

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 28, 2020

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Monday, December 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Chairman Dowd

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

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

Alderman O'Brien called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 7 members of the Budget Review Committee present:

Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Chairman
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Ernest Jette
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

Also in Attendance:

John Griffin, CFO
David Fredette, City Treasurer
Kim Kleiner, Director of Administrative Services

ROLL CALL

Alderwoman Kelly

I am here, I can hear everyone and my 15 month old is in the room, but I don't think he's going to do anything.

Alderman O'Brien

Alderman-at-Large Michael O'Brien is present, I am alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Wilshire

Here, I am alone and I can hear you.

Alderman Jette

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

Alderman Schmidt

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

Alderman Clemons

I am here, I am by myself and I can hear everyone.

Chairman Dowd

Yes, I can hear everyone, I am here alone, practicing social distancing.

Alderman O'Brien

Mr. Chairman, 7 members present.

Chairman Dowd

We have a full complement and a majority. Ok, first item of business is Public Comment, anything related to tonight's agenda. Is there anyone that wishes to speak from the public. Not seeing or hearing anyone.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-100

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

RELATIVE TO THE RESCINDING OF AUTHORIZED UNISSUED DEBT

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

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-103

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

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$250,000 FROM PRIOR YEAR ESCROW FUNDS, DEPARTMENT #194 "CONTINGENCY, ACCOUNT #70122 "OPERATING EXPENSE CONTINGENCY" INTO THE "GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY (GOFERR) GRANT"

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

Chairman Dowd

The motion on the floor is to recommend final passage of R-20-103 relative to the transfer of \$250,000.00 from prior year escrow funds, Department #194, Contingency Account #70122, operating expense contingency into the Governor's Office for emergency relief and recovery, GOFERR Grant. Are there any questions or concerns relative to this. Alderman Wilshire?

Alderman Wilshire

Can we get a little background what this is going to be used for or what this is about?

Chairman Dowd

OK, Ms. Kleiner, you want to handle that?

Kim Kleiner, Director of Administrative Services

I think, Alderman Dowd, between myself and CFO Griffin we can provide you some context. Right now as it stands we knew that with this City Building Renovation Project along with the major technology cost that the City incurred, all due to COVID-19, that we would need a little bit of an additional funding. Right now it stands a little bit over \$100,000.00 so at the time that we were preparing the escrows, we put this money aside. Right now it's a little over \$100,000.00 of it that we have incurred, but there may be more depending if there is additional technology or any additional change orders on the City Building Renovation Project. This money was set aside specifically for this purpose, knowing that we would be incurring over the \$2 million dollars in GOFERR Funding.

Chairman Dowd

Does that answer your questions, Alderman Wilshire?

Alderman Wilshire

Sort of yeah. Thank you Ms. Kleiner.

Chairman Dowd

Any other questions relative to this Resolution?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes, please, Elizabeth Lu.

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you Alderman Dowd. So I just don't understand why it's a good idea to move the funds from one account in the GOFERR Account.

Chairman Dowd

Mr. Griffin, do you want to address that?

John Griffin, CFO

Yes, John Griffin, CFO, thank you Mr. Chairman. The reason why it's a good idea is as Administrative Services Director Kleiner indicated. The GOFERR Grant Fund, if it doesn't get an infusion of cash, can't pay for the additional expenses that were recognized. We don't spend out of the contingency account so the objective of this particular piece of Legislation is to move the contingency amounts as described in the analysis portion of the Legislation into the GOFERR Grant Fund; to the extent the \$250,000.00 is not spent, such funds, any unused funds will be transferred back to the prior year escrow account. So it seems likely that we would incur additional cost for items that Director Kleiner indicated. But the purpose of the transfer is so we can actually spend the money.

Chairman Dowd

Does that answer your question Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Not quite, just a follow up question?

Chairman Dowd

Follow up.

Alderwoman Lu

So am I understanding this correctly that in order to track the funds that we have spent that are may be GOFERR eligible, they need to come out of the same account or it just makes it easier if we spend all of our COVID related, we do all our COVID related spending from one account?

