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods mentioned above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. **When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.**

Alderman O'Brien 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 5 members of the Budget Review Committee present:

Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Chairman  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Ernest Jette (arrived after roll call)  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

Also in Attendance: Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

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Alderman O'Brien

Alderman-at-Large Michael O'Brien is present. I am practicing social distancing and I am alone.

Alderman Wilshire

I am here, I am practicing social distancing and I am here alone and I can hear you.

Alderman Schmidt

I am present, I can hear the proceedings, I am alone and practicing social distancing.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I can hear everyone, I am here alone, and practicing social distancing in accordance with the Governor's Orders.

Alderman O'Brien

Mr. Chairman you have four members present; you do have a quorum. Also in attendance are Alderman Cleaver and Alderman Harriott-Gathright.

Chairman Dowd

Alright, thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-20-052**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED MATERIALS AND SERVICES WORTH \$16,650 FROM ETCHSTONE PROPERTIES, INC. TO BE USED TOWARDS PAINTING THE EXTERIOR OF THE CITY OWNED BUILDING AT 57 GILSON ROAD**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Wilshire,  
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd 4

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

Chairman Dowd

Ok I don't believe that there is anything that is tabled in Committee that will be discussed tonight. Two of them are Director Cummings and he is going to present them in the August meeting. I talked to him a couple of times, including this evening.

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

**R-20-016**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess

Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

Alderman Thomas Lopez

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

**AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNLIKE ESCROW FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

(remains tabled)

**R-20-017**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess

Alderman Thomas Lopez

Alderman Richard A. Dowd

Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza

Alderman Patricia Klee

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

Alderman Skip Cleaver

Alderman Jan Schmidt

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE FUTURE REUSE OF THE ELM STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING**

- Requires a Public Hearing which has not yet been scheduled

**R-20-028**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman-at-large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Patricia Klee

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANSINGMELBOURNE GROUP, LLC.**

(remains tabled)

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Alderman O'Brien

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank Etchstone Properties for that donation for 57 Gilson Road; it is nice to have the private/public cooperation when we get down to it. So it is duly noted, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

I just want to say that we are in the Joint Special School Building Committee, we are taking a quick look at Pennichuck which is getting all new air handlers and at the Middle School we are taking a look to possibly add the ability to use HEPA filters and even to use UV sterilization of the air. We are going to look and see how much it costs and what the possibilities are. But as long as we are doing this work, we might as well do it right.

I see Alderman Jette joined us, we are almost done. Director Cummings said he sent you some answers to your questions. We are not taking that up tonight; we are taking up 28 in August. But I don't know, did you receive those?

Alderman Jette

I have not received any answers from Director Cummings or anyone else. I am sorry I am late to the meeting; I was having trouble getting in on my computer. So I am sorry I missed the – I assume we voted to accept the donation on the painting?

Chairman Dowd

Yes.

Alderman Jette

So I went out there and looked at it today, it looks like it has already been painted.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah, they wouldn't want to be painting today, the paint would stick before you got it off the brush; a little warm.

Alderman Jette

I am saying it looks like the building has already been painted.

Chairman Dowd

Interesting. I thought we were talking about painting the exterior of the building, maybe giving it a second coat, I don't know. But anyway, it did get approved and it is going to the Full Board for final approval, which is in our August meeting. Oh I did talk to Attorney Bolton as well last Friday, and the questions that you had asked, none of them rose to legal interpretation so they are all being answered by Director Cummings.

Alderman Jette

Ok thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Anything else, Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

No, nothing else. Thank you very much.

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea:	Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd	5
Nay:		0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Committee Clerk