

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman Skip Cleaver led in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Wilshire

As President of the Board of Aldermen, 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:

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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.**

The roll call was taken with 14 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Alderman June M. Caron, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman Thomas Lopez, Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Ernest Jette was recorded absent.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton, were also in attendance.

Alderman O'Brien

I am present, I can hear the proceedings and I am alone.

Alderman Klee

I am here, I can hear the proceedings and I am alone.

Alderwoman Kelly

I'm here, I can hear everyone, I am alone.

Alderman Dowd

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

Alderman Caron

I am here, I can hear everyone and I am alone.

Alderman Lopez

I am here, I am alone and I am practicing social distancing, I am really good at it at this point.

Alderman Tencza

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everyone.

President Wilshire

Can anyone else hear Alderman Lu? We can't hear you Alderman Lu. Alderman Jette will not be joining us this evening.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Thank you, President Wilshire. Alderman Schmidt?

Alderman Schmidt

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everyone.

Ms. Lovering

President Wilshire, can you hear Alderman Laws?

President Wilshire

I cannot.

Alderman Cleaver

I am here and I can hear everyone except Alderman Laws and I am alone.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am present, I can hear everyone and I am practicing social distancing and I have three family members here but I am in this room alone.

President Wilshire

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everyone; I am social distancing. I believe Alderman Lu is back. We can't hear you Alderman Lu. Alright, Madam Clerk?

Ms. Lovering

You have 11 in attendance.

President Wilshire

Thank you very much.

Alderman Laws

Madam President, I'm back, I don't know what happened.

Ms. Lovering

Thank you Alderman Laws.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Laws. Also with us this evening is Mayor Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton. Mayor, do you wish to address the Board this evening?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Madam President, before we proceed, I think we ought to do whatever is necessary so that we can all hear and she can hear us in the case of Alderman Lu.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Alderman Lu, can you hear us?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Can you dial in?

President Wilshire

I think she's trying to dial in.

Alderman Clemons

Hello? Alderman Clemons is here.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Clemons.

Attorney Bolton

Maybe you should inquire if Alderman Clemons can hear us and establish whether he's alone or if others are present?

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Yes I can hear everyone, I am by myself and social distancing at home.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Clemons.

Alderman Dowd

Also President Wilshire, Director Marchant is with us this evening and Assistant Chief Jim Testaverde.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Dowd; Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Can you hear me now?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderwoman Lu

Alright.

President Wilshire

You are on mute Alderman Lu; Alderman Lu, can you hear us?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes I can, I can hear you (audio cuts out).

President Wilshire

Ok, alright. Now, Mayor do you wish to address the Board?

REMARKS BY THE MAYORMayor Jim Donchess

Yes, thank you Madam President. Well first, as you all know, we had our primary election yesterday which was the first of a kind one in which people could vote via absentee with COVID-19 as their rationale. As a result of that, we had many, many more absentee ballot requests than ever before. The number exceeded 5,000 although I don't believe all those votes were actually cast absentee but over 3,000 and Ms. Lovering can give you the details. Over 3,000 were cast via absentee. Again, this was a first of a kind event and also the procedures that had been established by the State of New Hampshire for the City Clerk to track all these ballots are very complex and very time consuming. There are multiple times when the City Clerk or her staff has to check in with the State data base, record various stages of where the ballot is in the process. And during this entire time, Sue Lovering, the City Clerk and her staff, worked way beyond expectations in order to make sure that this election came off. Ms. Lovering herself worked 7 days a week, entering data, taking care of other problems, registering people, many, many different tasks. And as we added to the staff through temporary work force, managed a much larger workforce than she had in the past.

Her staff also worked many extra hours and were entering this data and processing these absentee ballots. At times we were getting 500+ requests per day and those all had to be processed quickly. So in the end, this never could have been pulled off without the extraordinary efforts of Ms. Lovering. The election went by with great success and the count came in and again, I can't say enough about how hard Sue worked. I went in at various times, you know, at night, Saturday afternoon, there was Sue working away, as well as some of the staff members. So I just wanted to, you know, we've got a bigger election coming up but this was a great trial run, I think we set up a good system and again it is all thanks to Ms. Lovering and her staff.

Now it has been my custom, Madam President, to update you on the Coronavirus when we meet in this fashion at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen. We continue to have a very low number of cases, around 8 active cases in Nashua right now. And as you know we have been very careful around City Hall to try to prevent any outbreaks by keeping City Hall closed in part, by requiring appointments, by limiting the number of people who have come in for automobile registration. And, of course, I personally have limited the number of people that I met with in City Hall to a very small number and a small number of occasions. However, one of our City Hall employees called me, excuse I think someone from the City Government called me late Thursday, this past Thursday and said that one of the people that I met with had a family member test positive for COVID-19. So I immediately, "Oh really?". So I immediately called that employee and said, "You better get tested, I'll talk to Bobbie Bagley the Director of Public Health, we'll get you tested right away" which we did. And in talking about it, we decided that I and at least one or two others that had been in these meetings should also be tested. So I got tested Thursday night as well.

A couple days went by and on Saturday afternoon, I got the call from Director Bagley saying, "Well your test was inconclusive", "what does that mean". "Well to confirm a test you need two strands of RNA that is some kind of genetic material, you had one, so we are going to re-test you on Sunday". So Ms. Bagley, of course, she's also been working beyond the call of duty for many, many months, Ms. Bagley who had already been up to the State on Saturday to deliver those tests, because more tests were run then, came to my house on Sunday morning, we ran the test again and she called me later in the afternoon to say, "You tested positive". So I tested positive. My wife also seems like she has symptoms, she's been tested but the results haven't come back yet. I think the lesson here is that no matter how careful you are, that we need to continue to exercise a lot of caution.

I have not gone – outdoor dining only, no group gatherings except at great distances, but despite all that, somehow this virus slipped through at City Hall and there are several people including myself who have tested positive. So we need to continue to be careful, we want to continue to protect our neighbors, our friends. So far for me the disease hasn't been too severe but certainly I know that I have a virus. So I just wanted to update you and let you know what had happened, again urge caution for the entire community as we have been doing throughout the last 6 months or so.

The next item on the Agenda is the introduction of our new Planning Manager which Ms. Marchant is going to handle. She will introduce you to Matthew Sullivan who has come down from the North Country to join us or will be coming down from the North Country to join us. Because I am feeling the effects of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, I am going to depart once Ms. Marchant is finished but if you have any questions for me, now would be the time to ask. That's all I have Madam President.