Mr. Griffin

Mr. Chairman, if I may.

Chairman Dowd

Yes, Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin

John Griffin, CFO. That is one of the purposes of putting it in the GOFERR Grant Fund, because as you recall you approved the Grant Fund for the allocation amount from the State. We have incurred what would arguably be GOFERR related expenses and it would be a good accounting practice to keep all of those on the City side, all of those expenditures in one Grant Fund. Thank you.

Alderwoman Kelly

Alderman Dowd?

Chairman Dowd

Yes? Alderman Kelly.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you, I thank Mr. CFO Griffin. So my question is if we are moving it back into the Governor's Grant Fund, do we have our own account in Nashua or is it in the big pot and how would we know what happens once it goes back into the big pot. Because the way it is worded it makes it sound like we are just putting it back into the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief Fund.

Chairman Dowd

Mr. Griffin?

Mr. Griffin

Good question, if I may Chairman. The purpose of moving the money into the Grant Fund is to capture all of the city-related COVID-19 expenses into that one area. This would be considered a municipal contribution to that Grant Fund that you approved. So if you looked at it practically you would have the \$2.092 million that came down and was accepted and appropriated from the State. And this would be the City's Municipal Contribution to the Grant Fund.

There's another piece of Legislation to follow but that's the purpose of moving it into the Grant Fund. It's not going to the State, this is local money and it is considered a Municipal Contribution to the Grant Fund to capture all the expenses related to this effort.

Chairman Dowd

Mr. Griffin, would it also be easier at some point if the State allocate additional funds that we could keep track of how much we've spent by using it in this one account?

Mr. Griffin

Yes that would be helpful. As you may or may not know, any remaining funds that the State received under the CARES Act were divvied up to other programs other than the Town and Municipal City Relief. Any remaining funds, it is my understanding, they are going to police those funds into the unemployment insurance fund. To the extent there's more coming it would be a good placeholder if there is more State and Local Government Relief. So you are absolutely correct Alderman Dowd, that would be, we could have a Phase II if we are so fortunate. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Any additional questions, Alderman Kelly.

Alderwoman Kelly

No, I'm all set, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Alright, anyone else?

Alderwoman Lu

I have another question, please?

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. Most of our funds have numbers, account numbers, but I noticed that the GOFERR Fund doesn't have an account number. So I am still not quite clear on, is that sitting in the City Account? Is that sitting in the General Fund?

Mr. Griffin

That, if I may Mr. Chairman, the fund was set up and established, it's in the City. I am happy to report that we received the full grant amount. It is in the City and it does have a fund number, it's just not on this particular page.

Alderwoman Lu

Ok thank you and if I could just follow up with one more question?

Chairman Dowd

Sure.

Alderwoman Lu

Why do we as a municipality, why do we need to make a contribution of \$2.9 or rather this contribution?

Mr. Griffin

Mr. Chairman another good question. As you recall back when we were fortunate to get the grant, there was kind of an outreach on the part of the Mayor and his team to get what would be qualified expenses. And we were very close, we don't want to turn anybody away. All of these expenses that have been duly tracked would be recoverable from the GOFERR Fund if we were able to get more funds. We weren't sure if we were going to get more funds, but this would be a proper and appropriate use of some escrow funds that we put aside with the Board of Aldermen's approval.

Alderwoman Lu

I see, thank you.

Mr. Griffin

You're welcome.

Chairman Dowd

Any other questions? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd	7
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-104

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

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$998,132 FROM DEPARTMENT #150 "POLICE", ACCOUNT #90530 "EXPENSE TRANSFER TO GRANT FUNDS" INTO THE "GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY (GOFERR) GRANT"

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

ON THE QUESTIONChairman Dowd

The motion is to recommend final passage of R-20-104 relative to the transfer of \$998,132.00 from Department #150, Police Account #90530, expense transfer to grant funds into the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, GOFERR Grant. Who would like to address this one?

