

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Patricia D. Piecuch recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Patricia D. Piecuch; Alderman Richard A. Dowd led in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Wilshire

**Before I ask the Clerk to take the roll, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly is participating by telephone and under the terms of the State law that allows her to do that, she needs to explain why she can't attend, if she can hear us, and who she is with, if anyone.**

Alderwoman Kelly stated the reason she could not attend, confirmed that she could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with her.

Alderwoman Kelly

I am alone, I just had a baby and what was the third one, I forgot?

President Wilshire

I can't hear her, can she hear us? Because I couldn't hear her.

Alderwoman Kelly

I can hear you guys; you can't hear me?

President Wilshire

I can hear you better now.

President Wilshire

**Acknowledged that those present could hear Alderwoman Kelly as well.**

Alderwoman Kelly

Do you need me to repeat?

President Wilshire

Please.

Alderwoman Kelly

Ok, I just had a baby, I can hear you guys and I am alone.

President Wilshire

Thank you Aldermen Kelly.

The roll call was taken with 14 members of the Board of Aldermen present; Alderman Jette was recorded absent.

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

## REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

### Mayor Donchess

There are a number of items on tonight so I will try to get through them quickly. But first, in a moment we are going to be congratulating Kathy Bolton for many years of service over at the Public Library, so I want to congratulate her right now, and say that your service has been very valuable to the City and we are glad you are able to join us tonight.

Madam President, we have a series of resolutions that relate to the City Surplus and the application of that surplus to various purposes. The first and most important of the resolutions is the one that is introduced tonight for the first time, which would apply \$4.5 million dollars of the surplus to the tax rate. This is the same amount of surplus that was applied last year. We do this every year to make sure that any tax rate that we pass, we try to keep it to a minimum. The other resolutions that relate to the surplus are in a series, R-19-163, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69 and 70. When you put all of those together, after allocating \$4.5 million dollars to the tax rate, those resolutions place money in ways that will, principally into savings account, that will save us taxes in the future. For example, two of the resolutions would add \$3 million dollars to the Health Insurance Fund. The City is self-insured so we work off estimates towards the coming year's expenses; it is not like an insurance policy where you pay a specific amount and then you have everything covered.

We are self-insured; now that saves millions, that saves a lot of money every year, millions and millions of dollars over the many years we have been self-insured. Manchester also is self-insured for the same reason. But because we are dealing with an estimated level of expenditure, based on future claims that are estimated, we have a savings account that backs that up. So there is a reserve that backs up our health care obligations. And if you put two of the resolutions together, we would be adding \$3 million dollars to the Health Reserve Account which has declined a little bit over the last few years because some of the estimates have been low; health care has been going up pretty quickly. So that is savings account number one.

Number two, is approximately \$2.6 million dollars into the CERF or the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund. That, of course, enables us to buy equipment, trucks, everything, all equipment except for very large purchases such as fire trucks which are many hundreds of thousands or \$1 million dollars; this covers all other equipment expenditures. We would be putting \$2.6 million dollars into that account.

Number three, \$1 million dollars would go towards the School Project that we know is coming, the Middle School Project, kind of a down payment to help pay for initial expenses, architecture and the like. This is again an expenditure that we know in the end we have to make, so we are putting a deposit towards that project.

Number three and there are two resolutions that together would provide \$1 million dollars to Public Works. Again, we need \$300,000.00 to begin either the improvement of some of the existing facilities or the consolidation of those facilities. So there is money for that as well as \$700,000.00 for basically almost an emergency project at Lincoln Park where we have a playground, it is built on a landfill, the playground is all slanted, it needs to be fixed. Whatever is left over we should provide to sidewalks, we have heard over and over again that we are doing a great job with the streets, but the sidewalks are in bad shape which of course they are. So we need to try to make a little more progress there.

There is \$300,000.00 to the Library Plaza Project which I think we've seen the design and everybody agrees that would be very worthwhile to undertake. So there are smaller items, those are the larger ones. There are a couple of amendments which you will hear; one will shift \$69,000.00 from an airport project which is not going to proceed because the grant was not obtained, into an additional ELL teacher. That was a change with Alderman Lopez and I discussed before the last Budget Committee meeting; the Budget Committee was very supportive of that because we know we have a shortage of ELL teachers, so that is

one amendment. There is a \$50,000.00 amendment to reduce one of the CERF items and allocate \$50,000.00 to doing a study of the Fire Department in terms of future needs.

Finally there is \$100,000.00 in the escrows for Police overtime; this again is a savings account against which the Police Department can draw when and if they have a large or group of very intense crimes, serious crimes that they have to put an intense effort on. We've had examples of when a couple of murders occur at the same time; murders here are very rare but occasionally things happen. So there is this savings account that they can draw on if they need it when there are serious crimes which require their 24 hours attention.

So those are some; I could answer any questions about that, but that I kind of think gives you an overview. We discussed this in more detail with the Budget Committee, but that gives you an overview of how the surplus would be allocated and how we would add to the Health Care Trust Fund.

Next we have an important appointment on the Agenda; that is the appointment of Sue Lovering to be the City Clerk, effective September 17<sup>th</sup>. We've been honored to have Trish Piecuch, City Clerk serve us for a number of years but she is going on to the State of Secretary to be head of State Elections. So we hope she will take care of us once she gets up there; at least she knows us. I really appreciate her years of service and wish her the best going forward. But we have a very qualified nominee I believe, Sue Lovering, who has worked for the City. You all know her, but she has worked for the City for a long time, about 30 years first in the Legal Department and then serving the Board of Aldermen. She is going to be very customer-friendly I am sure, she knows the City very well. She is getting up-to-date on all the election laws and getting prepared to take over and conduct the City Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

I appointed her prior to City Clerk Piecuch's departure so that she could be ready, and assuming that you confirm that appointment, she would be available and would begin serving the day that Ms. Piecuch leaves. Ms. Lovering and Ms. Piecuch have been working together and talking over the job over the past few weeks. Ms. Lovering has attended a City Clerk Training Session and there are some more coming up soon. I believe she will make a fine City Clerk in the tradition of Ms. Piecuch, Paul Bergeron and other City Clerks who preceded them.

Next Madam Chair, I apologize for the length here, but we have two resolutions that I believe are important, those being 171 and 172 those relate to undertaking a solar project in conjunction with the Fire Department and with Conway Arena. We would use the contract to ReVision Energy. There has been a very extensive review and discussion of this project of ReVision as well; there were RFP's that went out and they were selected as the principal vendor. We are grouping these buildings together because by grouping them together, we get a better financial deal. When this begins, we will save money for the Fire Department; we will save money for the City using the transit garage and save money for Conway. It is just an initial project but one that will save everyone money and which will reduce the City's carbon footprint. One of these resolutions does extend the Conway lease under its current terms; the point there being that they need to have the confidence that they will remain as the tenant of the building. It is a land lease but they will be able to continue to occupy the building during the term that it will require to sort of complete the solar project and realize the full course of savings.

Finally, there is a resolution on your desks which I would ask that you accept and refer to Committee; we will discuss in detail in the Committee, that being R-19-176. This is a proposed transfer of \$56,300.00 into various line items related to Assessing and Legal. There is \$6,300.00 for equipment having to do with the Full Measure & List. The remaining \$50,000.00 would principally be to pay the cost we expect to incur in overtime and in terms of a document, we need to get a temporary document person, the cost we would need to incur in the next several months to respond to a plethora of right to know requests that have been received and which are being processed by Assessing, by Legal, by IT related to the Assessing function. So we will discuss in the Committee but we need the money pretty quickly so I would ask you to accept it just for first reading under a right to know and then, excuse me, under suspension of the rules and then we can discuss it in detail with whatever Committee is assigned to.