President Wilshire

I am really sorry that you tested positive for that, but as you said, everyone needs to be on their best, you know, cautious every day, all the time. So I hope your symptoms clear up fast and you are feeling better.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Lopez

Yeah I just want to express my concern for the Mayor and I hope you are getting the best care. I agree Director Bagley has been doing an outstanding job in being responsive and quick to address these cases. I am glad that your case was identified very quickly. I hope that everything goes alright for you and for your wife.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President; Mr. Mayor, I too would like to tell you that I hope you are feeling better and that your wife is feeling equally better. I know these are kind of scary times but I also know that the two of you are very strong, you'll kick it. Take care.

Alderman O'Brien

Yes basically the same thing, best wishes Mr. Mayor to you and your wife, speedy recovery and wish you the best.

Mayor Donchess

Thank you everyone.

Alderman Tencza

I just wanted to briefly echo the Mayor's comments as they relate to Ms. Lovering and the work that her office did with the elections yesterday. It wasn't easy, we've gotten some negative feedback I think but I think overall it was a positive experience for people to feel safe going out to vote in an environment where they can remain socially distant and wearing masks and doing it a safe way. And then finally, Mr. Mayor, I hope a speedy recovery for you and Mrs. Donchess.

Alderman Cleaver

Yes thank you. I would like to thank the Mayor for all the hard work he's done and the Mayor's staff and everybody at City Hal. And Ms. Lovering that was an outstanding job you did in a very unusual circumstance and we can't thank you enough. I think it went very, very, very well. But kudos to the Mayor and to the staff and to Director Bagley and everybody in fighting this virus. It's been a fantastic learning experience in many ways but it's also been very, very, very hard work. We appreciate all that has been done.

Alderman Dowd

Yes I know what we had some concerns at Ward 6 because it is the Fairgrounds Middle School and it's in the middle of construction right now. We did what we could to make it passable working with Ms. Lovering and we did have a couple hiccups that we are not sure what they were caused by, but it is being moved across the street to the elementary school for November so there will not be an issue. And Mayor, I hope you and your wife kick this real fast.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Just want to echo all my colleagues' comments to the Mayor. I hope that you and Vicky recover abundantly and soon. And to Sue Lovering and her staff, job well done, Ward 9 was well done. I did stay there until the end and I actually watched them unassembled and take down things just really, really working as a team. So just want to say hats off to you as well. And of course to Director Bagley, the lady of the hour, thank you so much for all that you've done, not just for the Mayor but for a lot of other families here in Nashua, because I've heard nothing but great things about your team and how they went overboard to help someone get the testing that they needed. So I just want to say thank you, we really appreciate it.

RECOGNITION PERIOD

Introduction of New Planning Manager Matthew Sullivan, AICP

Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development

Thank you President Wilshire and the Board. I am here before you tonight to introduce you to the new Planning Manager, Matthew Sullivan, AICP who will be starting with us at the end of the month. This was a long search in seeking the new manager; we really needed a very broad skill set and we were looking for somebody with the enthusiasm and the energy to really bring this to this position, the Board and coming back into the new Master Planning effort. And we have been incredibly busy in this time.

Bobbie and her team have been doing an amazing job with the COVID response and we have been keeping the economy moving smoothly with non-stop Planning Board, Zoning Board, Conservation Commission and all of the applications moving right along through and development has been proceeding at a pretty breakneck pace. So we are really excited to bring Matthew on board and to keep this moving. I will let you give him a little bit of a background about himself. So introducing Matt, hopefully you can see him.

Matthew Sullivan, Planning Manager

Hey everyone, thank you everyone, I appreciate you having me this evening. I want to thank members of the Board, Director Marchant, Mr. Mayor; I appreciate you taking the time to say hello albeit in the circumstances that we are this evening, virtually. I don't know if I can begin to express my enthusiasm for joining the City. Some background, Mr. Mayor said that I was from the North Country, that is true. But originally, I was actually born in Nashua, I lived there the first 5 years of my life on Huey Street adjacent to the Mohawk Tannery. And then subsequently went through education in Milford, just next door so I am certainly well connected to the Nashua area. And in a way, this is a bit of a homecoming for me so I am very excited to come back and contribute to a community that's very near and dear to me.

Just to simply add to that, my family and friends are still located in the Nashua area, many of which are actually working or living in Nashua. Certainly I understand the role that both Housing & Economic Development play in Nashua's character and how they will play a role in Community Development moving forward. As was mentioned, I was the Planning Director in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire until just recently. Before that I worked a consulting planner for a Regional Planning Commission in the Seacoast area of New Hampshire, working in Dover, Rochester and other smaller communities in that area focusing primarily on land use, economic development and housing and planning. I had a really great experience there and really gave me a taste of working in a more urban environment, which made me (audio cuts out) to come back and exercise some of those skills in Nashua. And certainly working with Sarah and the team, I am very excited about moving forward on efforts like the Master Plan, the Comprehensive Code Update and subsequent efforts that will come out of that.

I am ready to hit the ground running, I will begin on September 28th, I am extremely excited, again I will be, in light of the circumstances that are before us today, excited to get started with the team and really get going on the Master Plan. That is one of our highest priority items right now. And I expect that through that I will get a chance to be exposed to each of you hopefully in one sense or another and certainly get to know the community in a better way. I am happy to answer any questions that you might have this evening, but again, I want to thank you again for your time and for this brief sort of chat and get to know you and hopefully we get a chance to meet in person sometime in the near future.

President Wilshire

Thank you Mr. Sullivan and thank you Director Marchant. I hope that you're in for a big job because Nashua has a big job for you.

Mr. Sullivan

Yeah.

President Wilshire

A lot of excitement, right we have a new Master Plan and all these things going on; it's a great time for you to be here and I am excited, for one, that Sarah found you. So thank you.

Mr. Sullivan

Well I appreciate that and you're so right, it seems like the perfect time to come on board. It seems like a very exciting time and certainly I think both during and after COVID is going to be a very interesting time for the City and hopefully the Master Plan gives us some direction on what that looks like moving forward. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Well that's going to be on you; I mean not all of it.

Mr. Sullivan

That's right.

President Wilshire

Alright, thank you both very much. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Sullivan? Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

More of a comment. I just wanted to make it before the Mayor signs off. At the election yesterday we did have an individual who had difficulty with the masking requirements for voting and he presented evidence that he had some developmental disabilities, he was escalating emotionally very quickly. He had some verbal stuttering and he was very, very agitated when he left and Nashua Police made sure to help de-escalate out of concern for him. I was very impressed with how the officer approached it, I was very impressed with how the officer was able to calm him down and reassure him that he was going to be heard, he was going to get his chance to vote.