Mr. Griffin

I could Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Dowd

Alright Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin

John Griffin, CFO. I think it would perfect to read some of the analysis into the record so I will do so. This Resolution authorizes the transfer of \$998,132.00 from the Police Department's General Fund Operating Budget into the Governor's Office Emergency Relief and Recovery GOFERR Grant. Due to the strict timelines associated with submitting expenses to GOFERR for reimbursement and that GOFERR would only reimburse "paid expenses" public safety budgeted payroll was identified as a reimbursable expense. Thus the Police Payroll was submitted to ensure that the City received the full grant award in the amount of \$2,992,948.00. This transfer is strictly a mechanism to move the reimbursed amount of \$998,132.00 into the GOFERR Grant as a funding source to pay for COVID-19 remaining costs that were encumbered at the time of the City's final reimbursement request.

So it was kind of strange that in the middle of the summer, the folks that operated the GOFERR Grant Reimbursement Program notified us that we couldn't encumber funds that were going to prospectively paid, but rather they gave us kind of a life line which was any public safety and public health expenses, already budgeted, could be recovered. So we quickly put together our - for submittal and I also had some good discussions with the senior auditor for the GOFERR Grant and we were comforted that the amount that we submitted would have been approved, which was done.

Now the reason for the transfer and why this will have zero effect on the Police Department's Operating Budget is Account 90530 is at the very bottom of their reports, their financial statements. So with this action we are going to credit expenses so that's the credit side and we are going to debit the GOFERR Grant Fund which is the expense side coming in and we are going to essentially free up the \$998,132.00 and pay for the other duly noted GOFERR Grant Funds that would have been paid had we been able to go with the original plan of submitting projects that were COVID related and GOFERR reimbursable. So it's a little bit odd that the Federal Government would allow budgeted items to be reimbursable under the grant program but in this case, it was a nationwide authorization that any public safety and public health expenditures to combat the COVID pandemic would be allowable.

Furthermore, Governor Sununu's team wanted to get all the expenses paid duly noted with back up and submittals by October 30th so they could really get an assessment of how well the municipalities did in spending the CARES Act Funding. So the purpose of this particular Legislation is to increase the GOFERR Grant Fund in the City by \$998,132.00 so we can pay for the things that Administrative Services Director Kleiner already mentioned and has mentioned in the past at various Finance Committee Meetings. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

So it's basically to do the proper accounting of our funds to ensure that we receive the maximum benefit from what the State is allowing in GOFERR Funds?

Mr. Griffin

Correct.

Chairman Dowd

Any questions? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-20-042

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ON MAINTAINING ADEQUATE UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE

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

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

The motion on the floor is to recommend final passage to the Full Board of O-20-042, amending the ordinance on maintaining adequate unassigned General Fund Balance. Alderman Jette, is this the one you had something on?

Alderman Jette

Yes. So I expected that CFO Griffin would speak to why we are doing this but my memory is that when this came up our Ordinance requires that the Mayor submit to the Board of Aldermen a statement that we are maintaining the proper amount of reserved funds. The Ordinance defined that to include – the denominator had to include the Statewide Enhanced Education Amount, the local School amount and the County Appropriation.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah I was just referring to you wanted to make a word change, I was going to have him explain it but ...

Alderman Jette

Ok.

Chairman Dowd

But if you want to make that one change before we start talking about it.

Alderman Jette

I certainly can. So I noticed that as the Ordinance was drafted, there seemed to be an extra use of the word “each” in it which I am moving to strike that first “each” that appears modifying June 30th so that it would now read, “It is the policy of the Board of the Board of Aldermen to maintain Unassigned General Fund balance as of June 30th of each year equal to a minimum of 10% of the Municipality’s Fiscal Year General Fund Appropriations”. So it just eliminated that extra, what I thought was a superfluous use of the word “each”. So my motion is just to strike that extra “each”.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE TO AMEND O-20-042 TO REMOVE THE FIRST WORD “EACH” IN PARAGRAPH 135A, SECOND SENTENCE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

CHAIRMAN DOWD

OK are there any questions on the amendment? Seeing none, would you please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O’Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd	7
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Dowd

Ok the motion carried, so now we have an amended O-20-042 and Mr. Griffin would you like to provide additional information. I know Alderman Jette started to cover it pretty well.

