

**Joint Committee on Infrastructure & Board of Public Works  
Meeting of January 4, 2023**

A meeting of the Joint Committee on Infrastructure & Board of Public Works was held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Nashua City Hall Aldermanic Chamber, 229 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Chairman O'Brien declared the meeting to order at 6:21 PM

- I. **Opening Committee Meeting**
  - a. **General Introductory Remarks**
  - b. **Roll Call**

Members Present:

Alderman Michael O'Brien, Chair  
Alderman Ernest Jette  
Alderman Ben Clemons  
Commissioner Kevin Moriarty  
Commissioner June Lemen  
Commissioner Paul Shea

Also Present:

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development, Clerk  
Andy Patrician, Assistant Director of Public Works

Members Absent:

Mayor James Donchess  
Alderman Richard Dowd  
Alderman Alex Comeau  
Alderman Tyler Gouveia  
Commissioner Shannon Schoneman

Tim Cummings

With six attendees present, there is quorum, Mr. Chairman.

- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **Minutes of October 26, 2022**
  - b. **Minutes of December 7, 2022**

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you to the clerk, and I'll declare a quorum. We'll move to agenda item number two, approval of the minutes without objection.

**MOTION:** Alderman O'Brien move to approve the minutes from the Joint Committee of Infrastructure & Board of Public Works Meeting of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and the minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

Alderman O'Brien

Any objections? Seeing none. We'll place the minutes on file.

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

**III. Public Comment**

Alderman O'Brien

Public Comment. At this time, I have Director Cummings, are you listed?

Tim Cummings

No, Mr. Chairman. All I wanted to make sure is that folks know that this is a relatively brief agenda because, we asked this meeting for special purposes to pay the construction manager their invoice. Due to the holiday schedule, we got a little thrown off. There'll be another Joint Meeting later on in January, which would be our regularly scheduled meeting that would have more agenda items. So, I just wanted to make sure that that was clear for the record.

**IV. Requisition**

Alderman O'Brien

Okay, seeing that we'll move to agenda item number four, requisition. Before us is item #11. A bill to be paid of 6 million-

Tim Cummings

\$674,848.11

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you. I was having trouble with my numbers. St. Peter's Grammar School would kill me for that one. So, going to need a vote on that, but I think at this particular time, you're probably wondering and to the public, what we're actually paying here. So, I'll refer back to you, Director Cummings.

Tim Cummings

Yes, absolutely.

Alderman O'Brien

Can you give us a synopsis of that, please?

Tim Cummings

Yes, absolutely. So, what you have before you is invoice #11 of the construction managers. They have a contract with the city for just about \$11 million in hard construction costs. We pay them monthly on what time and expense that they've incurred. This is essentially a reimbursement to them because they put the cash out, and then they invoice and bill us the subs that they manage. So, before you this evening is a request to pay \$674,848.11

Alderman O'Brien

Okay. Looking for a motion to pay this requisition #11?

**MOTION:** Commissioner Moriarty move for Requisition #11 to be paid in full.

Alderman O'Brien

Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed?

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

Alderman O'Brien

Seeing nothing else?

- V. Adjourn**
  - a. Next Meeting: TBD @ 6 PM**

Tim Cummings

No, Mr. Chair. All I would say is we would have a regular scheduled meeting, and I'm pulling my calendar up now to suggest that we do it. If we go back to what we did back in calendar year 22, we were meeting on Thursday nights, at 6:00 PM at Nashua North, and we did it right before the Joint Special School Building Committee, if that's the pleasure. I believe that would be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. That's subject to me checking that. But if that's acceptable to the group, that's when we would schedule our next meeting. And I wanted to put that out to everyone.

Commissioner Lemen

Did you say at 6:00 PM or 6:30 PM?

Tim Cummings

So, we usually do 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Lemen

Okay-

Tim Cummings

Because they're at 7:00 PM. And we would do about one hour before.

Commissioner Lemen

Because the Board of Public Works meeting is for 6:00 PM that day.

Tim Cummings

On that day?

Commissioner Lemen

Yes.

Tim Cummings

So, then we may not want to do it on that - and if that's the case, my recommendation would be to - I guess February 1<sup>st</sup> would be the alternative. That would be a Wednesday night at 6:00 PM right before the Finance Committee meeting here in the Aldermanic Chamber. If that works for everyone?

Alderman Jette

Mr. Chair?

Alderman O'Brien

Yes, Alderman Jette. I'm sorry, I didn't see you.

Alderman Jette

Thank you. I don't think that's a problem. The only problem I see is that when we schedule meetings prior to another meeting, with the hope that our meeting is going to be a short meeting, when it's happened where the meeting, and we end up in a discussion and then people who are trying to discuss things are cut off because we're bumping into the next meeting. And I know Alderman Comeau has expressed a reservation about that practice. I know most of these meetings, like tonight's meeting is fairly short, but when we do get into a discussion of something substantive, it hampers the discussion, or it cuts off the discussion. That's my only reservation about scheduling these meetings too close to one another.