President Wilshire's son did a very good job of making sure we had a contingency plan for people who were not able to vote with the mask on, which preserved their ability to keep their eyes on the ballot box so they would meet them in the back area, they could fill out the voting around the corner and then they could watch as Barry brought it to the ballot box. So we had a contingency plan but the experience of walking into a room where everyone around you was suddenly alarmed by you not wearing a mask was pretty intense for that individual and it was Nashua Police who did a very good job I think of managing the person's symptoms, meeting them where they were and reassuring them that they were safe and that they were welcome where they were. So I just wanted to pass that on to you as a little bit of good news.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Lopez. Deputy Testaverde, I hope you'll pass that along?

Deputy Chief Testaverde

I absolutely will, I love the feedback; positive is always better than negative. But we love the feedback, thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Did anyone have questions or anything for Mr. Sullivan before we let him go? Hello? I thought I heard someone speak up, I guess not. Thank you, Mr. Sullivan, and thank you Director Marchant.

Mr. Sullivan

Thank you very much.

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Board of Aldermen meeting of August 11, 2020, and Special Board of Aldermen meeting of August 24, 2020 accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS
FROM LIAISONS

From: Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager
Re: Communications Received from the Public

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

PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON THIS
EVENING

President Wilshire

If you could give your name and address for the record, we would be happy to hear you.

Beth Scaer Beth Scaer, 111 East Hobart Street. I was just wondering are you taking action on R-20-071, Issuing Bonds for \$8 million dollars?

President Wilshire

No we are referring that to Committee; there won't be any action on that this evening.

Ms. Scaer Ok that's all I wanted to ask, thank you.

Bob Keating Bob Keating at 5 Coburn Woods. I am speaking as a member of Granite State Organizing Project and first I want to each the concerns that the Aldermen have expressed to the Mayor and his wife Vicky and hope his course and Vicky's course is very short and they are healthy very quickly.

I am speaking on upcoming discussions tonight about the School Street flats. I have spoken as a member of Granite State Organizing Project before, but tonight my remarks are going to be primarily comments about the project's financing. Our concern is that there is a proposal to have \$2.5 million dollars of City Funds in the form of a Bond that is going to be used for this project. It is being framed as public good; it is clear that without this project there would be no need for additional parking as there is 78 spaces there currently. So the question is, is that you know why are we taking a public resource, the parking lot currently which is generating revenues and that we are selling that property over to a private developer and essentially is going to be \$2.5 million dollars of City Funds plus an additional \$100,000.00 for other infrastructure related requirements for this project. Clearly we have not done that for a number of the most recent projects that have been approved for the City including the Henry Hangar and Corriveau Routhier and certainly the Marshall Street properties.

President Wilshire

Mr. Keating, are you talking about a specific thing we are taking action on this evening?

Mr. Keating Well my understanding is that you are going to be talking about the financing for the School Street Flats?

President Wilshire

Ok, I don't see that on the Agenda this evening.

Mr. Keating It is not? It was, at least I had heard that it was on the Agenda that was posted.

President Wilshire

But we are not taking action on it this evening Mr. Keating. So the first Public Comment Period is only for items that we are expecting to be acting upon this evening. We are not acting on that this evening.

Mr. Keating You are not going to act, you are just going to discuss it. Ok, well I will stop my remarks at this point then.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: David G. Fredette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Re: Purchase replacement for one (1) 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle from FY2021 Capital Equipment Reserve Fund (CERF)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,516.50 TO BE TAKEN FROM THE CERF ACCOUNT AND AWARDED TO MUNICIPAL VEHICLES OF MARLBOROUGH, MA, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman O'Brien

And Madam President, may I speak to my motion?

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, as we have heard and just to familiarize us again, this is replacing a Ford Interceptor that was involved unfortunately in an accident. It is a first line piece for the Police Department. It responds on 911 Emergencies and it is definitely needed by the fleet to complete the Police Department's Mission and I hope you all join me in joining in favor of this. And I see Deputy Chief Testaverde is also here and I am sure he is here to speak on it, if there are further questions. Thank you Madam President.

President Wilshire

Thank you. You've heard the Motion is to accept and place on file and approve the purchase of 2020 Ford Police Interceptor. Any discussion on that motion. Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Cleaver,
Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 13

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Lovering

You have 13 yeas and 0 nays, I did not hear Alderman Laws, President Wilshire.

President Wilshire

Yeah, I don't see that he's on.

Ms. Lovering

13 years and 0 nays.

Alderman Klee

Madam President, Alderman Laws was having some problems before, I don't know if he is still having some that's why he had gone to just shutting off his camera hoping that would help. So he's probably disconnected again.

President Wilshire

So that was 13 to 0, that motion carries.

From: Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Re: Update on the City's Community Power Efforts

Doria Brown, Energy Manager

Hi, I am Doria Brown and I am so happy to be here and to see all of your faces for the first time in a really long time so hi, how are you. I wanted to do a brief update on where I am with Community Power. I am on a little bit of a cell phone / computer kind of situation to be able to be on camera with you guys so I don't think I'll be able to present the presentation. But I sent it over earlier, is that ok?

President Wilshire

That's fine.

Ms. Brown

Ok so I am doing a quick update on Community Power, I have a little outline on what I want to talk about today in the presentation so I am going to talk about the status of the Community Power efforts. The idea of joining with the collective communities who want to share a back office for a community powered program and request that a member of the Board of Aldermen joins our Aggregation Committee so that we can complete that group and start having regular meetings.

So first I wanted to do a brief background on what is Community Power, because I know that we might not have heard about it in a little bit. So Community Power will allow the City to purchase electricity supply from third party suppliers and on the wholesale market on behalf of its residents instead of Eversource purchasing that power. The utility, which is Eversource, will still maintain control of the delivery portion of the bill. So they will maintain the lines and sending that power to everybody's home. Through aggregation the City will be able to charge less per kilowatt hour than the utility while also potentially collecting one tenth a percent brokerage fee from the third party supplier. That money will hopefully be able to be reinvested in energy programs for the community and help us further our way to 100% renewable energy goal by 2050. So this will really help us reinvest back in to our community and kind of own our own renewable energy resources.

So right now the project status is that we are currently in a process of creating a draft aggregation plan which is the first step to creating this program. I have a draft aggregation plan for the Nashua Aggregation Committee to review when we start meeting. I have requested a lot of data from Eversource including the number of energy accounts in Nashua and we found that we have 48,860 accounts and we use about 404,000 mega watts hours every year. So we are quite the user as the City. We have been attending regular data meetings with the Public Utility Commission to work on rule making for this program so that we can work with our utilities and get the data and information that we need to move these programs forward as kind of what is a big step in this because we need a set of rules to be created in order for us to work with our utilities and start our community aggregation. So that's kind of one the big things that we've been working on an kind of lobbying for as a City.