Mr. Griffin

And thank you Mr. Chairman, John Griffin, CFO. This particular Ordinance is very good news for us, financial division. It basically codifies what we have been doing for probably several decades. And it really puts the savings account, the unassigned fund balance of the City as a simple calculation of the current year adopted General Fund Appropriations. We have done very well in the past, the Ordinances are 10% minimum, we are generally in the middle, 11.4%, 11.5%, 11.6%. But it’s a simple calculation that would accompany the Mayor’s notification of surplus and overlay. It allows the Board of Aldermen to have a good handle on the Unassigned Fund Balance when they make the decision of how much of surplus they want to appropriate or they would apply to the tax rate.

When we mention things like Statewide Enhanced Education Amount, Local School, Tax Amount, that’s in the budget. A lot of towns in New Hampshire they have separate school districts, so my understanding of why these items are here that we don’t really talk about; those two items in particular. One is kind of revenue enhanced, I mean the enhanced education amount.

But the only thing that is not appropriated is the County Appropriation which is \$11 million. So when we look at the most recent adopted budget of \$282.9 million, we are very well covered with an Unassigned Fund Balance of almost \$31 million and the calculation is easy to understand. But that's my research and review of certain documents that the DRA calculates and this actually provides more protection for the City as a percentage than former calculations. I am not sure why they never used the former calculation but as I mentioned back in September, I inherited it from Mr. Gilbar who inherited it from Ms. Anderson. It has served us well; it is very well understood by the Rating Agencies. They look at the number every year when we have our bond rating calls and they like to see that Unassigned Fund Balance grow a bit to maintain that 11.4%, 11.5% calculation.

So hopefully that explains why we are trying to do this at this point. I think it makes perfect sense and I appreciate recommendation for approval. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Anyone – Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. Well I know former Alderman Teeboom will be very happy to hear this because he's been on us about this for a while now. So it's good that it's coming forward because basically it is just putting a best practice into writing in our Ordinances and even he himself said that we should do this. And I agree because this is the practice that we do. This is the practice that gets us the Triple A Bond Rating, in part. So I am behind it 100%. So thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Anyone else, questions or comments?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes, I have a question please?

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you, Chairman Dowd. Could you just help me understand whether let's see – the Enhanced Education Amount and I apologize Director Griffin, you did send me some information about this today but I had a few more questions still. The Statewide Enhanced Education Amount, is this something that we need to budget for or is this something that we receive from the State or neither.

Chairman Dowd

Mr. Griffin?

Mr. Griffin

Mr. Chairman, thank you. A very good question. It's kind of why I think we went with this approach decades ago. If you think about it, it's part of the Budget, it's part of the School Budget that they send over that you, as Aldermen, approve as far as the final adopted budget. It's not an extra amount. It probably makes a lot of sense to have such a calculation in districts that don't have their school system as part of their total budget.

That's kind of what I found out, it's hard to even understand what it is. But it's something that is part of the DRA forms and they do it for every town in New Hampshire.

Alderwoman Lu

OK, thank you. Just a follow up please?

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you. And the local school net tax commitment is the portion of our City property taxes that are sent up to the State, correct, which may then be distributed back to us?

Mr. Griffin

Yeah they calculate it but we keep it. It's a number that's part of the tax rate, exactly.

Alderwoman Lu

OK, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

All set?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes.

Chairman Dowd

Anyone else, any other questions? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd	7
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Nay:		0
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MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Dowd

And the motion carries. OK we have some items that were tabled in Committee and one of them is relative to the supplemental appropriation of \$50,000.00 to fund a feasibility study for future reuse of Elm Street Middle School Building. I'd like a motion to indefinitely postpone R-20-017 because Mr. Cummings was able to get the funds from a different source, so he does not need this Resolution.