Finally on Assessing, I've spoken with Alderman Wilshire and she is going to schedule a meeting before our next regular Aldermanic Meeting to give time for an update of the Board of Aldermen regarding the various positive changes that have been made at the Assessing Department.

I think I have covered everything Madam President.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Dowd

Just to summarize, we had a good discussion at the Budget Committee on Resolutions 163 to 170 and with the two minor amendments, they were all approved unanimously. The other item is that the School Department is looking to put solar on one of its schools; it already had been built years ago to hold solar so it can handle the weight. They may be tying it into this project but they are working with the same company.

RECOGNITION PERIOD

**R-19-173**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Board of Aldermen

**RECOGNIZING KATHY BOLTON OF THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Given its first reading;

***There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for the second reading of R-19-173***

Resolution R-19-173 given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-173 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Resolution R-19-173 declared duly adopted.

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Board of Aldermen meeting of August 13, 2019, accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.**

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS  
FROM LIAISONS

From: Linda LaFlamme, Chairman, Board of Library Trustees  
Re: Request for Joint Convention

**There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file, and scheduled a Joint Convention with the Board of Library Trustees for Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.**

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

President Wilshire

We have 7 guests that have signed up to speak; the formality that we have a 15 minute public comment period; but we will give everyone a fair chance to be heard. The first speaker is George Eid, if you would give your name and address for the record, please?

George Eid Hi I am George Eid and I go to Nashua High School South and my address is 22 Hibiscus Way. I am here to speak in favor of the ordinance for free student parking at the Nashua Public Library. So with the support from the Library staff and a minimal financial impact, I think this ordinance would serve well to remove any potential financial barrier to enriching student's educational experiences in Nashua. If anybody should have access to the Library, we should at least include students because at the end of the day that is what this Ordinance is all about, enriching student's educational experiences.

As of now, many students don't make use of the many great resources at the Nashua Public Library; and there really are a lot of great resources there that are more than just books, ranging from documentaries to movies to music. Last year I even made use of the microfilm reader for a project on old Nashua Telegraphs. Long story short, there are so many resources at the Library that taxpayers at the City are already paying for, so this could be a way to get students to make good use of them.

Another thing is how the Ordinance is being proposed as a pilot program now. So we are at least giving it a chance to see if it can be successful; whether this be measured how often the passes are used or some other measure. With full support from the Library staff a review will be conducted by the Youth Advisory Council in consultation with the Library staff. So for these I strongly recommend passing this Ordinance to broaden the educational opportunities provided for the students of Nashua. Thank you.

Asma Akbar Hi my name is Asma Akbar, I go to Nashua High School South, my address is 9 Clydesdales Circle. I am here for the Library Parking Ordinance. I think this is a great way for students to come to the Library because I actually started going there to study. It's like a really good environment, it is quiet, it is better than Barnes & Noble actually in my opinion; because it really quiet, at Barnes it is very loud. One thing that happened the other day was my friend, she has her own car, so I told my friends to come study and she could only stay for an hour because she didn't really want to pay for it. So she left after an hour which wasn't very helpful, she only got a few things done. But yeah I think the Library is a great place that students should use, it's there and yeah I hope you guys pass this. Thank you.

Delaney Nelson Hi my name is Delaney Nelson, I go Nashua High School South and my address is 36 Woodfield Street. I am speaking in favor of the free parking at the Library Ordinance as well. I support this legislation because the Library is an academically centered environment. As Asma mentioned there are many resources and it is quiet. In my experience it is comparatively better study spot than many other places like a café or bookstores which are often distracting. Again in my own experience I found my study sessions to be much more productive there. As far as the resources, you have to become a Library member in order to use a computer and log in with the number on your member card.

Therefore this program would generate more membership at the Library and publicity, as you have to become a member to use what is probably the top resource there. Students would not abuse this privilege because of the system in place in which when you sign in to get your free parking pass, you give the Library your student ID and you cannot get your student ID back until you return the parking pass. So for these reasons I support this Ordinance.

Jim Rafferty I stand in support of no parking at the Library too, but I am Jim Rafferty I live at Jackson Falls at 52 Main Street. I stand in support of Sports Betting for New Hampshire. I think it would be a wonderful place, the River Sports Bar on High Street, that's 53 High Street would be a wonderful place to go and make a bet. I wish as the Patriots move to -19 on the boards, just for the record, in this week's battle with the Dolphins, if you could go to the River and make that bet that would be a wonderful thing. Right now if you want to take the Patriots -19, you would have to drive to Twin Rivers in Rhode Island to make that bet or you could drive to New Jersey, just over the border and do it on a mobile application. But it would be better if you could just go to the River and place the bet, New England -19.

So with that in mind, Sports Betting could be a beautiful combination between that and the Charity Gaming Facility that we have on High Street. There is another property that I will not mention but I'm sure he will; and I think it's time for this piece of legislation to come. We've worked hard in the House of Representatives to get it through, there are safety nets; it has to be approved by the Executive Committee, the final contract. And it has to be approved by the Governor. But Nashua has led the way in Keno and we think we should lead the way here in Sports Betting also. My facility, over the 12 years that we have been operation, have raised over \$3,250,000.00 for charities; we are proud of that fact. With 106 different charities throughout the region, we think it is good public policy, we think it has been effective for New Hampshire and it's been effective for employment. The 50 employees that I have most of them dealers making between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00 a year is good employment, solid employment and I think we provide a meaningful business contribution to the fun and entertainment of the citizens and the region. Thank you very much.

Marylou Blaisdell Good evening, Marylou Blaisdell, 32 Webster Street. I'm here to talk about student parking at the Library. I went to high school many, many years ago. I know that Infrastructure Committee did hear from the students and I applaud the students for becoming civically involved in this issue. As the Downtown Improvement Committee had extended an invitation to several students and one of the sponsors of this to come to our Committee and present but we had no presentation of this at the Downtown Improvement Committee. We did though have a good understanding of what was proposed, we discussed it and we unanimously voted that we did not support it at this time. One of the main reasons is before you tonight you do have an RFP to fund a parking study. We do know that there does need to be a parking study downtown. We know that we do have some issues, we need to address those issues and we want to address those issues.

We feel that making changes, even if it is in a pilot program and then undoing those changes just presents confusion to the population. We also feel that if we grant free parking to one group, then we have to look at granting free parking to another group. This particular lot generates over \$27,000.00 a year. Doing 3 hours of free parking for 20 spaces may not seem a lot, but over the course of a year it does calculate up to several thousand dollars. Those dollars we now put back into downtown by supporting the Farmer's Market with them, lighting for the Holiday Stroll and other activities that do go on downtown. By having a parking study done, we will be able to determine whether it is a good idea or a bad idea to make a lot free and for what demographic we make that lot. A parking study will help us know if our times limits are good or bad, whether we do need zones, or we don't need zones, whether we need to increase our lease lot or not increase our lease lot.

I would like to point out too that abutting the parking lot at the Library is Cotton Street and Cotton Street is free, it abuts that lot, it is a 2 hour limit but it is free. So there's an abundance of free parking right there. The parking garages and the surface lots are all free on Saturday and on Sunday. So there is an abundance of free parking we believe right now at this time available to people. Manchester, Dover, Concord, Portsmouth, they have all conducted parking studies like we are proposing that the City conduct.

Several of those cities are re-doing those studies again in the next couple of years. They found that those studies have been very beneficial in pointing out where the problems are with their parking and adjusting those parking situations.

So the Downtown Improvement Committee would like for you to let us have the parking study conducted, let us see what our problems are, what information comes back to us so that we as a group can discuss it and implement a parking program that will work for everybody. Thank you.