One program that we were considering doing is joining a back office with a collaboration of other communities in New Hampshire. This will allow us to kind of share the cost of upkeep of this program. So when you create a Community Power Program, you have to have customer service, somebody has to be purchasing supply and maintaining all of these accounts. Like I said earlier in this presentation, we have about 48,000 accounts so it is going to be very difficult for one Energy Manager to do by herself. So joining this back office will help us have the staff and be able to free up the time to be able to maintain this program. And in the future, we would like to reinvest and bring renewable energy together because when you put all of our money together as communities, our dollar is stronger together.

The communities in this program include Nashua, Lebanon, Hanover and Cheshire County. We are currently actually in the process of working with legal representation that's being funded by Lebanon and Hanover to incorporate this group and it will be a non-for-profit called Community Power New Hampshire and for short it would be CPNH. So that's kind of like the programming that we are trying to form to start this effort as a community. My computer froze for a second. Actually, this might be a good time to pause for questions. I know I am very much talking quickly.

President Wilshire

Does anyone have any questions? Alderman Cleaver.

Alderman Cleaver

I would just like to say thank you to Ms. Brown, nice to meet you very much and also I would like to be a member of the Committee, I volunteer to do that.

Ms. Brown

Thank you, awesome.

Alderwoman Lu

Just a couple of simple questions. A back office is just another name (audio cuts out).

Ms. Brown

I apologize, but I can't hear you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lu, we can't hear you.

Alderwoman Lu

Ok.

Ms. Brown

I heard "back office". If you want a little bit more information about the back office, I can send you a one pay information sheet that I have about a joint back office for Community Power if that would help.

President Wilshire

That would be great, if you could send that to the full Board that would be great.

Ms. Brown

I can definitely do that. I also have a link for a website that we have created to kind of educate people such as yourselves about Community Power and this back office. So my next slide, oh I am sorry, did you have any more questions?

Alderman Lopez

Actually I just wanted to suggest to Alderman Lu, because I know she's struggling with her IT. Your phone is pretty audible, what I would suggest is stepping away from your computer because your computer audio is being picked up on your phone and creating that reverb. If you take a couple of steps away while you are using your phone I think we could probably hear.

President Wilshire

Well thank you IT guy. Anyone else have any questions for Doria Brown. Did you want to continue Doria? OK.

Ms. Brown

I do. So my last slide is that I am hoping to establish bi-monthly meetings for October/November to get members up to speed about the aggregation planning and then do monthly thereon after. Lastly, we need a member from the Board of Aldermen to get this going. And after completing the aggregation plan, the role of this committee should be to participate in the Community Power NH picking programming that helps further Nashua's Climate & Energy Bill Reduction goals. So that was the end of my presentation. So if there are any further questions, I am happy to answer them.

President Wilshire

Thank you so much. We appreciate you being here this evening to bring us up to speed.

Ms. Brown

I appreciate you having me, it's been awesome.

Alderman Dowd

Doria, is part of this all the solar we are putting in on all the buildings in Nashua including all the schools?

Ms. Brown

No, this is not a part of our solar programming but once we do purchase those solar installations, this could become part of our Community Aggregation Program where we can sell any excess solar that we generate back to our community, or not sell it but give it back to our community to help with energy bill reduction. So it's not part of the program right now but there is potential for us to work that into the program in the future.

Alderman Dowd

And I know that you've been working with us very closely on doing the solar on as many schools as we can and it is ultimately going to save the City a lot of money and electricity.

Ms. Brown

Yes.

Alderman Dowd

Thank you for that.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Seeing none, thank you very much again for being here this evening we appreciate and we will get back to you on a member of the Board. Ok?

Ms. Brown

Awesome, thank you so much.

President Wilshire

Thank you so much.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO APPROVE THE CITY JOINING A COLLECTIVE OF COMMUNITIES WHO WANT TO SHARE A BACK OFFICE TO SERVICE THE COMMUNITY POWER PROGRAM AND NOMINATE ONE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE CITY'S AGGREGATION COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY POWER, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Any discussion on that motion? Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

One of the Board of Aldermen is the minimum, could we leave (audio cuts out).

President Wilshire

Could we what?

Alderman Lopez

Should we have an alternate.

President Wilshire

Should we have an alternate?

Alderman Lopez

Yeah?

President Wilshire

Well we can certainly talk about that, I don't know how all this came up so I'd have to look at what brought it to this point.

Alderman Lopez

We can always amend it, I was just asking because I would like to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Lopez; anyone else? Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. I didn't realize we were voting on this tonight and was hoping to speak with Doria. Is this something that we need to decide tonight. I haven't really had a chance to talk to her. I actually had a couple other questions but (audio cuts out).

President Wilshire

Alderman Lu, we can't hear you anymore. I mean you said you had a few questions? She is still here, you can ask questions.

Alderwoman Lu

My only question is could we defer the vote until we have a chance to review the program. I don't really know anything about this program.

President Wilshire

We are having a hard time hearing you Alderman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

Ok.

President Wilshire

Doria is still on if you want to ask her some questions? Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. I wanted to just quickly voice over – thank you Doria for doing this hard work, I know this is a program that will allow us to do some more energy efficiency work here in the City which is really important to us. We have been talking about this program in the Energy & Environment Committee for a number of months so I am inclined to vote on this, this evening so we can move forward. I also just wanted to offer up that I am happy to be on the Aggregation Committee, I would like to help support that. So that's all I had.

President Wilshire

Ok thank you, Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I believe that, I don't know if this will help Alderman Lu at all, but I believe that Alderman Lu had asked Doria about the I'm sorry the back office and I know she is going to be sending us a quick sheet. But maybe if that would be good that she could kind of give a quick little briefing, would that be ok I don't know and I don't know if that would help Alderman Lu a little bit to understand it.

President Wilshire

I don't know if it would. Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Can you hear me?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderwoman Lu

I just want to point out that the Energy Committee, those meeting minutes, I don't believe are available on the website. I've never you know seen any minutes. So I really don't have any of that information. But my main concern, I guess I'd feel better if I understood whether Nashua residents have choices, etc. If it is an exploratory committee, fine. But to say that it's been very clear, I don't think that, I wouldn't know how to get access to the Energy Committee Meeting minutes. Thank you.

Ms. Brown

If I could speak up for a minute, is that ok.

President Wilshire

Yes.

