

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 10, 2020

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, August 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in via teleconference.

Chairwoman Kelly

As Chairwoman of the Human Affairs 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:

We are utilizing Zoom and the meeting link can be found on the agenda as well as on the City's website. You can also join by telephone by dialing: 1-929-205-6099; Meeting ID: 869 6827 0436 and Password: 787339. The Public may also view this meeting on Comcast Channel 16.

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 and publicly noticed at City Hall.

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 Wilshire 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 4 members of the Human Affairs Committee present:

Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Vice Chair
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Members of the Committee absent: Alderman Patricia Klee

Also in Attendance: Bobbie Bagley, Division Director of Public Health and Community Services

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-053

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$27,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY “FY21 NHCF SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION”

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-053, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Bobbie Bagley, Division Director of Public Health and Community Services

This funding that we're receiving from the NH Charitable Foundation is funds that we've had for the past five years and this money is used to address substance use disorder in our community and the greater Nashua community. The funds are used to help support part of the position for our Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator Lisa Vasquez and some hours are also used to help support the program assistant that works with the Division along with this work as well.

The funds are also used to support any work that's done in a community with families, with individuals. We also do our annual photo voice project and funds from this grant are used to cover that as well. That's when we usually get to hear from our youth in the community on their perspective of substance use disorder and health. We usually choose a theme every year that drives the pictures that the youth will take and then we usually have a nice art gallery that they present their photo voice themes and their projects on. This year we're actually doing that on line. So we have been very fortunate to continue to get

this funding from the NH Charitable Foundation especially in the wake of COVID 19 when it seems like a lot of dollars have been diverted to that response. What we do know that this particular population group is affected by COVID 19 as well. So these funds will be used to help meet the gaps and provide education and help promotion for substance use disorder.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you very much for that explanation. I didn't know about the student programs. I'm looking forward to seeing what that manifests itself to be this year.

Are there any questions from the Committee? Anybody? June are you okay? I don't see you.

Alderman Caron

I'm fine.

Chairwoman Kelly

Can the Clerk please call the roll.

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

Yea: Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Harriott-Gathright,
Alderman Wilshire 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO ADJOURN, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Harriott-Gathright,
Alderman Wilshire 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Committee Clerk