Rich Lannan Good evening, Rich Lannan, I live in Pelham, I am also on the Downtown Improvement Committee and I don't want to be repetitive because we have a long agenda. Marylou pretty much touched on just about everything as well that I was going to mention. The Downtown Improvement Committee which myself and Marylou and several others have been on since its inception and the Committee before that and we do think about these things through quite a bit. I mean we look at everything, our budget is small, so we really have to do a lot of discussions about every item. We didn't know a lot of the details at the last meeting ahead of time to hear the students which I don't know if it would have made a difference, but it would have been nice to do that. But I do agree with her, I think the Parking Study coming up that we talked in length on is perfect timing to talk about parking rates, parking times and everything else going with parking. When we did these parking regulations back 5 or 6 years ago, whatever it is now, a lot of thought went into that; but things change. So the timing is such that we are reviewing them, everything all over again and with the free parking that is in the area, I do commend the students, we would love to have them come downtown to the Library now and in the future. I just don't know that this is the right and seeing this parking study through before money is taken out of already again small budget that we have allocated over the next year and looking at the next couple of years, I just think the timing is bad. So just to encourage you to think about it for the future, but wait for the parking study to be done. Thank you.

Grace Lehto Hi I am Grace Lehto, I go to Nashua School North, and my address is 26 Massachusetts Drive. So I would like to speak in favor of the parking. So this parking would encourage student use especially low income students and college students who are home for the summer. I know from personal experience, my sister – we live by Rivier so sometimes we will go to Rivier Library to study but it would be very nice if we could also attend Nashua's Library for the low cost. And then for me, as a personal anecdote, when I got my license this summer I got myself a library card because I was now responsible to be responsible for my own books. At times the downtown area can feel a little bit unsafe, especially at night, so by parking in the Library parking lot, it feels a lot safer to walk to the library, it's a little bit dark there. It is just the closest lot and it just feels a lot safer. And then free student parking is a very clear sign that the library is very welcome for students to study. Thank you.

#### COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Contract Award for Landfill Engineering Services

#### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO SANBORN HEAD AND ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,000 BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gidge, Alderman Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Dowd, Alderman Klee, Alderman Laws, Alderman Lopez  
Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja,  
Alderman Tencza, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Clemons,  
Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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#### **MOTION CARRIED**

From: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Re: Contract Award with Electronic Environments for UPS Service

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD THE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENTS, LLC, FOR AN ANNUAL COST OF \$4825 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

PETITIONS

Petition for Street Acceptance: Bancroft Street  
Petition for Street Acceptance: Serenity Drive

**There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Petitions are read, referred them to the Committee on Infrastructure and scheduled the public hearings on Bancroft Street, Serenity Drive and Legacy Lane for Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber**

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS – None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee..... 09/05/2019

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 5, 2019, Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 08/14/2019

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 14, 2019, Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 09/04/2019

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 4, 2019, Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Human Affairs Committee..... 08/20/2019

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 20, 2019, Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Committee on Infrastructure..... 08/28/2019

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the August 28, 2019, Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

Planning & Economic Development Committee..... 09/03/2019

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the September 3, 2019, Planning & Economic Development Committee accepted and placed on file.

**There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for the oral report of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee meeting held last night regarding the Mayor’s Appointment of the City Clerk and Resolution R-19-162**

Alderman Caron provided an oral report of the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee meeting relative to the Mayor’s Appointment of the City Clerk and Resolution R-19-162.

Alderman Caron

Yes thank you Madam President. Last night the Personnel Committee met and had a conversation with Sue Lovering, the Mayor’s appointment as the new City Clerk. Because this is time sensitive, we ask that the Board approve Sue Lovering’s nomination and for her term to begin September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk

***There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the appointment of Susan Lovering, 23 Bates Drive, Nashua, to the Office of City Clerk for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the Mayor***

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

**R-19-147**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Tom Lopez

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND SALE OF CITY LAND AT 21 PINE STREET (MAP 77, LOT 17) AND LAND OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY AT 3 PINE STREET EXTENSION (MAP 77, LOT 2A)**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-147 BY ROLL CALL**

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gidge, Alderman Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Dowd, Alderman Klee, Alderman Laws, Alderman Lopez  
Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja,  
Alderman Tencza, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Clemons,  
Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-147 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-154**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR PARKING RELATED EXPENDITURES**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-154 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-154 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-157**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**CHANGING THE "AGENT TO EXPEND" ON CERTAIN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-157 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-157 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-160**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$27,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY "FY20 SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN TENCZA FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-160 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-160 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-162**

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Patricia Klee

**RELATIVE TO A BALLOT REFERENDUM TO ALLOW SPORTS BETTING WITHIN THE CITY OF NASHUA**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-162 BY ROLL CALL AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019, AT 7:00 PM IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

Yes many of the members weren't here for the presentation before and I would like to make some comments of something that got clarified while we were there. At the Personnel Committee I had mentioned that it was three-step process; one being put on the ballot; one getting the State to approve the licenses for the individual organizations, I believe there's 10; and the last would be the BOA approval. The last part is incorrect, the approval will come through the normal licensing process of any business.

I have been able to clarify that that actually comes through the Secretary of State up in Concord. The one thing though that the Legislation HB480 does allow the Board of the Aldermen to do is that if for some reason this not working out, we have the right to rescind, we have that right. So that's more or less where the ultimate decision gets made.

The other question that had been asked at the Personnel Meeting was where would this money be going? And just like all other lottery money and Keno and so, it will go to the education funding. I think that was the last thing I needed to say. Thank you very much.

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

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

Resolution R-19-162 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-163**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 OF FY2019  
UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM DEPARTMENT #126 "FINANCIAL SERVICES",  
ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION #45 "MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE" INTO FUND #7026  
"CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO AMEND R-19-163 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

Yes in working with the Mayor, we determined this was the best place to get the \$50,000.00 for the Comprehensive Firemen's Report, which the last time it was done was 33 years ago. You can see it's got a little bit of yellow; it is way overdue time for a good assessment of the Fire Department so then can plan accordingly for the next 20 years.

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-163, AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-163 declared duly adopted as amended.

**R-19-164**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 OF FY2019 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM DEPARTMENT #126 "FINANCIAL SERVICES", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION #42 "LICENSES AND PERMITS" REVENUE INTO FUND #6600 "BENEFITS SELF INSURANCE FUND"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-164 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-164 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-165**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman June M. Caron

**RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 OF FY2020 ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE INTO FUND #6600 "BENEFITS SELF INSURANCE FUND"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN GIDGE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-165 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Resolution R-19-165 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-166**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$110,000 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INTO PARKS & RECREATION GRANT ACTIVITY "JEFF MORIN FUND, PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT ROBY PARK"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-166 BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

And if I could speak to it also please. Thank you, I would just like to once again thank the Jeff Morin Family. They have continued to be supporters of Roby Park, first with the fields; most recently with the shade canopy for the playground area and now with the turf for that playground area. As many of you know, that playground is used by many families who drive there and spend the afternoon there.

The families who use that playground have been very happy to see what is happening there. Again thank you to the Morin Family for their generosity.

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

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

Nay: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-166 declared duly adopted.

### **R-19-167**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 OF FY2019  
UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM DEPARTMENT #191 "SCHOOL", ACCOUNTING  
CLASSIFICATION #43 "INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE" INTO SCHOOL CAPITAL  
PROJECT ACTIVITY "DISTRICT-WIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-167, CONTINGENT UPON THE  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, BY ROLL CALL**

### ON THE QUESTION

#### Alderman Dowd

I'd like to speak to it. Yes this is going to go to CIC for a ranking. All of the forms have been submitted and I believe it around the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. So final action will come out of that.