Ms. Brown

So the Environment/Energy Committee Meeting's Minutes aren't up because I have been having a hard time being able to upload them, that is a thing that I do. So I could definitely send them to you. Also when it comes time to talk about a back office or shared back office, I think that, my opinion, it might be better to talk about in the Aggregation Committee because that group will have more time to learn about what CPNH is up to in the Governance Meetings. I am sorry to interrupt your meeting and your process but I was hoping to be able to talk more with the Aggregation Committee about moving forward with this program as a part of the Joint Back Office and being able to come back and talk to you guys about it afterwards, because it will all be a part of the Aggregation Plan. I'm sorry, anyway, I'll stop talking.

President Wilshire

That's OK; Alderwoman Kelly.

Alderwoman Kelly

Yeah Doria, so can you just explain so that everyone understands, when we are putting this Aggregation Committee together, it's not saying we are definitely doing this, it's a planning portion of this correct?

Ms. Brown

Yes. So what we need to do right now is create an Aggregation Plan and the Aggregation Committee – I know I'm saying Aggregation a lot – will create that plan. And then the Board of Aldermen will then review that plan and adopt it. Then that plan has to go out to Public Comment before it can be established. So there are multiple steps that we have to go through to get this through. So kind of being a part of that Joint Back Office would be approved in the Aggregation Plan, that needs to be created and finalized.

President Wilshire

Thank you very much. Anyone else have any questions or concerns? Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Personally as long as this goes to a vote, I am going to vote in favor of moving forward because we have been talking about this since at least February. There have been multiple Mayoral Addresses on the topic, we have had presentations and discussions in Full Board Meetings and there has been the Energy Committee so I feel like as individuals were are interested in following a topic, we really need to do that and not try to retroactively catch up when it's already underway. Doria is doing a good job, she's very organized and she knows her material; we are lucky to have her. There's a point where we have to remember that our role is to Legislate and Fund not micromanage.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? We have a motion before us? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONSJoint Convention with Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared that the Board of Aldermen meet in joint convention with the Trustees of Edgewood Cemetery for the purpose of re-nominating one Trustee and called for nominations.

Trustee Maffee nominated Brian Law for a five year term to expire March 31, 2025.

John Maffee This is John Maffee, 18 Colony Way, President of the Board of Edgewood Cemetery and the Trustees nominate Brian Law.

There being no objection, President Wilshire closed the nominations.

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire, Trustee (inaudible), Trustee Douglas Barker, Trustee Hollis, Trustee Law, Trustee Maffee	19
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

President Wilshire declared Brian Law duly appointed to the Edgewood Cemetery for a term to expire March 31, 2025.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared that the Joint Convention now arise.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Human Affairs Committee..... 08/10/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 10, 2020 Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee..... 08/12/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 12, 2020 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee..... 08/18/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 18, 2020 Planning & Economic Development Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 08/19/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 19, 2020 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee..... 08/24/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 24, 2020 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure..... 08/26/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 26, 2020 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 09/02/2020

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 2, 2020 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED 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"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-053, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-053 declared duly adopted.

R-20-056

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
 Alderman Thomas Lopez
 Alderman Jan Schmidt
 Alderman Skip Cleaver
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
 Alderman Patricia Klee

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$1,445,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY",
 ACCOUNT 70112 "CONTINGENCY FOR EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES" TO VARIOUS SCHOOL
 DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-056, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
 Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
 Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver,
 Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 14

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-056 declared duly adopted.

R-20-057

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd
 Alderman Patricia Klee
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
 Alderman Thomas Lopez
 Alderman Jan Schmidt
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
 Alderman Skip Cleaver
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED
 THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000) TO REFUND ALL OR A PORTION
 OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE INTEREST COST
 SAVINGS**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-057, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Any discussion on that Motion? Alderman Lu?

Alderman Lu

Thank you, can you hear me?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderwoman Lu

I had a question about the last paragraph in the Communication we received on this. It said that it is most efficient to do this because we have upcoming bond issuance planned. I just want to know what the upcoming issue relates to?

President Wilshire

I would defer to the Chair of Budget if he chooses to answer? Alderman Dowd.

Alderman Dowd

I think we are talking about the fact that we always have upcoming bonding and in order to save money we are refinancing current bonding when allowed, to get a lower rate and save the City money so we that we can keep the bonding level at a level value as we add other bonds. It is not relating to any specific bond.

President Wilshire

Does that answer your question Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Um, well ... my concern I wondered if it was referring to the bond authorization that we are going to discuss tonight or we will receive the first reading tonight?

President Wilshire

I don't think this – like Alderman Dowd said, it's not specific to any future bond it is just anything that comes up in the future, not one specific one.

Attorney Bolton

Madam President, it refers to bonds that this Board has already approved that the City Treasurer is planning to go out for. If you go out for multiple issues at the same time, you save transaction cost. So I believe what Treasurer Fredette is referring to is pursuant to prior approvals, there will be bonding occurring in the normal course this year if we combine those transaction costs with this \$20 million dollars, we will realize a savings from that combination as well as the savings from the reduced interest rates on this \$20 million dollars' worth of debt.

Alderwoman Lu

Well thank you, I thought the simple question, someone would have been able to say "Oh yeah it's for the DPW" or "It's for the Performing Arts Center". But thank you, it sounds very general.

Attorney Bolton

I think if the question were addressed to Treasurer Fredette, he could probably give you that answer. He's got these things scheduled out. He, unfortunately is not here this evening, I'm sure he would have provided a response had he known.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? The Motion is for final passage of Resolution 20-057. Did someone speak up? No, OK, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-057 declared duly adopted.

R-20-058

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 633, FROM JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 AND RELATED TRANSFERS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-058, BY ROLL CALLON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Discussion on that motion? Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

Just asking if the Committee Members that were present could maybe illustrate some of the high points because we did turn down the Fire Contract because of concerns about upcoming contracts that would be negotiated. So a couple of the differences might be helpful for the public to understand why some contracts get approved and some don't.

President Wilshire

I will defer that answer to Alderman Dowd. Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

This particular group and I can defer in a moment to Deputy Chief Testaverde, but this group had a relatively low increase to the last contract around. And right at the moment, this group is underpaid in relationship to their peers in other cities in the area. So this, while it is 2 ½ % for 2 years, is probably a very fair, given their status from the last contract and the fact that there is a small number in this group and that some of these people are desperately in need of getting on par with their equals. Deputy Chief?

Deputy Chief Testaverde

Thank you, Alderman Dowd, good evening everyone. I appreciate the opportunity to point out a couple of the specifics of this contract. So first of all, this group is a civilian group within our agency. Nashua Police has 170 officers as you know when we are at full complement, which we are getting close fortunately. But we have roughly 68 civilians that are the backbone of the agency. Without this civilian population, we would be taking numerous officers off the street to do this work.