Alderman Clemons

Mr. Chairman, you have to take that off the table first.

Chairman Dowd

Oh I'm sorry, you're right.

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

R-20-016

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

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

(tabled at 4-20-20 mtg)

R-20-017

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

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

- Requires a Public Hearing which has not yet been scheduled

Alderman O'Brien

Mr. Chairman, can I make the motion take R-20-017 off the table by roll call?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO TAKE R-20-017 OFF THE TABLE BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Kelly, Alderman Dowd	7
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Dowd

R-20-017 is off the table. I will now be accepting a motion to indefinitely postpone. Alderman Wilshire?

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO INDEFINITELY POSTPONE R-20-017 BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-028

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

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

(re-tabled at 8-12 mtg)

Chairman Dowd

And there are no others that I have been advised by anyone that they want taken from the table. Next item of business is General Discussion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman O'Brien

Well Mr. Chairman, I do have one question, when we voted for R-20-100 we did take care of some of the other line items that needed the correction in doing so, according to our Treasurer Fredette's email sent to us.

Chairman Dowd

He is saying no. Yes Treasurer Fredette?

David Fredette, City Treasurer

Sorry to cause a little extra work but it went by so fast I missed this. In my email to you all there are two line items and the Resolution itself that should be amended because there's typos but they should be changed and I forgot to mention that to you at the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman Dowd

OK. Alderman Wilshire, would you just prefer that we address those when it comes to the Full Board.

President Wilshire

We could do that.

Alderman Clemons

We have to do that anyway technically.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah because it would be kind of hard going back. I missed that too when I went by it, after having all that conversation. I am sure everyone understood it because of the great explanation you gave, Treasurer Fredette. But we will address those typos in an amendment at the Full Board Meeting.

Mr. Fredette

Ok, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Other General Discussion? Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Wilshire

I'd like to thank John Griffin and Dave Fredette for all their help and Director Kleiner for all their help on all this stuff and getting things cleaned up and in order. So thank you all for that.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah I knew there would be questions based on the Legislations tonight so I wanted to make sure that we had as much information out ahead as possible so people would have a better understanding of it and that was a good Memo Treasurer Fredette. And I know that Ms. Kleiner and John Griffin provided great information to people. So any other general discussion.

Alderman Lu

I had a couple of questions, if I could?

Chairman Dowd

Alright Alderman Lu.

Alderman Lu

Thank you Chairman Dowd. Just Ordinance number 20-042 is still kind of, I'm still thinking about it. Was our School System ever, have we always been, sorry – part of the City's Budget. Has the School System always – I am trying to think of why the Aldermen back in 2008 would have made that change?

Chairman Dowd

It has as far as I know for the past 30 years.

Alderman Lu

OK, thank you.

Chairman Dowd

Can anyone go back farther than that?

Alderman Lu

Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

I don't see anybody stepping up to that plate.

Mr. Fredette

It goes back to the City Charter, 1853.

Chairman Dowd

I don't go back that far.

Alderman Lu

And the second question I had just ... I think I'm all set. Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

There's a lot of State Law that is confusing because the majority of municipalities in New Hampshire are Towns and their School Budget and School Board is totally separate from the Town Budget. It's only the Cities that have it as part of their City Budget. It's not the only Legislation, there are a lot of them. Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

I was just about to say, actually Nashua I think is unique amongst all municipalities in New Hampshire the way that we appropriate our Budgets. So it's sort of just an old practice that never changed because our Charter never changed. So basically the State accepts our Charter and that's how we run our Corporation which is the City.

Chairman Dowd

Yeah some of the other cities are a little bit, they are not necessarily like us but they are unique from towns, like Manchester. Anyway, anyone else? No? Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN – None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Clemons, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd 7

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 7:42 p.m.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Committee Clerk