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

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

Nay: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-167 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-168**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Ken Gidge  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 OF FY2019 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM DEPARTMENT #126 "FINANCIAL SERVICES", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION #42 "LICENSES AND PERMITS" REVENUE INTO CAPITAL PROJECT ACTIVITY "14 COURT STREET COURTYARD IMPROVEMENTS"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-168, CONTINGENT UPON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-168 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-169**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Ken Gidge  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**RELATIVE TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$700,000 OF FY2019 UNANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM DEPARTMENT #126 "FINANCIAL SERVICES", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION #42 "LICENSES AND PERMITS" REVENUE INTO PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECT ACTIVITY "INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CITYWIDE"**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-169 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-169 declared duly adopted.

### **R-19-170**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

### **RELATIVE TO THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR FY2020 ESCROWS**

Given its second reading;

### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO AMEND R-19-170 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE BY ROLL CALL**

### ON THE QUESTION

#### Alderman Clemons

So the change that was made as the Mayor mentioned earlier was taking away a sum I think of \$69,000.00 and change from the airport and re-appropriating that to the School Department so that we can fund an ELL Teacher.

#### Alderman Dowd

This also includes the \$100,000.00 for the Police overtime account. But it is not part of the amendments, it's just in there.

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

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

Nay: 0

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-170 AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTIONAlderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. I would like to just remind members that coming up later 0-19-051 is the student parking and part of this R-19-170 will be the money that is going to the RFP to look at the parking downtown. So please keep that in mind as we discuss the pending motions. Thank you Madam President.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-170 declared duly adopted as amended.

**R-19-171**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

**APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE WITH NASHUA ICE CENTER  
(KNOWN AS CONWAY ARENA)**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-171 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-171 declared duly adopted.

**R-19-172**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Ken Gidge  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderman June M. Caron  
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA) AND LEASE WITH REVISION ENERGY**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-19-172 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution R-19-172 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

**O-19-049**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
 Alderman Ken Gidge  
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
 Alderman Patricia Klee  
 Alderman Tom Lopez  
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
 Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
 Alderman Jan Schmidt  
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**AUTHORIZING FREE HOLIDAY PARKING AT METERS IN ZONE III WHICH INCLUDES THE ELM STREET AND HIGH STREET PARKING GARAGES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2020**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-19-049 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Ordinance O-19-049 declared duly adopted.

**O-19-050**

Endorsers: Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE PARKING PERMITS FOR DALIANIS HOUSE RESIDENTS**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-19-050 BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Ordinance O-19-050 declared duly adopted.

**O-19-051**

Endorser: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Jan Schmidt

**PROVIDING FREE LIBRARY PARKING FOR UP TO THREE HOURS FOR NASHUA STUDENTS USING THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Given its second reading;

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO AMEND O-19-051 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPLACING IT WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTIONAlderman Kelly

If I could speak to it please. Thank you, so just for those who were not at the Infrastructure meeting, the change that was made was making it into a pilot program so that it would expire at the end of the School Year with a presentation by the students prior to it sun-setting in concert with the Planning & Economic Development Department and the Library Staff to see how implementation went.

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Gidge, Alderman Harriott-Gathright  
 Alderman Dowd, Alderman Klee, Alderman Laws, Alderman Lopez,  
 Alderman Caron, Alderman Kelly, Alderman Melizzi-Golja,  
 Alderman Tencza, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Clemons,  
 Alderman Wilshire 14

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED****MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-19-051 AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL**ON THE QUESTIONAlderman O'Brien

Yes God I really do hate to be the scrooge on this one you know but it was heard in the Infrastructure Committee and I was the sole dissenting vote. But I take my duties as Chairman quite seriously. I cannot let something that I really just feel on the popularity of it really affect, I've got to look at the global issue that is at hand. Just to remind you, we passed R-19-170 which is very global. That is going to look at parking all in general. What I am concerned about is I have listened to the Downtown Community Board brought up by Ms. Blaisdell and everything that this is going to highlight some problems with other people within the demographics. As part of our tax structure we give breaks to Veterans and disabled Veterans. What happens if they approach us and say they would like to have some parking at the Library? What about the wonderful children's program that we have there that we recognized tonight Mrs. Bolton on that? And you know my mother herded 7 kids, you know what I mean and brought them out of the car and everything. So I am sure my mother would have appreciated if we did have free parking or closer parking for that.

I really hate to do this, I think the presentation by the students was more than adequate and was good. I looked at and they did eliminate part of it, there is cheaper parking in the same lot but farther away and then on Cottage Street there is free two hour zone parking that they do have access. So if there was a little bit more of a walk but the students could use that you know without feeding the meter. So to me, again, vote your conscious, you will; I don't want to be that much of a bad guy with it because if this gets shot down and this is brought up as part of the study I will advocate for this strongly advocate for it. I believe in it, it's not that I'm against it, again I am being in a way the bad guy because I have to look at the whole global parking issue. To that vein, I really cannot support this.

Alderman Kelly

Thank you. So just quick background for anyone who has not been privy to what has been going on with this. The students came to me and we actually formed a Committee and came up with the idea of this. I think I talked about this when it was originally read. The students really felt strongly that this was what they wanted to put their efforts behind for the summer. And I think that their argument that as students the Library is an especially important resource for them, a lot of them talked about meeting at a place to study

that they could to equally and also being able to use those resources. We also heard from someone in public comment the Cottage Street area being a bit further away and parents or even students not feeling as comfortable walking from there as they would in the lot.

So we did look at the financials, that was in the presentation to Infrastructure. The Downtown Improvement Committee gets the overflow parking, I think it was about \$100,000.00 this year so if all 20 passes were used 365 days a year, we are talking about maybe \$6 grand and I don't see us doing 100% participation in this. So I would ask the Board to consider that. I think for students it makes a lot of sense and getting our students into our downtown and enjoying this service that we already provide through our taxes makes a whole lot of sense.

#### Alderman Dowd

I certainly support the students going in the Library and anything we can do to help them. But I also think that and as I review all of this that it hasn't been well thought out as to the process. The students having to get a pass, go up to the Library, get a pass, and if they are unlucky they get a ticket while they are getting the pass and then bring the pass back in the car, as I understand it now. And then when they are done they have to do the opposite, it just seems to me, there are other ways to do it. And I think as part of the study you would have a more efficient and more organized way of doing it for the students. The only thing I don't know is the timing of the study; if it was going to be hugely in the future that would be one thing. If it's going to be short-term, I think we ought to wait for the results of the study because I think there are several issues of parking downtown and I'd like to solve it all in one shot and not have to come back and piecemeal.

#### Alderman Klee

And I want to echo Alderman Dowd and Alderman O'Brien's words. The students did a phenomenal job and I commend anybody who comes and does some kind of presentation and so on. The problem that I have with this is that I have received a number of phone calls from different groups; groups of elderly people, groups of people that have functions at the Library, I don't mean functions that way but do different things and said, "Well why couldn't we get free parking". There are a lot of different groups and a lot of different entities. While not all students are able body, the majority of them area which means that they can walk and if they have to walk as Alderman Dowd said from the car, to get the pass, back to their car, then when they leave, go to their car, bring back the pass and go back to the car. I mean that's four trips to their car. We are talking about \$2.25 and yes I know what is like to not have money; I know what's it like to not even have a dime and so on. But I don't \$2.25 or \$1.50 if they can get the lesser parking is really going to necessarily break the bank.

When some of the students, they spoke about getting coffee at Barnes which I think probably do cost more than \$2.25 or stopping on their way to get a cup of coffee. I think our Library is incredible; I think that is has enough to offer and that is what people would like to come to and use those resources. I also would like to see the study completed. I think maybe in the end it's going to say we need to give all free parking. And I know Alderman Kelly and a few other people have said, "I'd like to just see free parking there". I'm not so sure I necessarily would because I do think that cuts into revenue and as a tax payer every penny counts. But in the long run, whatever the study says, I would abide by it and I think we all should do that. I just don't think that this is the time to do it, I think we need to wait. So thank you.