This Union ins particular has 28 individuals and they are our custodians, our fleet maintenance, our auto mechanics, our administrative assistants in the detective bureau, professional standards services, our booking specialists; these are civilian employees that full time book prisoners that we bring in and on a day-to-day basis of being exposed to not only the COVID pandemic, but MERSA, Hepatitis, every other communicable disease you can name. Our records, our finance people, Karen Smith who you are very familiar with, all of her people, our crime analyst and our accreditation. Out of the 28 individuals I can tell you that over 1/3 are making \$38,000.00 a year. There are only three individuals that break the \$50,000.00 a year mark, and I hate talking about numbers you know just matter of factly like that but it is important for you to know out of those 3 individuals, one has been employed for 37 years by the Nashua Police Department and just barely cracks the \$50,000.00 mark. The other two are crime analysts who is required that she have a Master's Degree to do what she does and many other requests that the men and women that I'm looking at right now have made of the Nashua Police Department, she's integral in us being able to get you the information that you need. And our Accreditation Manager, which now more than ever as you all know, we tote that we've been accredited since 1991 and now more than ever in this country, I truly believe that accreditation is what will separate quality, professional Police Departments, from other areas of the country that are having trouble. So Mr. William Pease is worth his weight, literally, in gold.

Our employees are making a very, very meager amount of money; this is a fair contract given the pandemic, given the insurance hike, given the pension hike and given the amount of Nashuans that are out of work right now. And I said last time to Budget Review, but I'd like you all to hear, when the Mayor speaks and when you all speak, and you provide the Police Department with the information that you provide us with, we do listen. And that's why I am pointing out we understand what the plight is for the City; we understand where we are about to head next year financially as a City. But you are looking at a small population of individuals, these are our people, these are your people and they are making a very meager amount. And honestly, I just think It's professional dedication that keeps a lot of them coming back here. I am amazed with this particular group, we do not have the retention issue that some other areas have and I am afraid in the future, you will see – if you are good enough to pass this and I'll entertain any questions by any of you, but if you are good enough, you will see me in the future advocating passionately to get their wages up. But for now, this group I want to make one final comment, I speak to a lot of my peers outside of the Police Department throughout the City, when they are negotiating contracts, some of the plights that they have. They have good employees, but let's face it, contract negotiations – no one like to be involved in them. I believe that Attorney Bolton would agree, because he sits in the room through most of these. This group, I've never had an easier contract negotiation session; they were professional, they were understanding, they were absolutely fair and it was a matter of a handful of meetings during the pandemic and we were able to come to an agreement. And I'll end it with, I would always say this is a fair contract or I wouldn't be before you, but this is not an outstanding contract as far as financially benefiting our employees, unfortunately. But they want to be part of the solution right now and not part of the problem. With that, I defer to any questions.

Alderman Dowd

Also, they are not part of the City's Health Plan – is that correct or am I wrong.

Deputy Chief Testaverde

You are absolutely right, so that's an excellent part. We have really worked hard to help the City through the health crisis that we are as insurance. We have gotten numerous employees to switch to the high savings / high deductible plan. This particular group is carved out from that, so it's not that they are not willing to help out, it just doesn't apply to them whatsoever. Thank you, sir.

President Wilshire

Thank you Deputy. Anyone else, Alderman Lopez.

Alderman Lopez

Yeah I just wanted to qualify my statement that I am not again trying to pitch Fire against Police because for some reason I keep stepping on that. But it's because there are multiple Union Contracts that are coming forward over the next couple of months that we are going to have to look at. So I just thought it was important because I did catch the Budget Review Committee where this was being discussed and I heard the explanation; I am satisfied and I plan on supporting it. I just want to make sure that that's part of the Public Meeting that we do a quick summary because of how contentious that specific need is. Although I will say for the record, \$40,000.00 seems like a lot to me, but whatever.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. I just wanted to say just in regards to what Alderman Lopez just said, that when I look at Collective Bargaining Agreement, I look at it by itself and I vet each one on the merits of each individual contract. So I personally don't like to compare one to the other because I believe that's an unfair thing to do. So for myself, you know, I am supporting this contract because these folks deserve the raise. They are hardworking people. The Police Department couldn't run without them and I think they deserve this raise and I am happy to vote for this contract.

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much Madam President. I just want to make a comment. I know that it was commented about that these particular individuals deal with COVID and various other types of things. I just want to make it very clear that so do our Fire Fighters, as do all of our Police Officers and all of our first line workers and so on. I just want to get that out there that we are not taking and saying that these particular individuals are the only ones that are doing that and I do each Alderman Clemons' comment relative to the fact that we need to look at each one individually. I supported the Firemen's Contract. My first gut reaction was I didn't want to put this one before the other, but I don't want to hold anybody else up either, so I will be supporting this.

Alderwoman Lu

Can you hear me?

President Wilshire

Yes, we can.

Alderwoman Lu

I just had a question. When we have just passed a budget, how does it work when we get an increase salary of a group of people. Do we then just need to add money to the budget for this year?

President Wilshire

No, they have already budgeted for that, the money has been put in Contingency Negotiations so we were anticipating this. All set, Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Anyone else? Alderman Cleaver?

Alderman Cleaver

Yes, thank you very much. I think this is a very fair contract, I support it 100%. As a matter of fact, I think it's under what it should be and these people deserve what they get. I am concerned about their being underpaid relative to peers in the area and also retention is the big issue. So I think they deserve it and let's support them 100%.

President Wilshire

Ok, anyone else. The Motion is for final passage of Resolution 20-058 by roll call. Seeing no one, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-058 declared duly adopted.

R-20-060

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE TRANSIT VAN FROM THE
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND (CERF) DURING FY2021**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-060, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-060 declared duly adopted.

R-20-061

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
 Alderman Patricia Klee
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd
 Alderman Thomas Lopez
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$63,865 OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE INTO FUND #7026 "CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-061, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
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Nay:	0
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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-061 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-20-017

Endorsers: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
AUTHORIZING FREE PARKING AT METERS AND PAY STATION SPACES THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2020
 (tabled at BOA May 21, 2020 mtg)

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS**R-20-066**

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, AFL-CIO FROM JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 AND RELATED TRANSFERS

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-067

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ESTABLISHING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE FOR TAX RATE

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-068

Endorser: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE USE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF 82-92 AMHERST STREET

Given its first reading; assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-069

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws

RELATIVE TO THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR FY2021 ESCROWS

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-070

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$294,676 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS"

Given its first reading; assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-071

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS (\$8,000,000) FOR TWO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, CONSISTING OF A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL PARKING GARAGE (\$2,500,000) AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROPOSED PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (\$5,500,000)

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 by President Wilshire

R-20-072

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$356,046 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AND \$26,828 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY "LOW OR NO EMISSION GRANT PROGRAM"

Given its first reading; assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-073

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
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AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PILOT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO RSA 72:74 WITH PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Given its first reading; assigned to the PENNICHUCK SPECIAL WATER COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES**O-20-030**

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Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ADOPTING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER RSA 162-K AND NRO 295-11, THE "SCHOOL STREET TIF" AND A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCING PLAN FOR THE NEW TIF

Given its first reading; assigned to PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 by President Wilshire

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Scaer 111 East Hobart Street. I just e-mailed the Board about the Personnel Admin meeting tomorrow and I was wondering if there was going to be Public Comment then?