Alderman O'Brien

You bring up a very good point. But unfortunately, as you know, Monday nights is very light in meetings, and nobody wants to meet on a Friday. And most of the committees are kind of booked, you know, between different boards and everything during the week. But this week we did ask Finance to have a 7:30 PM start instead of a 7:00 PM. And I think maybe if communications with Donna, we can do that again. So that would give, if we can get a good 6:00 PM - tonight was different. But if we can get a good 6:00 PM start, I think hopefully within an hour and a half we should be able to cover all that. Alderman Clemons.

Alderman Clemons

Yes, Mr. Chairman, we can always have Donna put on the agenda that the Finance Committee will start at 7:00 PM or immediately following -

Alderman O'Brien

Right, correct -

Alderman Clemons

this Joint Meeting.

Alderman O'Brien

Which is traditionally what we-

Alderman Clemons

And if you notice it that way, that way if you folks go over, we'll patiently wait and start the meeting right after.

Alderman O'Brien

Right. That sound good to everybody else?

Commissioner Shea

I'm not available February 1<sup>st</sup>. I have no objection to the meeting taking place without me-

Alderman O'Brien

Well, we might.

Commissioner Shea

But February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> I will not be available.

Tim Cummings

Why don't I, Mr. Chair, just talk to Harvey and others and see if I can come up with an alternative time that's acceptable for everyone. And you can look for a communication via email.

Alderman O'Brien

We could do that, to be determined. Preferably within the first two weeks of February. So, for those which your calendars on your phones, you could target that. Because I got laughed at, because I had a written calendar by somebody. He told me I haven't seen one of those in years. So, the first two weeks of February, we're going to shoot, see what we can get available. Alderman Jette.

Alderman Jette

Yes. So, would this be our regular January meeting?

Alderman O'Brien

Yes.

Alderman Jette

Okay.

Alderman O'Brien

Yes, it just fits within the once a month. And in between then, the building committee gets updates every Thursday. So, these meetings are compiled of everything that happens from those Thursday meetings and come in, and most of the stuff is budgeted by the item and everything. And the expenditures will come up, such as what we did in agenda item #4, so just to meet your approval. And that came up through the regular meetings. Alderman, excuse me, Commissioner Moriarty.

Commissioner Moriarty

Thank you, Mr. Chair. One other option, I was just thinking, is possibly having it directly after our Board of Public Works meeting. 4-6:00 PM, even at 6:00 PM, 6:30 PM. We're right upstairs. We'll be there. The whole, the full board. So, if that works, I can't imagine our Board Meeting going more than two hours.

Tim Cummings

What's that date?

Commissioner Lemen

The 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Cummings

Okay, yes.

Commissioner Moriarty

So anyway-

Tim Cummings

Yes, that sounds like a great solution.

Alderman O'Brien

Okay. We've got a show for the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll see, it depends on what our administrative assistant has for the booking upstairs, and we'll try to shoot for that. Yes, Alderman Jette.

Alderman Jette

I don't want to complicate things.

Alderman O'Brien

No, you're not-

Alderman Jette

But isn't that night the Joint Special School Building Committee? So, I don't know who-

Alderman O'Brien

We might lose Alderman Dowd on that-

Alderman Jette

Is he the only?

Tim Cummings

Yes.

Alderman Jette

Okay.

Alderman O'Brien

We could try, but we could still look at the dates. Right now, we've got some dates that I think. We could try the 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll try to plug in something within the first two weeks of February. We can go back to that and then, it's hard to say without that calendar in front of us, but it's that satisfactory for everybody that's within the timeframe that we're looking at. Okay. It works for me. Very good. Okay. Nothing else?

I would just like to say those that, members of the committee, because it's not really accessible to the public yet, but if you do have an opportunity to look, it's coming along fantastic. Of course, it's not the Taj Mahal. It's a municipal building. But Harvey's doing a really good job. And it seems like, I'm proud of it. I'm proud of your Board of the Public Works. You're building a facility that's going to last this city for a couple of generations, which will be providing a nice workspace for all those that will be employed there. So, things are coming along quite nicely. So just to let the public know that. So, we're doing all right. Okay. So, I'm looking for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shea moves to adjourn.

Alderman O'Brien

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

**MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously**

Alderman O'Brien

We'll close the meeting at 6:34 PM. I'd like a special thank you to Alderman Clemons for switch hitting for us.

Alderman Clemons

No problem.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you so much.

Alderman Clemons

You're welcome.

Tim Cummings

Good evening, everybody.

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