#### Alderman Laws

So I've been conflicted with this one. On the one hand, as the liaison to the Downtown Improvements Committee, I think that they are truly some of the unsung heroes of Downtown Nashua. These people are small business owners, they give up their Friday mornings to come in, they meticulously go over the details of their very limited budget and what they are going to do with it. And I completely understand that and the last thing that I want to do is contribute to them having less budget to work with.

On the other hand, I see that there is an intrinsic and unquantifiable value to enhancing the educational experience of students. Thankfully a compromise has been reached and that compromise is that there is a sunset clause on this and 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 months from now we are going to know whether or not this program has worked. We are going to know whether or not students have been using it; we are going to know whether or not they haven't. It is going to be minimal money lost to the Downtown Improvement's Committee. It is money that we haven't raised yet; we are talking about it as though it is money that's being taken out of the budget, but it is money that hasn't technically been raised yet.

I'm afraid to go there on Friday morning and catch the arrows for this but and I love everyone on that Committee and respect them truly but I am going to support this because I think it's better for the students.

#### Alderman Lopez

So I guess I have the benefit of being not conflicted. As the Downtown Alderman I see the need that the students are bringing forward and I agree with it. I am very familiar with the parking space, the lot, the distance and all those kinds of things. I also appreciate Alderman O'Brien's commitment to being Chair; if you feel passionate about something then I guess one approach as Chair make sure that that is known. I always thought the Chair was more of an opportunity to be a neutral party and preside over meetings. So we differ on that. I don't feel any obligation personally to represent other than my Ward, my constituents and the kids who go there.

I am conscious of the Downtown Improvement Committee's budget, but I don't want students to have to pay for it when it is much more beneficial to have students at the Library contributing to that scholastic environment that the Library is designed for then it would be to collect \$2.25 and have people leaving early. Or not having the change that they need and canceling their plans or whatever other barriers come up. It's not always about the amount of money you have total, it is sometimes about how you can deploy it. So personally I don't see the economic value of that particularly because I've been at the Library at least 4 out of 7 days this week and that lot is not full, there are extra spaces. This is not going to make it so that other people have to park farther away; it is not going to create a massive impact on any kind of revenue being generated that undermines the Farmer's Market. It is a small amount of money for a maximum amount of benefit.

Cottage Street is not quite as adjacent as people might remember. I would encourage any Aldermen who feel like to and from it is no big deal to surrender their Aldermanic Parking Pass and park on West Pearl because that's about the same distance. I don't think that's going to happen but I am saying if we have an opportunity to let students park and encourage them to go to the Library I think we should do that. If we have an opportunity to better use resources like empty spaces by encouraging students to come use it, I think we should do that. I think the same logic applies that if you want the students to park on Cottage for 2 hours, but you afraid of having them walk back and forth from their car, it's the same difference. The only difference is that they feel like they are able to be closer, they may not have to carry things quite as far and it could make a difference, especially if they are carpooling, because then not every student has to walk back and forth. So I support this. I appreciate the presentation that the students did and I will support what they've asked us to do.

#### Alderman Clemons

I've struggled with this one as well but unfortunately in the end I can't support it for a number of reasons some of them are more along the lines of what Alderman Dowd and Alderman O'Brien have said about the parking study. But then the other part of it is there is a value that we have downtown. We, as a Board of Aldermen back in 2011, made a commitment to the people of Nashua. What we said was if we raise the parking fees on you the difference that we raise in that money, we are going to put directly back into downtown. While you know it is a small amount of money, it's not really the point. The point is that there is a value to coming downtown, there are different things that are there. There are different resources beyond the Library, there are different places to go and it costs money to park there for a reason.

When you have a vehicle you have to follow the rules of the road. If you park in front of a meter, you have to pay it. It is what it is. I mean if the Library isn't worth going to because you have to pay, then don't go. That's really my opinion on this. I think that would be a shame, but I think if you can afford to drive a car, you should be able to drive through the toll that you through and you should be able to pay for the parking.

#### Alderman Schmidt

Thank you Madam President, I am not conflicted, not a tiny bit. I think is a marvelous idea, I think it is marvelous for a lot of reasons. I think it will bring students downtown which they don't normally do. They go down to South Nashua; they don't use the Library because it is not convenient and because nobody is talking about it. These kids are talking about the Library, that means that they are going to incite other kids to come down to the Library. And it's not just about going to a coffee shop; the resources that are available at the Library are wonderful. The papers that they write? They don't just need quiet, they also need the resources that are there. The Library parking lot is only full when there is something going on there big. Otherwise, there are 10 spots that can be used, nobody would be losing any money on this and by the way, the Downtown Improvement Committee is amazing. Thank you for the work that you do because it matters. But this won't hurt you; this will help you. This will help kids come downtown, get into the habit of it and be part of the community. I can't thank the kids enough for doing this, I thought it was a stunning, stunning show that they put on for us. And really, they care about the City; this is one way the City can care about them. Thank you.

#### Alderman Gidge

Thank you Representative Schmidt, you are absolutely correct. I will do anything including give up parking meters money to get people to come down to the City of Nashua and use the Library. People who read more are better people, more productive people and if it is .50 cents or a dollar but if we get a thousand more people a month going to the Library this will be a far better City. Thank you very much for doing it and I don't think it is going to pass but I think Schmidt has brought up some very good points. And I agree; thank you very much by the way kids, guys.

#### Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Thank you Madam President. I am not conflicted either but I truly believe that if our young people wanted to attend the Library they have that \$1.75 or \$2.50 or whatever the cost it is to come to the Library. One of the things I noted during the Summer, their bus passes were free, so you know, we give to our young people to get them downtown or wherever they want to go across the City. And I too believe like Alderman Clemons said that if you are at that age that you can drive a car, most of them probably have small jobs or whatever, I think this is the beginning of them giving back to the City, that's just the beginning of their life, for the things giving back as well. So for me, I would not be voting in favor.

#### Alderman Lopez

Alderman Schmidt's comments made me remember something that I almost forgot to say. The Library just isn't about parking spaces, books or music or whatever. There are very, very good Library staff that are there that can be very helpful to students that are doing projects; finding resources, looking for resources. We even just recognized one of them today. The Library staff is very much in support of this. So I wanted to point that out as well that the Library is more than just a facility, it is the people who are running it and I think they do a very good job too.

#### Alderman Tencza

So I mean if there is anything we can do to do help young kids be excited about microfiche like Mr. Eid mentioned before, I think we should be doing it. That was my least favorite part of doing research in high school before the Internet so I am glad another generation has to suffer through that. I would probably be more persuaded against this Resolution if we didn't just pass an Ordinance allowing Holiday Parking

downtown and granting free parking to a whole group of people at a time really when you know there would be a good incentive to enforce our parking meters and timing because we want people to cycle through at that time and get more people in the downtown area. So this is a pilot program, we are going to see how it goes, see how many kids actually use it and I'll support it.

#### Alderman Clemons

To the previous speaker, I would only mention as far as the free parking during the holidays, that has been a longstanding tradition which I have never really quite been in favor of, I do vote for it though. But that doesn't say you have to be a student in order to get that free parking. It just says you have to park downtown between those dates and have a car and you can park for free. So it doesn't discriminate against anybody.

#### Alderman Klee

Yes thank you. One of the things I did forget when I was talking, the Ordinance is very, very clear that it is for current high school or college identification cards that are also have a valid Nashua Library Card. And I brought this up during the last meeting when this was being heard and that is that we eliminate other students. And I know that Alderman Lopez made a comment about "Well they don't drive". You are right they don't drive because they are middle school kids, but their parents drive. And I'm not saying that a parent is going to want to do that trip back and forth and back and forth just to save \$2.25 but if we are really looking for this towards students and so on, we are really limiting the student population that gets to use it. When I was in Grammar School, Middle School and so on, I did use the Library. I used the Library a lot not just for school things but for reading programs and different programs that are going on. And we do have a Children's Program there so we are eliminating that group of people in addition to those that I had mentioned that are less able bodied but not disabled to the point where they'd have a handicap sticker.

#### Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President, I wasn't going to speak again but others have again. The thing is again the Library I can guarantee you right now, there was a bad accident in my neighborhood, the wife just texted me, you know, a roll over. She probably would have texted me if the Library was on fire or not. The thing is what is the real true need as we look at this. Before we go into something that could be prejudicial to another demographic of the City and I listened to all your, you know, as brought up your points and it seems like some of your points the demographic or eliminating at all some of the people kind of lost their kind of presence there. Because there are again other groups and the only way we are going to really look at the cumbersomeness of this, this is a wonderful idea. I compliment the students for bringing it forward, I support it, but again, this could lead and as we heard from another Alderman, Alderman Klee that other groups do have equal standing now if this gets passed. And I would like to have some more control over that as a City that's part of our job and to look at the other demographics that come up such as the elderly and everything. So as we vote I hope you just keep that in mind, if this gets passed again it is worthwhile, I'm not going to stop a kid from going to the Library, I don't want to do that at all. But again and contrary to Alderman Lopez's opinion, yes I advocated this, I brought it out as Chairman, I brought it out of my Committee, but again up at the State House we advocate as Chairs, but we don't have to vote for it on the floor. I am only expressing my points of view as a citizen and as a duly elected Alderman. I have done my duty by the Mason's Book by bringing it out of Committee and bring it to the floor. So thank you.

#### Alderman Lopez

Yeah so I hear the conflict in many of the Alderman, I am sure the students appreciate the thoughts and prayers. Again, I say there is a direct action we can take here, we don't have to wring our hands quite as much as we are doing. To Alderman Clemons' point, the free holiday parking is not extended to people who don't drive. So I don't get a free bus ride whenever I am going downtown. So there is always going to be a group that is not entirely accommodated at the same level; that does equal discrimination. And if I remember, both Alderman O'Brien and Alderman Clemons made comments to the effect of this would

constitute discrimination and that they would be reaching out to Legal and we haven't yet heard what Legal's opinion was. So I guess I'll ask Attorney Bolton; is this discriminatory, are we opening the City up for a lawsuit if we allow these placards.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

It is not illegal discrimination.

Alderman Lopez

So it is discrimination in so far as up is up and down is down and those are different things.

Attorney Bolton

It doesn't burden a fundamental right nor is it based on a suspect classification.

Alderman Laws

I would also to point out that if any group of citizens is feeling discriminated against and they would like to organize and put together a presentation and come in and present it to Committees and the Board of Aldermen and try to get free parking at the Library we will absolutely encourage them to do so. The adverse of that is I do not want to discourage the future politicians and world leaders of America, I mean they did a hell of a job getting this together and trying to convince us. And I think if you look at the cost benefit analysis of what we lose versus what we would potentially gain it is kind of a no-brainer, especially when you consider that there is sunset clause in it. So I don't really understand, sorry.

Alderman Dowd

Yes I've become even more conflicted because I was highly enlightened by Alderman Schmidt's comments and having spent 18 years supporting education and building schools and helping students learn, I feel conflicted, not voting for this. There are a couple concerns I have, one how this functions in practice ought to be part of the study and I think I would have preferred that we have a time definite to come back and evaluate how it has been going. But I certainly don't want to deprive the students from going to Library. I also think there would be better ways than the current process that is outlined for them being to be able to get a parking pass. I think having spent 35 years in logistics, that is not the most logistically satisfying way to do it. I think that it probably should be looked at before implemented to see if there is a better way of doing it. So having said that, I'm more inclined to support this in the short-term as a study if those things are met, then it becomes part of the overall study. The other thing that I am concerned about, if it has any type of severe impact, which it may or may not, depending on who is speaking on the funding for the Downtown Improvement Committee, I would like to see this Board address that and in the future and try to make that right to the Downtown Improvement Committee.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you so Alderman Dowd, I wanted to answer some of your questions and I have actually been waiting patiently hearing the conversation. But in terms of how the students came up with how this would be implemented, this was well-researched, we worked on it for about 3 months. We met with Jan McCormack, we met with Tim Cummings, we did have discussions with downtown business owners. Some of the things that came up and the reason it is a little clunky but the reason we went that way was because we talked about using a code through your app and we thought that was much easier to abuse. Then we also talked about just issuing students, but that doesn't allow you to check how many spots are being used at a time. So we really did think about and talk through these things. We agree, going in, getting it and coming back is where we landed after talking through a lot of different things. I think that's why it being a pilot is going to be really helpful so we can have that discussion.

As part of the amendment there is an end-date in the amendment and I believe I put 90 days prior we will give that report as to how it is going. There is specific, legal we already covered, so for the question around what happens with revenue, I actually was really happy to hear that the Downtown Improvement Committee is doing this parking study. Obviously when we started this process we didn't know that, so I think this can just be another piece of information as they are going through that process. I mean I think, if I recall, the initiative to get that study was because we were originally were talking about let's double the rent rates in the garages and I believe at that meeting we said, "Can we get a study". We want to know where our parking garages are in terms of infrastructure needs and all of these things. So I think that their study along with this will give us a really good idea of how to reallocate perhaps how we do parking and parking fees in downtown.

The last thing I want to say and Alderman Laws beat me to it but I think when a group of passionate people come to us as representatives and say, "This is the thing that we are interested in", it is our job to listen and weigh in and really act in accordance with how we feel and what we feel from our constituents. This time it is the students, if the seniors come together and have this conversation, great. But this is absolutely our job. So I commend the students for coming forward, it has been really great for them to be part of this process and see it. I appreciate all of the really interesting discussion from the Board and I hope that we put this through for them.

#### Alderman Klee

I just want to add to what Alderman Kelly had said. This does have a 60 day prior to expiration report by the Youth Advisory Committee. They did not set what the criteria was or what they had to answer but they did do the sunset of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with a 60 days prior to expiration report by The Youth Advisory Committee along with the Nashua Library and the Economic Development Committee will be made to the Board of Aldermen to review the outcome of this pilot program and consider continuation. So in all fairness I do want that to be made clear. Thank you.

#### Alderman Clemons

Thank you I just want to clarify something in case it wasn't made clear. I do appreciate the fact that the presentation was brought forward and I do appreciate the work that was done by the students and by the folks who were involved. It's just that I have a fundamental disagreement; I believe that what is right for one should be right for all. And you know, basically to, other than for handicapped parking, really we should be creating a level of playing field of fairness when it comes to the Library. And I believe that this is only achieved through doing a comprehensive study of how to go about doing that. I don't think that it is fair to other folks that we single out one group of the population and decide that we are going to give away parking to them but not to others. And I would feel the same way regardless of what group came before us and presented whatever plan it was that left somebody else out. I would definitely vote "no" because I happen to believe that we should be doing things as fairly and as equitably as we can. It's what I was elected to do and that is what I am going to uphold by voting "no".

#### Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Yes thank you. When I was aware of this Ordinance in its original form I was not supporting it. Now that it has the pilot portion in it with the report back to the Board of Aldermen, I am going to support this. I think the information gained from this pilot can be rolled into the parking study. Although this says that there will be a report back to us 60 days prior to the expiration, I think that as the parking study kicks in and moves along, which I am sure is going to happen before June, we should be reaching out to the Library and looking at what is happening there. I can't believe that all of these passes will be used at one time and certainly there are empty spots in that Library lot except as previous speakers have indicated; when there are major events going on there. So I think we try it as a pilot, use the information going forward to look at what it means for parking downtown and consider what the feedback is and move forward. So I will be supporting it.

Alderman O'Brien

Madam President, may I remove the motion please?

President Wilshire

I need a chance to speak.

Alderman O'Brien

Oh ok excuse me then. Then I concede my motion.

President Wilshire

So I equally feel that the students have presented a great project here. It was a great presentation, they were really passionate about it but on the other hand so were the people from the Downtown Improvement Committee passionate about the work they've been doing all this time downtown. What I would like to see is this study that the students and the downtown people work together on so that it is beneficial to everyone. Like Alderman Clemons says, if we give it one group, why don't we just make it all free parking for everybody. We are singling out one group and yes you are passionate about and yes the downtown committee is passionate about it. But I don't understand why the two can't go through the study together and hopefully come out with an outcome that works for everyone. So I will not be supporting it this evening and I hope that the downtown study comes through and says, "Hey we can do this for this population" or maybe the Library comes up with something, some controlled parking that you have to put your Library Card in to get access to the parking lot.

Alderman Gidge

I want the money for the parking, I want people in the Library. If you really mean this, you come back to us and bring back a picture of several hundred people standing in front of the Library and that may change the minds of a lot of people here. More people downtown will spend more money. That may make up for it. So that's how I feel, I will vote for it.

Alderman Lopez

I feel like it is fundamentally unfair to keep telling the students that they need to do more work when they did the work and they brought the presentation. The Downtown Improvement Committee did not review their presentation, they didn't even see the Ordinance, they don't have minutes posted which is something that I brought up in the last meeting and they still don't have minutes posted. I think the students have done their part here. I think the Downtown Improvement Committee is not universally in charge of parking policy in Nashua, I think that's our role. We can't keep acting as though we are not doing something actively here to prevent students from this coming forward. Because they have designed a plan that's workable and can work; we may talk about the rules of the road but we are literally the ones who set most of the rules of the road.

I think if we are going to be honest, we need to be at least respectful of the students and the work that they've put in and really give it the credibility it deserves. Because they did study the problem, I followed up myself by looking at the parking spaces and I do not believe that everyone else has looked quite as closely have. I think we are just responding to some comments that were made by two citizens on a Downtown Improvement Committee.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez I don't think anyone here has been disrespectful to any students.

Alderman Lopez

I disagree.

President Wilshire

I don't think anyone has Alderman Lopez. We can have a difference of opinion and that's ok. Any group that comes before us that makes a presentation doesn't mean we have to vote in favor, that's our prerogative as a Board. I don't think anyone has been disrespectful to the students.

Alderman Lopez

I don't think it's fair to say that the presentation that they made and the research that they did has the same weight as a Committee is made up of adults, is obligated by City Ordinance to be posting minutes and isn't that so there's no explanation of what they are doing. Whereas the students have been coming and doing this in public and in full view of the public.

Alderwoman Kelly

I'd like to move the question please.

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

Yea: Alderman Gidge, Alderman Laws, Alderman Lopez Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja, Alderman Tencza, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Wilshire	8
Nay: Alderman O'Brien Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Dowd. Alderman Klee, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Wilshire	6

**MOTION CARRIED**President Wilshire

Is there further discussion on final passage of O-19-051 as amended? Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Alderwoman Kelly

We just called the roll.

Alderman Dowd

That was to move the question.

President Wilshire

That was to move the question.

Alderman Schmidt

That was the final. Oh move the question.

President Wilshire

That was to move the question. The motion before us right now is for final passage of O-19-051 as amended.

Alderman Dowd

That motion to move the question stops all debate.

President Wilshire

Correct, so it's not debatable.

Alderman Dowd

We now have to vote on the final motion.

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

Yea: Alderman Gidge, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Laws, Alderman Lopez Alderman Caron, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja, Alderman Tencza, Alderman Schmidt	9
Nay: Alderman O'Brien Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Wilshire	5

Ordinance O-19-051 declared duly adopted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS**R-19-174**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderman Jan Schmidt

**ESTABLISHING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE FOR TAX RATE**

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

**R-19-175**

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$10,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY",  
ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY" TO DEPARTMENT 181 "COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 55 "OTHER SERVICES" FOR A  
LANDSCAPING DESIGN PLAN FOR EDGEWOOD CEMETERY**

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

***There being no objection President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for the first reading of R-19-176***

**R-19-176**

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien  
Alderman Ken Gidge  
Alderman Richard A. Dowd  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman Tom Lopez  
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
Alderman Jan Schmidt

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$56,300 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY",  
ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY"**

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

President Wilshire

Thank you for your patience with all the roll calls.

Shannon St. Pierre Hi my name is Shannon St. Pierre, I am here speaking on behalf of the International Institute of New England which the address is actually 470 Pine Street located in Manchester. But the reason I am here tonight is because we serve a really large population in Nashua as well. So we work with refugees and immigrants and we are trying to kind of bolster our awareness in the Nashua area. So we are primarily known as a refugee resettlement agency. But we do a lot more work than just resettlement. We work with refugees and immigrants for education purposes, employment services, legal services, and just generally raising awareness and amplifying voices.

So I have two motives in speaking tonight, the first is just so you all know who we are a little bit, International Institute of New England. It's a really long name, we are not a study abroad, we are a refugee resettlement agency. The second point in my speaking tonight is that we are hosting an event in Nashua kind of to be a culmination of our I guess just being here in Nashua. It is called Suitcase Stories. It is September 29<sup>th</sup>, at Nashua High School North. What it is it is refugees and immigrants that get up on stage and share their stories about their journeys here to Nashua. We have a lot of local tellers, so we have people who are living here in Nashua and sharing their stories. So it is a really great way for the community to hear from their new American neighbors and really get to know them on a more personal level. So that is why I am here tonight.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Ok there is no one else to speak. Oh I'm sorry no one else had signed up. Please come up to the mic, give your name and address for the record, please.

Peter Shaefer 15 E Street. I would like to commend the students for having done all of this, hopefully they are not partying somewhere now. But they did a lot of good work, they went to other meetings as well and gave presentations and talked about it. So they put a lot of effort into this and it's a really great opportunity for them to sort of learn how the sausage is made and hopefully it will fare well for them in future.

I wanted to point out as some of the arguments that were made, I thought a lot of arguments well there were two types of arguments that were made here. One was sort of the emotional, compassionate arguments and some were sort of irrational, this is the way it is kind of arguments. I think next time the students go through this again when they do the report I think one of the things that they need to take a look at is some of the rational arguments they made really think that parking at the end of the parking lot near the tree is not a big deal. I think if that were to become an issue for students not going to the Library you have a bigger problem than just parking, OK? I also think if they are not comfortable walking that far to go to the Library, then I think we have another problem that's bigger than just parking.

So I think the arguments that were made they can hone that a little bit more. I just wanted to sort of point that out. The other thing is that the other argument that many of you have made is that other people can also ask for free parking. I mean I am a senior citizen, you know, can I ask for free parking now as well? I'm not going to by the way, I like walking OK? But I just want to point that out. We've got that rule that says you know "Age before beauty". Are we going to break that rule? So I really think that this was a great opportunity for the students and I am glad that they won. I think they need a little bit more work next time, I suspect. Thank you.

Committee announcements:

Alderman Lopez

Yes a meeting of the Substandard Living Conditions tomorrow at 7:00. Thursday I am sorry for some reason I thought it was Wednesday.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Yes we have PEDC next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Dowd

We have Budget next Monday.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? OK.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President I would like to thank you for your reminder of decorum as with the debate, you should have seen the meeting at Infrastructure where that very same subject was discussed. It did take the equal debate a long time but it was very good. And I think that the students definitely benefit from

it. I have no objection with the negative vote, it is part of the Legislative Process and I think the students understand in their maturity. So I think it was good and it is all part of the democracy.

The second thing, if allowed, is I'd like to congratulate and admit a great loss that we are going to feel here in the Board with Sue Lovering being appointed downstairs to the City Clerk's Office. I think she has been asset to this Board. And I wish Patricia Piecuch again best wishes in her new assignment and everything.

And I would like to congratulate the Kelly family on the addition of their new baby and recently Corporate Counsel and Kathy Bolton had another baby. So I would like to announce tonight a new addition to the O'Brien/Dionne Clan or the Dionne/O'Brien Clan of my granddaughter who came into the world at 12:45 this morning, kept us up late, so we were very happy with that. She's a bundle of joy and I say that at this time with much prejudice, she's the cutest darn thing. So congratulations to them and to all the babies, may they all have a long and health life and best wishes. Thank you.

#### Alderman Klee

Yes I too would like to congratulate Ms. Lovering on her new appointment and let Ms. Piecuch know that we will miss you dearly but I am glad you will be up at the State House where we can bother you up that way, you will not escape from us. I also would like to in all jest, but I was whether or not we needed to have Ms. Lovering to do a roll call to make sure that she does know how to do it properly. Don't worry I'm not going to do it. But I also would like to congratulate all the new babies into this world, Alderman Kelly, Alderman O'Brien and Mr. Bolton for a grandbaby. I knew it was not your baby, I saw the look on your face like did somebody not tell me something.

I do have one question, the person who spoke about the even you are hosting, what time would that be?

Ms. St. Pierre It's at 7:00, I have fliers but I didn't know if I could leave them.

#### Alderman Klee

I think you can. OK 7:00 p.m. Thank you so much.

#### Alderman Lopez

So there's a bunch of stuff coming up this weekend that I just wanted to make sure the Board was aware of. There is a Water Walk which is recognizing the steps people have to take just to get clean water and fresh water in other parts of the world; that is Saturday morning in Greeley Park. There is a Food Dedication at Ash Street and across the street from the PAL Center and that is at noon. The Beauty Beyond Borders Art Olympics is also happening at 12:30 to I believe 2. Beauty Beyond Borders is a non-profit organization that focuses on positive self-image so I am going to be busy, like running around left and right. Then on Sunday there's also the multi-cultural festival at St. Patrick's Gym on Main Street.

I also wanted to invite everybody, members of the Board, the public, on September 21<sup>st</sup> there is the Out of the Darkness Walk also leaving from Greeley. It is done out of sympathy and in concert with people who have lost people to suicide and to raise awareness of that as a social issue. There is a lot of stigma associated with it where agencies won't necessarily release statistics because they don't want to alarm the public. Individuals won't necessarily identify exactly what happened, they will deal with the trauma alone which is not good, we need to be together for stuff like that. So the Out of the Darkness Walk, if anybody is willing to join my team from the Board, I'd like to give them a free local politician hat. If any member of the public wants to join I have extra Tree Streets Block Party Shirts that they can have. So that is September 21<sup>st</sup>, coming up fast, it is a week from Saturday. So that's all that I have.

Alderman Klee

Yes I would like to say that I will be walking with you, I did join your team and I have been trying to raise some money so I want that hat, yes.

Alderman Caron

First on a sad note we lost this week a long time basketball coach, Mr. Eli Whitney, it was very unexpected. He is the one that just finished the mountain climb before he got ill. Him and his family were involved in politics, his wife Quincy worked in Ward 7 for about 15 years as a registrar. So my condolences go out to his family.

The other thing is congratulations Ms. Lovering for your new position. I've known you since you first started and you've done a fabulous job. You are a very dedicated young lady. So I know you are going to do good things in the City Clerk's Office. And Ms. Piecuch, we wish you the best in your new position, I won't be calling you because I don't go to Concord. And also congratulations to all the babies this year. As Alderwoman Kelly says, future mayors of the city.

Alderwoman Kelly

Yes thank you. I just wanted to commemorate solar going through, that's an initiative the Energy & Environment Committee has been very excited to see go through and I personally am very excited to see that pass. Thank you for the lively debate on student parking. I know that they are very excited, and I appreciate that.

I also wanted to congratulate Ms. Lovering and say a sad goodbye to Trish Piecuch, I am glad I could make your last meeting roll call heavy. That's all I have.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Thank you. First of all from PEDC we had the presentation on the GIS functioning within the City and I think all of who were there were very happy to hear how well GIS is going and what the next steps are. If you didn't have a chance to see the video, the information for the presentation is attached to the minutes so you may want to look at that.

Congratulations on all the babies, I am sure you are all going to be busy running in the next 18 to 24 months as you chase after them. And Ms. Piecuch thank you so much, it has been a pleasure working with you, not only here in the Chamber but in other events throughout the community. We will miss you and we wish you well and we know this will be a great opportunity for you. And certainly Ms. Lovering we are happy for you and glad you are staying here in the building, so we will have easy access to you.

The other thing and this is kind of like a month's notice, but on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Brian McCarthy Foundation is going to be holding their first fundraiser at the Holiday Inn. Tickets are available in advance and also will be for sale at the door. A silent auction, raffles, music, light refreshments and a cash bar. I think all of us sitting around the Chamber are aware of how dedicated Brian was to science. The Foundation's mission is to provide advocacy and scholarships related to STEAM Education for Students here in Nashua. So I hope you will be able to join all of us who will be there. And if you or anybody interested or listening is interested in either making a donation to the Foundation or an item for a silent auction, if you go to the web site, you'll be able to find out how to do that. So hopefully everyone will mark their calendars and join us there. Thank you.

Alderman Tencza

Thank you. I too just wanted to congratulate all of the families on expanding and expanding the Chamber here; along with to the Clerk and Ms. Lovering. I think it is a great testament to the City to see folks moving

up to positions within the State and then being promoted within City Hall here. It is a testament to all the folks who work here and the amount of appreciate that they have for the City and hopefully they understand how much we appreciate what they do for us as well.

I also just wanted to express my condolences to the Nashua Police Department and Police Family on the passing of Captain Lehto. Captain Lehto really personified the best of the Nashua Police Department. He has a Captain, I knew him when he was the Lieutenant in the Special Investigations Division working tirelessly for victims of domestic violence as well as kids who had been victims of a crime. He was a bright guy, he had his law degree. He used all of his intelligence to help other people who were less fortunate than him so he is going to missed, I am sure, by Nashua Police and by the whole City. So again condolences to them.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you. Did anybody else notice that the 3 babies born here are all of Irish derivation. I wanted to thank everybody for the spirited discussion that we had on the student parking. This was great, this was great for the students as well. What an experience for them to bring something forward like that. And thank you everybody for your kindness. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

Can I have a second.

President Wilshire

No seconds. You had your shot, you're done.

Alderman Lopez

I had to follow up with what Alderman Schmidt just said that I appreciated the discussion as well and in the future I will try to it without being so confrontational, particularly to the President.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Lopez. I appreciate the presentation, I appreciate that Alderman Kelly brought this forward, even though I didn't agree with it, I mean I think it gave the students a voice and that's always a good thing. But we are good Alderman Lopez. We can agree to disagree and move forward and that's always good so thank you.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I've given Patricia and Susan my congratulations and thankfulness for all that they've' done to help me. I just wanted to publicly say congratulations to both of you and it has been great just getting to know you all.

President Wilshire

I too would like to congratulate and thank our outgoing City Clerk, Patricia Piecuch for the wonderful job she's done for the time she's been here and congratulations on your new job. And also we are going to miss Sue Lovering in the Aldermanic Office, but we know she will still be around and still helping us out in our meetings, so congratulations to you.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED BY ROLL CALL**

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

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

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Attest: Patricia D. Piecuch, City Clerk