President Wilshire

For tomorrow's Personnel Meeting?

Ms. Scaer Yeah the one considering – where they are talking about the face coverings. Personnel/Admin Affairs Meeting?

President Wilshire

Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes, there certainly will, we will have Public Comment at that meeting tomorrow at 7:00.

Ms. Scaer Will it be added to the Agenda?

President Wilshire

Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

I'm sorry, say that again?

President Wilshire

She asked if it would be added to the Agenda, I don't have the Agenda in front of me so I can't answer.

Alderman Caron

I don't either, but we usually do a time for Public Comment.

President Wilshire

So you'll make that available right Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes we will.

Ms. Scaer Ok then I'll hold my comment for tomorrow evening, thank you.

President Wilshire

Very good. Thank you. Mr. Keating?

Mr. Keating Thank you for recognizing me, this is Bob Keating from 5 Coburn Woods, I'll keep it brief since I did the introduction earlier in the meeting. I am speaking about R-20-071 and Ordinance 20-030 to say we are concerned from GSOP about the use of Public Funds, the \$2.5 million dollars and the proposed sale of the land that would allow for the development. I understand there's going to be a meeting on the 28th at 7:00 P.M. and I will speak more at that time but I just wanted to raise the concerns about that. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Is there anyone else that wishes to address the Board from the Public? Seeing none, Remarks by Members of the Board? Alderman Clemons.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderman Clemons

Thank you, Madam President. So first I just want to say that I would hope that the Mayor and his family recover quickly from COVID-19. That is a very scary thing to happen. My wife's School District got a scare yesterday. Windham High School had to shut down and do remote learning for the rest of the week and beyond that to be determined. So you know even though we've had a relatively good summer, it's definitely around and we need to keep following the advice of our Governor and of our local officials.

One other thing I want, I regret to inform the community, as I am sure we know by now, Dennis Hanson passed away in late August. Dennis owned Hanson's Automotive on West Hollis Street. He had been a member of the community for 43 years while he owned that shop. Although he didn't live in Nashua he certainly affected Nashua. He had many loyal customers over the years, me included, my family included and he served this community well by being fair and honest and being a place where people could go and know that they were going to get quality service without a hassle.

Dennis was really beloved. He retired, I want to say 2 years ago and he lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed his retirement all the way up to the very end and that was very nice to hear, although I wish obviously it had been longer. But I know that when I get up to heaven, I know who my mechanic will be. I'm sure that Dennis will be there, ready to fix all my automobiles. So thank you very much Madam President, I hope everybody had a safe and happy Labor Day and see you at the next meeting.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Clemons. Anyone else wish to address the Board, Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I really want to send out sincere thanks to our City Clerk and all of her staff. Like the Mayor said, anytime you turned around Sue was working, day, night, weekend. And I can tell you as I worked at the Farmer's Market on Sundays, you could see Sue going and I have to also make the side comment that I've often seen Dave Fredette going in as well. So we have some incredibly loyal workers, but the City Clerk's Office went far beyond what we could have expected. My same goes with Director Bagley and all her staff.

But I want to address something that I know some of my constituents have contacted me about and that is City Hall not being open and that they really appreciate the fact that the City has gone above and beyond trying to make accommodations for them with the outside, with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The fact that the Mayor who takes as many precautions as possible and I know I am sure our City Workers who have families and so on are doing these precautions. The reason City Hall is not open is fully where we can just come and go as we please, at least in my opinion and I believe this to be true, is that we have confined spaces. And asking people to work where they may be putting their own families in harm's way and so on, I am glad that City Hall is doing everything that they are doing. I hope that we don't have to go back, but the fact that we've had employees that are ill and now with the Mayor, his wife, and so on, it's critical that we do everything that we possibly can. I know it is not popular with some people but masks, washing your hands, maintaining social distancing. And as one of my constituents said to me, stay downwind from people

So I just want to leave it at that, please stay safe. I wish the Mayor the best. And I want to thank our incredible City Workers for everything that they've done.

Alderman Lopez

This has been a really difficult month for Ward 4, I mean in general I'm sure, but it does feel when you are in a neighborhood like that's the one that's suffering the most. So I wanted to echo Alderman Clemons' sentiment regarding Dennis Hanson. I worked with him for about 14 years with Nashua Soup Kitchen. He used to do a lot of work for people who are homeless and a lot of families that were struggling and at risk of being homeless to repair their cars. And I can't even tell you how many hundreds of thousands of dollars he must've written off. We had a running joke though that as much as he could fix a car, he could not use a FAX machines, invoices all that kind of stuff. So I am really going to miss him, I really miss his down to earthiness. But I think he left behind a community that's very grateful for everything that he did with it, assuming I'll also be joining Alderman Clemons in Heaven, I will wish him well when I see him.

I also wanted to comment on 243 Main Street. There's been discussion regarding it since the front façade started to bow outwards and looked like it was in danger of falling into Main Street. We have worked very closely with the landlord, myself, neighbors and some of the Departments to make sure they are able to house everybody over (audio cuts out) a lot of the supportive service were closed. They were in a tough spot because suddenly they had to pay in cash for all of the residents to be in a motel. Their banks were closed the motel wouldn't take multiple bookings because of COVID-19 so there's a lot of navigating that Jessica did on the part of the landlords and she's been coordinating with the residents to make sure they could all get in and out of their apartment. There's a snake in it and it needs to be fed daily so we are making sure that he gets what he needs. And she is working with the Code Enforcement Department to make sure that it is safe to return to because as much as people don't want to live in Motel 6, in working with the residents, they are just as concerned about going back to a building where the front of it may fall down. That's where their entrance is and that's where their elevator is. So the landlord is working very closely with Code Enforcement to make sure it is safe to return to and that's there a plan for developing it. I am working with Jessica to make sure she has the resources she needs and then we are connecting with any residents that were displaced due to it.

