

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber as well as via Zoom teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; Deputy City Clerk Allison Waite recorded.

Prayer was offered by Deputy City Clerk Allison Waite; Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu led in the Pledge to the Flag.

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

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

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

The roll call was taken with 10 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly (via Zoom), Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Alderman June M. Caron, Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu, Alderman Ernest Jette, Alderman Skip Cleaver (via Zoom), Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman Thomas Lopez, Alderman Jan Schmidt, and Alderman Brandon Michael Laws were recorded absent.

President Wilshire to turn the meeting over to Alderman Richard A. Dowd.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, we have three items for public hearings this evening. The first is R-21-168 Relative to the Transfer of \$30,000 from Account 70100 "General Contingency" to Accounting Classification 51 "Salaries & Wages" in Administrative Services (\$25,000) and Economic Development (\$5,000) for the Purpose of Funding Salaries and Establishing an Opioid Abatement Expendable Trust Fund Funded by Appropriations and Making a Supplemental Appropriation of \$27,223.40 into the Expendable Trust Fund. Is there anyone here that's going to give us an overview of this Resolution?

Director Bobbie Bagley, Division of Public Health and Community Services

Yes good evening. Bobbie Bagley, Director for the Division of Public Health and Community Services. Just here to give information on establishing the trust fund for the opioid abatement. This is going to be funds that will be coming into the city from several suits that have been filed against several of the pharmaceutical companies that produced opioid drugs over the next 18 years. As a result of this, the funds will be distributed over that period of time in different amounts and allocations to the City of Nashua as well as to the other parts of our State as well.

These funds are to be used for recovery work for services that include intervention, treatment, and recovery services that will help mitigate opioid use disorder. The objective of getting this funding is to distribute this to services providers in our community that are providing these particular services so we can extend and tie it with opioid use and substance use disorder. So it's very specific to the opioid resettlement that's expected to come to the State of New Hampshire over a period of 18 years from different resettlements that have been filed over the course of time.

Chairman Dowd

All set?

Director Bobbie Bagley, Division of Public Health and Community Services

Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Is there any explanation for the other part of the Resolution?

Director Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services

Good evening. Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services Director. So one piece of legislation is not tied to the other. The first part of the legislation on the agenda is the transfer of \$25,000 into Administrative Services and the transfer of \$5,000 into salaries and wages for Economic Development. That's actually 164. 168 is the legislation that Director Bagley is speaking to. They are not linked together but I'm happy to give you an overview of 164 the salaries and wages.

Chairman Dowd

You're right. There are two different ones. I don't know why they were combined. We'll address 164 first and then do 168 but we have both explanations.

Director Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services

Certainly.

Chairman Dowd

Relative to R-21-164.

Director Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services

This legislation is for a transfer of \$25,000 into the Administrative Services salaries and wages of \$25,000 and \$5,000 into the salaries and wages for Economic Development.

President Wilshire

Was that Resolution 168?

Chairman Dowd

164. On the word document we got, they were combined under 168 and they should have been two – 164, and 168.

President Wilshire

Which one here is 168 and 169?

Alderman O'Brien

That's true.

President Wilshire

That's what's on the agenda.

Director Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services

I believe 164 may come at Budget Review. I don't believe that it requires a public hearing but I'll defer to Mr. Griffin.

John Griffin, CFO

Yes Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I was just going to say it was never the intent for Resolution 164 to be a public hearing because it's a transfer.

Chairman Dowd

Okay.

John Griffin, CFO

We noticed it late this afternoon and tried to contact the legislative office but we thought we'd be able to explain it here. So there really isn't any need to have a agree and disagree for 164.

Chairman Dowd

So we only need a public hearing on 168 and 169?

John Griffin, CFO

Correct.

Chairman Dowd

So 168 was just described to us about the opioid abatement expendable trust fund that was explained by Director Bagley. Okay. So on R-21-168 I'll take any testimony in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

R-21-168

ESTABLISHING AN OPIOID ABATEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FUNDED BY APPROPRIATIONS AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$27,223.40 INTO THE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on Resolution R-21-168 at 7:09 p.m.

Chairman Dowd opened the public hearing on Resolution R-21-169 Authorizing the City of Nashua to Enter into an Agreement and Consent to Joint Use with Liberty Utilities and Making a Supplemental Appropriation of \$38,394. Who is going to give us an overview of that?

Dan Hudson, City Engineer

I can do that Mr. Chair. So Dan Hudson, City Engineer. The city has a drainage and sewer easement which runs off the end of Swart Terrace towards the railroad to the east. Liberty Utilities wishes to upgrade their gas service to that neighborhood. They have a high pressure main along the railroad so they're seeking to co-exist in our easement for a portion of it because where it comes to Swart Terrace is narrow.

Working with Legal, we've drafted an agreement with them. It involves them paying us to line one of our drainage pipes which is in close proximity to this proposed gas line. Those linings are now good for 50 plus years, 75 years, or something like that. So we're comfortable with this co-existence and this easement area with a provision that that lining occur. So the \$38,394 that's derived from our lining contract with our contractor, and their unit rates, and this is no cost to the city. This is Liberty making that contribution in return for us granting this right to co-exist on our easement.

Chairman Dowd

Any questions from any of the Aldermen on this Resolution? Seeing none, I'll open up the public hearing on R-21-169.

R-21-169

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO JOINT USE WITH LIBERTY UTILITIES AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$38,394

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR

Andrew Mills

My name is Andrew Mills. I work for Liberty Utilities. We're at 38 Bridge Street in Nashua. Just to kind of quickly highlight the need for this easement. So we are trying to as we continue to work to replace our aging infrastructure in the city, all of our cast iron that's 100 plus years old, this easement will allow us to cross and continue that goal. Without this easement, we won't be capable of replacing over a 2,000 feet of old bear steel from the early 1960s and some of it is from 1910. So this easement will allow us to replace some gas main before the city decides to pave Swart Terrace either at the end of this year or early next year preventing future leaks under a brand new road and helps our long-term goal of as I said replacing our aging infrastructure to allow all around allow a safer distribution system in the City of Nashua. Thank you.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Dowd closed the public hearing on Resolution R-21-169 Authorizing the City of Nashua to Enter into an Agreement and Consent to Joint Use with Liberty Utilities and Making a Supplemental Appropriation of \$38,394 at 7:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Cleaver, Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	11
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest: Allison Waite, Deputy City Clerk