And on that note, I noticed that the Fire Department had to respond to a fire on top of 23 Temple Street so this would be a really good time to bring up to the Board that we need to really fine tune our Emergency Response Protocols to make that we know clearly what to do as Aldermen because if you experience something like that in your neighborhood, there isn't a clear blueprint for who you are supposed to talk to, what Departments you are supposed to check in with, who you are supposed to refer residents to. So that's definitely an area to look at. I have reached out to Alderman Schmidt regarding discussing that in Substandard Living Conditions so that we can refine that plan and make sure that any experience by residents are being heard but also any; of the Departments that feel like they need more resources or legislative authority that we are actually addressing those needs as well.

I do want to thank Megan Doucette who organizes Southern New Hampshire Emergency Alerts and Carol Chapman who are volunteers as well. But they took the lead, when the Soup Kitchen and United Way were closed in making sure lasagnas were made and brought to the residents in Motel 6, because that's got to be the worst Labor Day experience I can imagine. So I really appreciate that human touch when neighbors were able to come together for each other for things like that.

I want to express my condolences also to the family and friends of Lulu. She was really well known on the Rail Trail. She struggled with a lot of substance abuse issues and she did pass away due to overdose. We all cheer for her when she's out and she's interacting with people and she's looking good and healthy. We were concerned when she would disappear for a month at a time. So we got word last week that she had passed away. So it's very difficult right now dealing with the COVID outbreak and the needs of restaurants and businesses downtown struggling economically to also see that a complete discouraging surge in overdoses and suicides and mental health issues.

In conclusion, I also want to recognize Revive Recovery Resource Center and Rise Above because they had a cornhole tournament this past Sunday at Greeley Park. They are working on developing a Silver Community Center which I think is an essential piece of the puzzle here in Nashua where we have crisis centers and we have peer support centers. We need places for people to congregate that are safe that are sober that are clean. We encourage a lot of drinking and legalization of this and that. In the downtown area for economic reasons, I am happy that they are working so hard to make sure that we have resources and amenities for everybody. So I am looking forward to that and I am very grateful for the presence of Revive and the other support programs that have been developed by people who have been through that experience. And like Meg and Mike, Carol are working to take their experiences and use them to help other people.

So thank you for your indulgence, I know that was a lot but it's been a long run.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Lopez. Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you. I have a few pieces here. So I want to start by just recognizing that yesterday was the first of school yesterday. I want to thank the District staff, all of the teachers and parents obviously who are working together to make this happen at a weird time and I know everybody is doing their very, very best. So I appreciate that going off fairly seamlessly.

I also wanted to mention the groundbreaking at 10 Paxton Terrace for the Veteran Housing that was done last week. A number of Aldermen were in attendance and they just did a lovely job, looking forward to seeing those two pieces come on. If you guys remember there are going to be two units for families with 3 bedrooms on each side and it is for Veterans. So that was a lovely event.

I wanted to thank our new City Clerk for a seamless primary in the middle of a pandemic, it's not easy. I went and voted with my family in the morning and it was seamless so thank you for your hard work on that. And two more things. I wanted to shout out to the Farmers' Market, Great American Downtown, Paul Shea and Jennifer have been doing an incredible job. Every week Alderman Klee is there making sure that people are following the masks and making many masks of her own. But it's been a nice outlet in the community and really everyone has been following social distance guidelines very well. So I have been appreciative of that community effort. And the people keep going up and up and up. So it was a beautiful weekend and hopefully more people will come out Sundays on City Hall Plaza from 10 to 2.

And finally I just also wanted to express my concern for the Mayor and his wife. I definitely hope that they will, I know they will beat this and move forward. And I think it's just a reminder that we have to stay vigilant. There was something the other day that said 'just because you're over it, that doesn't mean it's over' and I think that's kind of where we all are. So masks, wash your hands, listen to the public experts because they know what they are talking about.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderwoman Kelly. Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Just a couple things. I had a very wonderful weekend, Labor Day Weekend, I just added my fourth granddaughter to the family and mother and baby are doing fine. And I am out here in Rochester, New York which I am sure everybody is seeing on the nightly news, fortunately it is not close to where I am but not too far away either. But I can tell you that everyone out here is wearing a mask.

And every business, every store, has a sign that you have no service is you are not wearing a mask, you cannot come in. And they all have the six foot spacing on the floors. They are taking it quite seriously in New York and they are doing quite well. I was listening to the Governor yesterday and he is, I think he's doing a great job here in New York to stem this pandemic and I wish we had more of an effort in the Federal Government. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Dowd. Anyone else? Alderman Caron.

Alderman Caron

Yes thank you so much. First of all I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this 16th Annual Back to School Event. Because of the pandemic we had to improvise this year and instead of being at the Library we were at the Middle School at Elm Street. We were at Amherst Street School and we were at Fairgrounds Elementary School. And within one hour all three schools gave out the 1,500 bags that had been put together a couple of days before. So I really want to thank United Way, the Recovery Program, The Nashua Lions Club and McNulty and Foley for providing the lunch and all those administrators from the various schools that showed up that day and saw their students, wishing them good luck. I think the students were so excited to see their principals and vice principals. It was a hot day.

I thank Lisa Gingras with her athletes who came down and spent hours with us on that day, directing traffic with Nashua PD who did a fabulous job. So hopefully next year we will be back in the Library, but we really, really appreciate that and this comes from the Committee as a whole, as you know, Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja and George Katis from Nashua Wallpaper are the co-chairs and who have been overseeing this project for the last 16 years. I'd like to also thank Sue Lovering, you made it, the trial by fire and kudos to you and all your staff because I know how hard those Ward workers work and all those volunteers who came in to help you with the absentee ballots and I know that you will do a fabulous job come November. I appreciate everything that all our City Employees have been doing during this pandemic and craziness that's going on in our world. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Caron, anyone else? Committee Announcements? Alderman Laws?

Committee announcements:

Alderman Laws

Tuesday, September 29th, Pennichuck Special Water Committee.

Alderwoman Kelly

Well I can't even remember the date, I am tired. This upcoming Monday the Human Affairs Committee will meet at 7:00 P.M. We will be having a presentation on affordable housing and just sort of the state of the state so everyone is obviously invited to come and listen.

Alderman Caron

Tomorrow night at 7:00, Personnel/Administration will be meeting. The Mayor will be introducing members for his Committee for the Master Plan and also we will be discussing the new mask Ordinance. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Just before we do that I'm really sorry, I meant to call out Sue Lovering and her staff and all the poll workers, what a fantastic job they did. I mean everybody worked hard under these conditions. I mean it was kind of a learn on the go kind of thing with everything new because of the pandemic. But I think you did a wonderful job Ms. Lovering, you are to be commended, very much. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken to adjourn the Board of Aldermen meeting which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	14
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MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk