

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

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

President Wilshire

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

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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.

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

Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu was recorded absent.

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

ROLL CALL

Alderman O'Brien

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

Alderman Klee

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

Alderwoman Kelly

I'm here, I can hear everyone and I am alone in this room.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I am present, I can hear everyone and I am alone.

Alderman Caron

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

Alderman Clemons

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

Alderman Lopez

I am present, I can hear and see everyone and I am alone.

Alderman Tencza

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

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Lu won't be joining us this evening.

Alderman Jette

I am here alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Schmidt

I am present, I am alone in the room and I can hear everyone.

Alderman Laws

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

Alderman Cleaver

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

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

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

President Wilshire

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

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

You have 14 in attendance.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Also in attendance this evening is Mayor Jim Donchess and Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton. Mayor, do you wish to address the Board this evening?

REMARKS BY THE MAYORMayor Donchess

Yes, Madam President, thank you very much. I had a number of things that I wanted to mention to you or talk with you tonight about. First, the tragic and horrible events that occurred in Washington, DC where the Capitol was stormed by a group of insurgents. It's a very tragic thing for our nation, the first time that's happened in many, you know, a couple of centuries. And I think we should all lament that very unfortunate event. But we've been asked, and I know other members of City Government, Members of the Board of Aldermen have been asked about our local situation. We have reduced or lowered the flag to half-staff, to commemorate the death of the Officer who was killed during the attack, Officer Sicknick is his name, a young man who was killed; one of the Capitol Police Officers. So our flag is at half-staff. And we have also been asked, Madam President, about what security measures are being taken.

I have talked with our Police Department, Chief Carignan specifically. The Police Department is working in conjunction with the FBI, the State Police to monitor all social network traffic and to assess any risks that may arise here in Nashua or in New Hampshire. So all of our Law Enforcement Agencies are working together. Chief Carignan reports to me that they are on top of the situation; they are going to be very active and vigilant during the next eight days between now and the Inauguration. Therefore, I think we can have confidence that they will do the best they can and be on top of the situation locally in terms of any security threat that may exist.

Next, Madam President, I wanted to turn to the pandemic. You are going to get a report from Public Health & Community Services Director Bobbie Bagley as well as Angela Consentino, Epidemiologist a little later in the meeting. But briefly, the cases have been on the rise; December was the worst month here and in most places in the country. As the medical experts told us, the number of cases would rise during the winter. We have seen a rise in positivity rate. At our local clinic last Tuesday, a week ago today, they actually saw 20% positivity rate; in other words 20% of the people tested at that clinic were positive. Although overall the tests during the week, the positivity rate was 13%. Still not good but not as high as 20%. Those were all of the tests done in Nashua.

So we need to be vigilant, we need to continue to wear masks, we need to continue to social distance. We are working, following the advice of the medical experts. We know that the masks will help us eradicate and eventually eliminate the pandemic. The vaccines are coming, more slowly than we wished, so far many of our First Responders, part of so-called Group 1A have been vaccinated for the first time and are signing up for their second doses. And then after that the State – the State is in control of all this – will move to Group 1B which includes many nursing home residents and others. Also in Group 1A those being vaccinated now are the Front Line Healthcare Workers, so many of the people at our hospitals have been vaccinated at least for the first time.

But, Madam President, I wanted to report to you some very sad news. We had a very long-term employee at Public Works whose name was Andre Pelletier, had worked for Public Works for 46 years. Now he contracted COVID-19, not at work, but through a family or social contact. He suffered a very serious case of COVID-19 and today I am sad to report Andre Pelletier died as a result of COVID-19. So I know we all feel very badly for his family, a tragic loss, a family man, someone who has lived in Nashua worked for the City for all this time is struck down now by COVID-19 near the end of his career. So we are very sorry about that and anything that we can do to help the family, I am sure we will all be willing to assist in any we can. But we will miss, and Public Works will miss Mr. Pelletier.

Next, Madam President, it is the beginning of the year, I wanted to at least briefly mention the Budget. This will be a difficult Budget Year. We have been hit by the State of New Hampshire with two big things. Number One, they have indicated that they are cutting School Aid by about \$7 million dollars from what we received last year, a \$7 million dollar loss, \$7 million dollar cut during the pandemic at the worst possible time is nothing that we can agree to. So we are trying to work with our Legislative Delegation to turn that around if possible. In addition to that \$7 million dollar hit, the State is hitting us with a \$4.4 million dollar increase in our Pension Bill unrelated to any wage increases. So at the worst possible time, the State is hitting us with over \$11 million dollars. This translates into a 5% tax increase before we even get to the City Budget. We will need to have a very tight Budget.

Madam President, for over the past several years I have proposed the Budget at the first meeting in May. Because we are trying to work with our Legislative Delegation to reverse some of these cuts, some of this \$11 million dollar hit, I will not be proposing the Budget as early as that, probably in early May when we will have a better sense of what or how final these hits from the State of New Hampshire will be. But we will, of course, have time to talk more about the Budget as time goes on.

I did want to point out something and I think you are going to see something on your screen right now. But over the last two years we have tried to work hard through the Assessing Department and through Administrative Services to make the Nashua Assessing Department the most transparent, the most accountable, the most accessible to the public and much of that work has been by putting things on-line that citizens can access directly without going to the Assessing Office, all they've got to do is go to the City Website. So we surveyed other cities and towns around Southern New Hampshire and you can see at this point, Nashua has 19 and there's 19 different things here that are available to the public on-line, running from abatement appeals down through the list to timber and excavation tax information. And when you survey other cities and towns, Manchester, Concord, Hudson, Salem and on, you see that none of them come even close to having on-line what Nashua currently has on-line. I think the most that we have is 8 of the 19 things, some other town has – Manchester has 6 of the 19 available to the public.

Now our work is not done. We are still improving the accessibility, the accountability. One thing that still needs to be put on-line and we are working on that right now is to put on the 2020 property cards. There are some technical issues that Assessing has encountered, that IT has encountered with that, but we are confident that those can be overcome in the near future and we will then have the 2020 property cards. But I think, again, our work is not done. We will continue to try to improve service, but as you look at this chart I think it gives you a visual impression of how much progress has been made in the Assessing Department regarding accountability, transparency and accessibility to the public.

And, Madam President, I wanted to mention the unfortunate passing of another Nashua citizen, that being Terry Romano. Terry Romano was a woman who was very generous in the community. She gave of herself in terms of volunteering and also financially she contributed to many charitable causes in the City. She passed away last year around Christmas time. And I just wanted to mention her passing and say that that's a sad event for the City. She was living at 52 Main Street right there at the Jackson Fall Condos before her passing. I am sad to say that Terry is no longer with us.

Nearing the end Madam President there is something on your desk tonight which we would like you to accept for a First Reading, not to pass it, just a First Reading by a suspension of the rules. It has to do with, it's a very when you read it, it's a very detailed action which we will ultimately ask you to take but it's related to the solar

projects that Pennichuck is trying to undertake. They are trying to establish two, one megawatt solar arrays north of the Pennichuck Middle School. And the agreement which we are asking you to accept on a First Reading and refer to a Committee, is to allow, they are on Class 6 Road and it has to do with the plowing of the Class 6 road or the City's not having to have the obligation to plow that road. This is something that needs to be referred to the Planning Board and action needs to be taken by the end of the month to make sure that solar array goes ahead. Again, it's almost a very technical measure but it does need to be done by the end of the month, Madam President. So we are asking the Board to accept this, again just for a First Reading. It would then go to a Committee; we can discuss all the details. It can go to the Planning Board and hopefully then come back to the Board in two weeks for final action.

Finally, Madam President, we are going to recognize in a few moments or in a little while, the High School Art Project Brave New World. We have a City, Mayor, Board of Aldermen Proclamation which we are going to present at that time and I hope that those students and faculty, teachers that are on the meeting will wait for that to occur because they have a great thing out near Amherst Street School and I am sure we all appreciate it and would very much like to recognize everything that they have done.

That was the number of items, Madam President, but a lot has happened. With that, I conclude.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Mayor. Responses to Remarks of the Mayor?

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR – None

President Wilshire

Attorney Bolton, would this be a good time to call on you?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Thank you, Madam President. We've had an addition to the Legal Staff that I wanted all of you to be aware of. Jesse Neumann, who I can see down in the bottom of my screen has joined the office as an attorney and Right-to-Know Coordinator. As the title implies, he will be primarily concerned with Right-to-Know issues but he will get into other aspects of Municipal Law and assist us generally. So I want you all the meet him at least through this format and feel free to contact him if the other lawyers in the office are unavailable for your needs at any time. He has been working for a couple of weeks now and has maintained his enthusiasm thus far, so we are certainly pleased to have him on board and look forward to a tremendous working relationship and successful collaboration.

Jesse comes from Nashua, still resides here so that is just one important aspect of his background that he brings to his new responsibilities. I know Alderman Dowd will be pleased to learn that among Jesse's other qualification, he spent 5 years as a Naval Officer. So that is his background that will influence his usefulness to our Department and the City as a whole.

Mayor Donchess

And he lives in Ward 2.

Attorney Bolton

He does, yes.

Alderman Dowd

I really like him already.

Attorney Bolton

I think he outranks you, however.

Alderman Lopez

And he has to work in Ward 4.

Attorney Bolton

So please join me in welcoming Jesse and as I say, I think you will be well-served by his tenure here. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you Attorney Bolton and welcome Attorney Neumann, we are pleased to have you with the City and look forward to working with you.

Jesse Neumann, Nashua City Attorney

Thank you very much. I look forward to working with all of you as well.

President Wilshire

Thank you. OK, we are now going to have a Board of Health COVID update. I see we have Dr. Storace, Dr. Cappetta and Dr. Granok with us. I don't know if I am missing anyone. I am not sure who might want to take this?

BOARD OF HEALTH – COVID UPDATEBobbie Bagley, Director of Public Health & Community Services

Good Evening Madam President, this is Bobbie Bagley the Director of the Division of Public Health & Community Services. Thank you for having us in attendance at the Board of Aldermen meeting this evening. Angela and I are, the City of Nashua Epidemiologist will do a situation update and share information about the current status of COVID in Nashua with some numbers that are really important for us to all know about. We are also going to talk about the impact of COVID on our community. And then afterwards our Members of the Board of Health will also contribute to this information as well.

So Angela is going to start us off with giving us the update on the numbers as of yesterday. We get our reports out from the State every evening and so these numbers are up-to-date as far as yesterday. Angela?

Angela Consentino, Epidemiologist

Thank you Bobbie. So this where we stand in regards to Nashua case activity, there are currently 4,644 cumulative cases in Nashua. And of those cases, approximately 563 are currently active and infectious which means that approximately 87% of Nashua cumulative cases have recovered. We have had four additional COVID related deaths in Nashua since last week for 60 total deaths and a case fatality rate of 1.2% and our hospitalization rate in Nashua is at 2.4% compared to the State's rate of 1.7%.

In regards to Community Level Transmission in Nashua, we are currently exceeding 2 out of 3 indicators that push us into substantial Community Based Transmission. The first indicator is our incidence rate, which tells us how quickly disease is occurring in the community.

So over the past 14 days we have had 953.4 new cases per every 100,000 people which is up about 175 standardized cases from this time last week. Then we have our percent positivity rate which is a good indicator of the general spread of disease in the community at large. We are considered substantial in this category as well. So in the past week there has been 489 tests conducted, on average, each day in Nashua and 62 of those tests have been positive each day which gives us the percent positivity rate of 12.8% which is up about 1 percentage point from last week.

And then we have our new hospitalizations which show us quickly hospitals are being burdened by disease. We are considered minimal in regards to new hospitalizations. In the past two weeks we have had 2.2 new hospitalizations per 100,000 people which is up about 1 standard hospitalization since last week.

Now I will move us into talking more about the impacts that we have seen of COVID-19 on the individual and then Bobbie will talk about the family and community impacts. So we contact about 70% of Nashua cases and provide them education or do a complete disease investigation. And when we are conducting these calls we learn a lot about the individual impact that COVID-19 has. So first there are the physiological impacts, you know, people are sick and uncomfortable, many people have difficulty breathing and severe body pain and symptoms can last anywhere from two days to four months. We have had people who have lost their sense of taste or smell for months at a time and that doesn't sound like such a serious symptom but it has a huge impact on people's health and wellbeing. You know, they are not able to taste their food, they can't smell if their breakfast is burning and it is one of those symptoms that is persistent and does have a huge day-to-day impact on people's lives.

And then we have the financial impact; people are out of work for the extent of their isolation or quarantine period. And then there's the cost of hospital or medical bills. And if one of your family members unfortunately passes away from this illness, there is the unexpected funeral costs on top of those medical and hospital bills. And then we have the psychological impacts where cases and their families are worried, anxious, scared and can quickly become down and depressed and feel isolated and alone.

Director Bagley

So as Angela has talked about the individual impact, we know that individuals also make up part of a family unit. So with COVID being at such substantial levels, the impact on our families is great. And the greater community spread (inaudible someone interrupting).

Sorry about that. When there is substantial spread in the community, it also creates greater opportunities for family members when they are in the community involved in different activities it could be going to small events, parties, we just came off of a couple of nice Holiday Celebrations. It allows for the individuals to be exposed and then once they are exposed, it does impact their families. And from some of the – just the work that we've done and some of the studies that we have looked at – the impact of the spread in the household can be up to 40% or higher especially if there are multiple positive cases in the family or resulting in multiple positive cases in the families.

In one of the studies that I read that percentage rate can go up as high as 53%. And just from some of the investigations that we have been conducting, there have been up to 100% in some families. So that creates a strain and also some of the physiological factors or psychological factors that Angela talked about, not only on the individual but also on an entire household. When this does occur, not all of the members if they need to isolate or quarantine, are able to continue working from home in fact they have to be off, so that does decrease their work hours, it decreases their days from work which also then increases their loss in wages which will also then impact their ability to be able to pay their bills.

We have also seen from our investigation that in multi-generational homes there's also difficulty or challenges with being able to isolate in their homes or to be able to quarantine from one another. This also increases the opportunity for there to be spread in infection in the homes as well.

And then what we see is that spread can occur in infants and it does increase the spread to grandparents or older people that are in the home that then allows for there to be the opportunity for hospitalization and unfortunately can result even in death. So that vulnerable population is also threatened when there's that family impact as well.

We have also learned and we also see that families that have lower income are also stressed and they suffer more economic impact as a result, of course, if they can't go to work or they can't work from home, that impacts their ability, again, to pay their bills and we also learned about there being increased food insecurity when this occurs. And with all of those things, our families make up a part of our community and so then we also see the impact on our communities. COVID itself as a pandemic across our country and the world, also presents as an adverse community event. And so what that means is that it impacts children, it impacts the families, you know, in such a way that we are seeing this play out in so many different ways. And Angela talked about the psychological, so the mental health piece as well.

Currently Nashua has about 23 facilities that are listed on what we call a watch list. And this is a list that is identified by the State when we report at least 1 to 2 cases and that Watch List is made up of different entities. And so in particular for this time period, we have seen restaurants and so there's at least 6 restaurants and bars on the list right now; at least one childcare facility; two healthcare facilities; and three long-term care facilities. And different weeks, at different points in time through this pandemic, this list looked very different. And so we watch these things on a regular basis as part of our surveillance so that we can see what is going on in our community.

We are moving to a Phase where I want to say we are coming, and I know it's been long Nashua and Board Members it has been long. We are 10 months into this. We are really hoping to get over the hump of this and hopefully in this last next three months we can see a change transition and what has been happening with the cases positivity rates and our percent positivity, just hopefully we see these things going down. We are looking at how we can come together as a community to recover with our businesses and economic recovery as well as with our education and academic recovery with being able to get to the point where we can get the kids back in school, faculty and staff all back in school as well. And then also the physical recovery because of just what COVID does to our bodies long-term.

We know that in our community we've been stretched for resources, we've got volunteers that are supporting the work that's being done to mitigate what we are seeing with the impact of COVID. And we also know and understand that we need to continue to build our individual and our community resilience by being supportive of one another over these next couple of months. We know, we believe and we've seen it that we are stronger when we work together and we mitigate the spread of this disease. We talked about for months the importance of wearing the masks, we talked about the social distancing, the frequent washing down of surfaces, the handwashing, the staying home when we are sick. We know that those are mitigative measures that work.

The next Phase that we are rolling into is our Vaccination Phase. This is going to be really important for us because this will actually help us get over that hump and provide some of the protection that we need to have with regards to COVID. So the Vaccine Allocation, the Mayor talked about this briefly has rolled out in our State. We have gone through Phase 1A and that does continue. We are still trying to get as many of our healthcare providers, first line healthcare workers, first line response workers vaccinated during this time period. We are going to be rolling into Phase 1B which will extend to and include individuals over the age of 75 as well as folks that have comorbidities; hypertension, diabetes, individuals that are working or that live in congregate settings. We are looking to move into this Phase within the next couple of weeks. So by the end of January, we should be vaccinating these individuals as well.

And you can see from the slide with this Vaccine Allocation there is a timeline from December through May and beyond is where we are hoping to get the majority of those in our community vaccinated that want to be vaccinated.

It is not mandated but we are hoping that as many people that can will be vaccinated so that we can create the herd immunity that is needed so that we can see COVID slow down and just be done. I think we are all kind of done with this. And so as we move into this next Phase of Vaccine Allocation, this will help us get there quicker. I know that we have some our Board of Health Members that are on. President Wilshire, if there's time for them to give some comment to some of this information as well as the impact that we expect to see going forward.

President Wilshire

We would be happy to take comment from the Board of Health; in fact, encourage it. So anyone? Chuck Cappetta.

Charles Cappetta, M.D., Board of Health

Hi, I am Chuck Cappetta, Pediatrician in Nashua and Board of Health Member. Madam President thank you and the Mayor and you wonderful Aldermen, thank you for all your help these last few months on this very difficult and devastating illness. I can only, and of course, thank Bobbie and Angela for their hard work and the Public Health Department for all they are putting together, these slides. On behalf of our fellow members, I just can't emphasize as a frontline worker, that the fight isn't over. I think the vaccine rollout was a big step but every day it's just what we have said here; handwashing, social distancing, mask wearing, can't be forgotten. We have seen with our discussion over the past few weeks over the curfew and things like that, that we are seeing some of the effects of what has happened and the two Holidays that it brought. So I thank the Board again for having that great discussion; that was very good.

But I think individually we be held accountable both at the household level and our individual bubbles. I think we have to expand those bubbles only very and judiciously and carefully. I've heard today even in my office, OH once we get the vaccine maybe we will be able to go see everybody. And I think that's the problem here, I think it's really a fallacy what the vaccine will do. It's a great step, but it's not going to protect everybody. So its each individual's right to have the vaccine and take it, but I think we just need to keep pushing through; it's a marathon not a 100 yard dash. And at the School Level at the individual clinics, on the front line back line and everything in-between, I think we are just blessed that we have an opportunity to maybe make a change here but we are a long way to go. So that would be first initial comments. I am happy to take questions, too.

President Wilshire

Anyone have questions for Dr. Cappetta? Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I am not sure who can answer this but are we getting the amount of vaccine that we expected? And I noticed that there's a lot of places like in Massachusetts where they are setting up centers for giving the vaccines. They are making exceptions as to who can give the shots and they are giving everyone their first does rather than waiting for the vaccines for second dose. Can you address any of those as to how we are addressing that either in New Hampshire or specifically Nashua?

Dr. Cappetta

I probably would allow my colleague Bobbie in helping with that answer but I also speak for Dartmouth. I just think we, since I've been at Dartmouth for 30 years, we have just been told that the State didn't get their allocated amount that, I don't know how the process happened. But I think everybody asked for a certain quota but given Federal Mandates or things down the pathway I think every State is witnessing the decrease in the amount they expected and now having second Plan B's and Plan C's come into play.

So I guess I can only say how much I know as much as anyone else reads in the papers, but that's what we have recently heard through the Dartmouth System that we didn't get what we thought but we are going to still make it work as much as we can. But the rest of it I'd probably ask Bobbie if she can comment on any other roll out of vaccine that she knows.

Director Bagley

Thank you Dr. Cappetta. So with the expectation of the allocation per State, has turned out to be a little differently than what was expected. But with what we have received, what our State is trying to do is roll the vaccine out to our regions according to the risk factors that have been identified and according to some of the data that shows where the highest rates of cases are and the highest rates of deaths are occurring. The importance of using a strategy to vaccinate those that are highest risk led our State to stick to the allocation of making sure our healthcare workers and first response were vaccinated first because that will help us preserve our workforce and then followed by those populations that are at highest risk for hospitalizations and death were key in the strategy of vaccine allocation.

They are doing it by regions and so each region gets to send to the State on a weekly basis how much vaccine they actually think they can get into arms because they don't to waste vaccine. And so as clinics are planned, we have our fixed site clinic over at Nashua High South. What happens is that folks go in and they register, they get a certain number of people registered and then they do the vaccinations based on how many people have registered for that particular site for that day. The opportunity to expand clinics is coming on quickly because there is an expectation that there is going to be a large number of vaccine that is going to be distributed across the country within the next couple of weeks to catch up because the Feds do realize that that rollout did not turn out the way that they expected. And so more vaccine will be coming to New Hampshire as well as to other States as well.

And then as that does occur, there's going to be a pick up in the clinics that are scheduled across the State as well and vaccine will be made available at different places. So Primary Care Providers, once they are onboarded, once they are set up in the system, will be able to administer vaccinations. We at the Health Department, because we are the lead for our Public Health Region and Greater Nashua Region, we will be able to do more clinics. And all of the planning around this has started to kick off. In fact I got a call from the State just this evening asking what did we need at our Health Department to start planning some of these clinics. And so that discussion was a good discussion and so we will be working with our partners at our Federally Qualified Health Center, you know, like Dartmouth, Harbor Homes, Lamprey and we will be getting some clinic sites set up. We have had some of the Churches in our community volunteer some of their sites as well. And we've had some volunteers actually get in contact with us that are nurses and physicians that are retired that will help. And so we should see something within the next 2 to 4 weeks kind of expand and take off relatively quickly.

President Wilshire

Does anyone else have questions? Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. This question is more directed to Director Bagley. Director Bagley at last night's Human Affairs Committee Meeting you mentioned about setting up these clinics and so on and the registry that will be having for this next phase, kind of the revamping of the registry. And I asked you a question at that time about would the vaccines be given at primary care offices and so on. I was contacted by someone from a primary care office today who told me that they don't have the resources. If that's the case, two questions here, can the City pick up that slack. And my next question is how do those who go into the 1B category, how would they register, how would that be? I know the registration isn't out yet but how will they notify, will it be on our City's Website or will it be on the State's Website?

Director Bagley

Thank you, Alderman Klee for that question. So with the allocation to primary care provider's offices, that is going to be made available to them if they choose to. So we do know that that's going to be a heavy lift for primary care providers, because they still have other work that they have to do with folks coming for other issues. So for those who choose to sign up to administer vaccine, they will actually get that. As far as the registration, there is still a system that is being used, it's called AVANS, and then there's another system that is being set up called the VMS, Vaccine Administration Systems. People will be able to register through those sites and there will be a link. So now when I say this, it doesn't mean it is going to be available tomorrow, alright. So there will be a link, there will be some communication from the Department of Health & Human Services over communication that comes out where people will be able to go on-line and will be able to register on a link. And then once they do that, they will also be able to pick which sites they might want to be vaccinated at based on what is being published. So we will have the opportunity to set up sites in the community, again, working with some of our community partners. The expectation would be that we would work with places like Dartmouth, like Lamprey, Harbor Care and do some vaccine planning so that we can have some of these clinics available throughout the community.

It's all still in the, I want to say it's in the planning phases because of the fact that we will have to get that link set up. And once the State has that set up, that information will be pushed out and we will be able to communicate it. We will have it on our Website as well as it will be on the State's Website and all of our partnering organizations will have that link as well.

Alderman Klee

Just one quick follow-up, comment?

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Madam President? Thank you. Director Bagley, you guys put out, your office puts out a great kind of weekly news bulletin type of thing and I really appreciate that. Could we make sure that something like this gets put into that? I know personally I send it out, I encourage other people to read it as such. So if it's there and then a link is on the website I think it gives more opportunity. I get daily questions from constituents and you know I've told them to check NH.GOV and do this and so on. But they don't want to hear that, they really want to be able to so if they are looking for it and know it's going to be there I think it would be a great idea. And that's just a comment; you guys are doing phenomenal work, thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

President Wilshire

You're welcome. Does anyone else have any questions? Alderman Lopez, go ahead.

Alderman Lopez

Ok, so first question for Director Bagley, how long have you owned a flying dog and then second question for Dr. Cappetta, with regards to the timeframe for immunity, my understanding is that the inoculation should last for a year and that people are starting to say they may be able to get a booster shot to get another year out of that? Are we going to have to worry about a resurgence of this next year. Is that something that we should be thinking about now?

Dr. Cappetta

Well I would it's possible because viruses mutate and unfortunately the vaccines that we have for the normal virus, the normal flu shot every year have to be looked at because of the ability of vaccines or viruses to change how they make themselves up and therefore the one shot last year wasn't good. A couple of years ago we didn't have one that was as effective than past flu shots. So I guess I also know that Dr. Granok is on the line tonight, if he could comment about the efficacy of the vaccine. I don't mean to put you on the spot Dr. Granok but if you're there, but that would be great.

Alexander Granok, M.D., Board of Health

Yeah I am here, you'll have to deal with the disembodied voice. Yeah so for the thought that this will last for a year is based largely on mathematical models with how long antibodies persist in people's bloodstreams. So we really don't know. I think an annual booster for that kind of virus especially when it's still prevalent in the world is likely. I've heard estimates that on a global scale, we won't be out of this pandemic until probably 2023. So if the virus is present in the world, it is highly likely that we are going to have to keep a certain high level of immunity in our communities. So I can readily see that boosters will be needed. Whether that changes slightly from year to year, is not known at this point. But as I heard Dr. Fauci describing within a week or so ago that the technology to bring this vaccine on-line is very robust. So if they have to change the vaccine for next year, they can do it within a couple of months. So I think boosters are likely because the virus is probably not going to go away by the end of this coming year.

Alderman Lopez

Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. You all set Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Well if I'm wrong then any of the doctors in the room feel free to answer it, but I think one of the takeaways from this is it easier to prevent an outbreak than to deal with one. So when things start to come up like, Uh oh, we have a new version spreading and it is in this region, we should all be paying very close attention.

President Wilshire

OK, Dr. Storage you look like you have something to say.

Anthony Storage, D.M.D., Board of Health

Yeah I was just waiting for everybody else to get whatever off their chest. The one thing I wanted to mention is, I got the vaccine today, my arm is still working so that's good news there. I also would like to comment on high regards for the New Hampshire National Guard who were administering; a good group of guys there was only men there except for the nurse who wasn't with the National Guard. They were really instrumental in making people feel safe and I encourage everyone to get the vaccine.

Since the topic was brought up, we have three variants that are already in the United States, probably even more; I heard as many as five. UK, South Africa and then I think Nigeria, the UK one you already all know about, that's shut down England, they believe that the vaccine that we have hopefully will be able to take care of that. So the thing is even though you get the vaccine, the game isn't over. You still have to wear a mask, do the social distancing, even if it's just to remind other people that that's what they should do especially if they haven't had the vaccine.

I'd also like to compliment the Public Health Department; they are working constantly on this. I can't even tell you the number of hours; the Mayor himself is on the partners phone call on Monday morning. In the beginning we had phone calls at 8:00 every day, 7 days a week for weeks. So people are really working hard on this and trying to keep our communities as healthy as possible. But it is a virus just like the flu and as Dr. Cappetta said, one year we had a flu vaccine where unfortunately we didn't get the results that we wanted because we guessed wrong on the virus that ended up being here. So we will try to keep you up-to-date on everything; feel free to ask questions. Alderman Lopez has been great as a liaison to our Board and we appreciate that as well. Any questions?

President Wilshire

Does anyone have questions for Dr. Storace? That's why you waited until the end? Well I'd like to thank each of you Dr. Cappetta, Dr. Granok and Dr. Storace for being with us this evening. We value you as a Board and thank you very much for being here tonight and for everything you are doing to keep the City safe as well as Director Bagley and her great crew of people who like you said, worked tirelessly. Everywhere I go I see them working; it's pretty amazing. So thank you all very much.

Dr. Storace

Does that mean we can get a raise?

President Wilshire

Ah....

Dr. Storace

Thank you guys.

President Wilshire

OK, moving on we have Recognition Period.

RECOGNITION PERIOD

Honoring the Brave New World Art Project

President Wilshire recognized Mayor Donchess to present recognition.

Mayor Donchess

Yes, thank you Madam President. I do have our Proclamation but before I get into that I wanted to mention some of the people who have been active in the Brave New World Project that may be on the call tonight. Students who I am not sure everybody there could be others, but these are the ones that I was told would likely be on; we have students from Nashua North: Andrew Berry, Joe Restein, Deb Sewhuk and Ben Klein. We also have National Honor Society Officers Mia and Michelle. We have Brentwood students, Raven, Natalie Panata and Andre Dabney. Also staff people who were very active, Stephanie Sewhuk Thomas – teacher; Robin Peringer, another Art Teacher and Greg Warren who is from Brentwood and supported the project. So I want to thank them and if there's anyone else on the call that we are not aware of, thank you as well.

Mayor Donchess read the Proclamation (attached with the Agenda for this meeting)

“Whereas the public art project, Brave New World, resilience in the time of COVID inspires unity and peace with its uplifting tone. This collaborate project was created by 80 Nashua students, Rodney Coffin, art teacher from Nashua North, Robin Peringer, art teacher from Nashua South and Stephanie Sewhuk-Thomas, art teacher from Brentwood Academy. It is a much-needed ray of light during this dark time and

Whereas displayed on a chain-link fence outside Amherst Street Elementary School, Brave New World is a series of positive messages in the form of signs and images saying things like “Teach Peace”, “love”, “work hard dream big” “You got this” “Be Brave” and many others. The exhibit is meant to encourage positive thoughts, motivate and remind us of our community’s resilience as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and

Whereas the students and teachers were inspired by the “Choose Love” movement, particularly its Social-Emotional Learning lesson on positive thinking. It resolves that by consciously changing one negative thought today to a positive one you could potentially change the course of your day, how you feel and change your life. The project is dedicated in the memory of North student Tyler Almeida, who lived the Choose Love Life as an inspiration to all who knew him. In addition to the exhibit, the students and teachers created a website to share the behind the scenes of the project and

Whereas thank you to these incredible students and teachers for showing us through art that we all matter and that we can get anything as long as we do it together; and

Now Therefore: I, Jim Donchess, Mayor of the City of Nashua, and the Board of Aldermen do hereby recognize the students and art teachers behind the Brave New World Art Project as kind, caring, creative citizens who exemplify what Nashua is all about.”

President Wilshire

Pretty awesome; thank you Mayor. And thank you to all of you who were involved in that project. I drive by that beautiful display every day and it just makes me smile. It’s pretty awesome, so thank you all for everything you’ve done. I think it’s a nice thing for the citizens of Nashua to see and drive by. It’s very heart warming. So thank you to all of you; teachers, students, everyone and congratulations.

Robin Peringer, Nashua Art Teacher

And thank you very much for the recognition, I know that we all greatly appreciate that and we are glad that it can lift your spirits because that was the intent. So thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Thank you Robin. Thank you everyone.

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Special Board of Alderman meeting of December 21, 2020 and regular Board of Aldermen meeting of December 22, 2020 accepted, placed on file, and the readings suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Lisa M. Fauteux, Director of Public Works
Re: Referral from Board of Aldermen – O-20-040

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

From: Kim Kleiner, Administrative Services Director
Re: Public Information and Transparency

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communications and placed them on file.

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

President Wilshire

Ms. Colquhoun?

Laura Colquhoun Yes. It's Laura Colquhoun from 30 Greenwood Drive. I'd like to go on the record that I think Ms. Kleiner's Memo in the Agenda tonight is a joke. If you call any other town and/or city, they are much more transparent than the City of Nashua and they are willing to give information to any resident in a timely fashion and this is not something within the City of Nashua is currently doing. Since the City has hired Ms. Kleiner her number one job has been to hide information from residents. Her updating the City Website has been a total disaster. It has been 15 months and the City still cannot get it right. Ms. Kleiner has made it more difficult for the average resident to seek information on the City Website. As of today, the City's website is still showing 2019 property cards even though they closed the system back in October of 2020. Is Ms. Kleiner trying to make it impossible for the residents to file an abatement on their property taxes this year?

Recently Ms. Kleiner showed her inexperience at her job by stating that the new Chief of Assessing had ethical standards including fair treatment to coworkers before fair treatment to residents. The Chief's number one job is to make sure that the Nashua Taxpayers have fair assessments and show no favoritism towards anyone. Bottom line is the Chief's job is to make sure that Assessing is running smoothly and correctly and that he has ethical standards and in dealing with all Nashua taxpayers because it is the taxpayer who is paying his salary. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else that wants to give public comment?

Laurie Ortolano 41 Berkeley Street. Hi, I'd like to just speak briefly about the transparency chart. The Mayor's is correct, there are 19 boxes checked off in Nashua and the next community with the highest number of boxes is 8 and I think that's Hudson. But I can tell you, I would much rather work with Hudson, Manchester and Keene than I would with Manchester. Because what is on a website doesn't necessarily indicate the true transparency of a Department. And the Mayor underestimates what the people factor, the human factor of transparency and that's what we are missing in our Assessing Department as well as some serious staffing issues. You know and to be fair, 13 of those boxes were checked off when John Duhamel was there and probably when Angelo – John didn't add anything – Angelo Marino was there. Angelo Marino was pretty progressive about open records getting GIS up and having those property search tools and those extra buttons on our website.

So we still led the way with those two past chiefs and yet we got into all this trouble. So you know I can tell you Manchester only has 6 boxes, but I call up to the Chief there and I ask for an excel copy of their sales analysis spread sheet and I get it in like 30 minutes. In the City of Nashua, it took me 30 days and the Legal Office said they had to review trying to find an exemption to prevent me from having it. I mean that's what they were doing, were looking a way to keep it from me. I do the same thing in Keene, the same thing in Hudson. I can get on the phone and have a 30 minute talk with somebody and I can tell you what I learn in 30 minutes is probably equivalent to 25 Right-to-Knows that I have to do in this City.

So it's really been unpleasant. And that's not transparency to me, those boxes. And Ms. Colquhoun is right, the 2020 cards aren't on-line and it's unprecedented that that data isn't available to the public now. It's never been this late, ever. And I actually asked Ms. Walley about that and she said she couldn't think of a time that that had happened. We are halfway through abatement season and we don't have access to the cards for your abatement. And I would have never done a software update. I think it was one of the biggest mistakes the Board of Aldermen made to approve that with no Chief on board, with a high turnover IT Department and we are short-staffed in the office. You took on one heck of a project that quite frankly whether you ran AP5 or AP4 I wouldn't have known the difference and I still don't know the difference except that I feel that some of the reporting in the new software is less transparent than the old software and I am kind of disappointed with that.

So you know whatever the software problems are, Ms. Colquhoun is correct, 15 months has just been a long time. And these property record cards aren't correct as they stand printed and the proper data isn't even up yet. So let's not forget what people mean to transparency please and let's try to get City Hall opened.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Is there anyone else from the public that would like to speak? Seeing none, Communications requiring final approval.

Unidentified Speaker

Madam President, Clerk Lovering looks like she may be frozen.

President Wilshire

OH ok.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Multi-Year Contract Award - Lead Paint Risk Assessment and Inspection Services in an amount not to exceed \$336,000

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE, AND AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE LEAD PAINT RISK ASSESSMENT/INSPECTION SERVICES TO ALCHEMY LEAD MANAGEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$336,000. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH DEPARTMENT 184 URBAN PROGRAMS; ACCOUNT 54225 LEAD PAINT BASED PAINT HAZARD CONTROL GRANT, BY ROLL CALL.

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

And I just want to speak it a little bit just to say that Director Schena was before us and we are very happy, this is the largest grant that we have received in terms of lead paint. So that's a plus for the City of Nashua so thank you to her and her team.

President Wilshire

Thank you. So the motion is to accept and place on file? Discussion on that motion?

Alderman Clemons

Madam President?

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

It's to accept, place on file and award the contract.

President Wilshire

Oh I'm sorry and to award the contract, you're right.

City Clerk Lovering

President Wilshire can you hear me now?

President Wilshire

I can now, thank you. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

The following appointment by the Board of Aldermen was read into the record:

Office of Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Tax Collector

Patricia L. Barry Hudson, New Hampshire	Term to Expire: Indefinite
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There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointment as read and referred her to the Special Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Budget Review Committee.....	12/28/2020
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There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the December 28, 2020 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee..... 01/04/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the January 4, 2021 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee..... 01/06/2021

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the January 6, 2021 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Business and Industrial Development Authority

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Lydia Foley, 2 Bruce Street, Nashua, for a term to expire September 13, 2023 to the Business and Industrial Development Authority.

Oath of Office to be administered at a later date.

Cable Television Advisory Board

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Andrew Cernota, 129 Shelley Drive, Nashua, for a term to expire January 1, 2024 to the Cable Television Advisory Board.

Oath of Office to be administered at a later date.

Cultural Connections Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Eric Drouart, 52 Main Street, Nashua, for a term to expire December 31, 2023 to the Cultural Connections Committee.

Oath of Office to be administered at a later date.

Downtown Improvement Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointments of Mary Lou Blaisdell, 32 Webster Street, Nashua, and Richard Lannan, 7D Taggart Drive, Nashua, for terms to expire December 31, 2023 to the Downtown Improvement Committee.

Oath of Office administered by Corporation Counsel to Richard Lannan; Oath of Office to be administered to Mary Lou Blaisdell at a later date.

Nashua Arts Commission

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Jennifer Annand, 7-2 Hickory Lane, Hollis, for a term to expire February 1, 2024 to the Nashua Arts Commission.

Oath of Office administered by Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Nashua Housing and Redevelopment Authority

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Thomas Monahan, 28 Swart Terrace, Nashua, for a term to expire October 31, 2025 to the Nashua Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Oath of Office administered by Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the reappointment of Jay Minkarah, 13 Mount Pleasant Street, Nashua, for a term to expire September 11, 2023 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Oath of Office to be administered at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF R-20-017, BY ROLL CALL
ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

The motion is for indefinite postponement; is there discussion on that motion? Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Just real quickly, the money for this was appropriated from another venue so this isn't needed and that's why it is being indefinitely postponed.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Dowd. The motion before us is for indefinite postponement of R-20-017; further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

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Nay:

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-017 declared indefinitely postponed.

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

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO AMEND R-20-100 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDENROD COPY OF AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

And I'd like to speak to it.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, we actually didn't approve this amendment, we said we were going to move it on to this full board for approval. There are two numbers that were transposed incorrectly on the original Legislation. The first is on R-09-203 in the amount issued instead of the originally listed \$7,301,000.00; it's \$7,301,700.00. The other item to correct is on R-15-154 under the amount issued, there was a "1" missing so the correct amount is \$1,181,000.00. So those are the two changes and recommended approval of the change.

President Wilshire

The motion is to replace R-20-100 with the Golden Rod Copy of the amendments made at the Budget Committee. Is there discussion on that motion? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-100 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,
Alderman Cleaver, Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-100 declared duly adopted as amended.

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"**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-103, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-103 declared duly adopted.

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"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-104, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Resolution R-20-104 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-20-41

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ORDINANCE

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-20-041 BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Ordinance O-20-041 declared duly adopted.

O-20-042, Amended

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

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE TO AMEND O-20-042 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDENROD COPY OF AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Jette

And I'd like to speak to it.

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

So at the Committee Meeting we noticed that the Ordinance as originally drafted contained the word "each" two times; it was just a redundant thing. And we just made this amendment to correct that redundancy.

President Wilshire

Anyone else, anyone have any discussion on that motion to amend? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-20-042 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Jette

And I'd like to speak to that.

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

So what this Ordinance does is this summer we realized it was pointed out to us that although our Ordinances require us to maintain an undesignated General Fund Balance of a minimum of 10% of appropriations, the Ordinance requires that it be the appropriations plus the Statewide Enhanced Education Amount and the amount for local school, net tax amount and the county appropriation. We found out that it has been our practice for as long as anyone can remember that we actually maintain at least 10% of General Fund Appropriations without factoring in the State or District School Amounts or the County Appropriation. So just to be consistent with what our actual practice is which our CFO tells us he is completely comfortable with it; that's what he's been doing. And our bond rating people have no problem with the way we have been doing it for all of these years, so we are just amending the Ordinance to make it consistent with what our actual practice is.

President Wilshire

Thank you Alderman Jette. Is there discussion on the Motion for Final Passage as amended? Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Yeah this is a good piece of Legislation, I agree with what Alderman Jette said and actually this was one of the things that former Alderman Teebom and I actually agreed on. And I think he would probably be pretty pleased with the changes that we are making here because it was always one of the things that drove him crazy to change this. So it's good that we are doing that tonight.

President Wilshire

Any other discussion on that motion? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

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

Ordinance O-20-042 declared duly adopted as amended.

O-20-044

Endorser: Alderman Thomas Lopez
**RELATIVE TO A BAN ON CERTAIN INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES
STARTING AT 9:30 PM**

- Tabled at Full Board – 12/22/2020

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS**R-20-105**

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

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) TO PURCHASE TWO NEW ENGINE PUMPER TRUCKS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Given its first reading; assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021, AT 7:00 PM, by President Wilshire

R-20-106

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Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,700,000) FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FOUR HILLS LANDFILL AND THE PURCHASE OF TWO REFUSE TRUCKS

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AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,150,000) FOR THE CITY'S SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

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APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND LOCAL 365 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO ("AFSCME") FROM JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 AND AUTHORIZING RELATED TRANSFERS

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President Wilshire

Without objection I will allow for the suspension of rules for a first reading of R-20-109 that was received after the agenda was prepared.

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AUTHORIZING ISSUING OF BUILDING PERMITS ON OLD HARRIS ROAD, A CLASS 6 HIGHWAY

Given its first reading; assigned to the PENNICHUCK WATER COMMITTEE and NASHUA CITY PLANNING BOARD by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - NonePresident Wilshire

Is there anyone that would like to give public comment? I am not seeing anyone. Remarks by Members of the Board? Alderman Clemons?

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderman Clemons

Thank you. I just wanted to say that I would be remiss if I didn't make any comments in regards to the terrible situation that occurred last Wednesday at our US Capitol. I think it affects everyone on so many levels. I will keep this brief, I am very happy that the House of Representatives is going forward with the impeachment of the President. I am happy that the FBI is looking into the people who stormed the Capitol. As far as I am concerned, these people are infidels and I am very happy that our Law Enforcement here in the City of Nashua and the State of New Hampshire are on top of any shenanigans that might come up between now and the Inauguration and afterwards.

We need to stay strong and be united as Americans. There is a time for disagreement; we can disagree about politics, about our candidates, where we stand on the issues. But there is no place, you know, you can fight an election just like the President did through the Courts even though he got turned down a million times, that's just how it is. And that's our American system. And we live another day. We have turnover, we have term limits in this country, they are called elections. So I encourage everyone to stay involved, and you know, just be vigilant, if you see something, say something. But really in our society, in my opinion, there's no justification for violent revolution. We do our revolution at the ballot box, that's the way it should be. It's how I believe and how I was taught that America is and should be and I am proud to be an American citizen. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes, first of all I would like to welcome Attorney Bolton back to the fold. There is no one happier to see him than I am. We have been colleagues and friends for decades, probably longer than neither one of us would like to admit. But I am glad to see him back and active and hope he doesn't rush too much into the fray and has time to recover. Also I'd like to welcome Attorney Neumann to the fold. I know that we have hired him predominantly to look at the numerous Right-to-Know Law issues that we have had. And I don't know if any of any of the Board members have the same feeling I do, but I would like to know what all of these requests have cost the City over the last year and if anything positive that would have done something beneficial for the City, or even homeowners, has come out of all of those Right-to-Know requests. Because it is an extensive amount of money; I'd like to know what the estimate is of that amount of money and what all of that has been used for. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I wanted to comment on the Brave New World Art Project. I too have driven by it a few times. The first time I drove by it I really wasn't even aware of what the project was. I pulled onto Sargent Ave. and parked my car there and walked over to look at it. It was more impressive to literally walk

by it then just to drive by. I strongly recommend anybody in this City, but especially those in Wards 2, 4, and 3, it's right there in your backyard. Take the time to go and look at it. It's quite an amazing job that the students and the teachers did.

I too would like to welcome back Attorney Bolton and welcome Attorney Neumann on board. I also want to make a comment relative to the safety here in Nashua and in the State. I had a number of phone calls from constituents this morning as I said and Chief Carignan I contacted him and asked him, you know, are we safe? And while he does not know what is going to happen tomorrow, they are on top of it. We have an officer that is assigned with the FBI Anti-Violence Unit and we stay on track of it and I think the citizens should feel safe. I believe our National Guard are right there. They may be helping with vaccines but they are also ever on duty. So at a moment's notice, they will be where they need to be, as our State Police and so on.

I think the citizens of New Hampshire and Nashua should feel safe and proud but that does mean that you let your guard down. So try to lead a little bit with love and as this Brave New World art project speaks, choose love and stay safe. And try to turn one of those negatives into a positive. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Tencza.

Alderman Tencza

Thank you Madam President. Just another project that I wanted to highlight and thank some folks for. We have heard a presentation on it here at the Board of Aldermen is the renovations that happened at the Nashua Police Athletic League that were finalized toward the end of December. I just wanted to thank Hope for New Hampshire for all that they did. They did the construction in 2020 which was a wild year for everybody; somehow they got it all done. That facility is going to be something that didn't cost Nashua PAL anything, they came in donated their time and resources. But it is going to be a great Community Center for kids in that neighborhood and the entire City for years to come. Thank you to them, there was a great article in the Telegraph this weekend about it and hopefully soon enough all the kids will be back there fulltime and able to use it to its fullest extent.

The other thing, just to follow up on what some other folks were saying. So I think that one of the things that this Board sets a great example for the community as far as civility is concerned. We have our disagreements but our disagreements are not personal, very professional. I am hoping that we continue that not just at this Board but with the community as a whole as we take on other difficult issues in 2021 we set the example. We keep things so that they are productive. We want to hear from folks but I'm not sure what people think they are going to accomplish by coming in and insulting staff members and all of us. We are certainly willing to hear and want to hear from folks, but please let's remember that we are all here to try to do the best for the City and the folks who live here. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Alderman Harriott-Gathright.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I too wanted to say again welcome back Attorney Bolton and welcome to the team Attorney Neumann. This is the time of year we celebrate Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King as part of Southern New Hampshire Outreach of Black Unity we have had 37 breakfasts which we are not having this year. But I do want to share that the plan is and I will send out something later. We decided that we were just going to play one of his speeches and we have several community members that will speak to the speech including Melanie Levesque former Senator for Nashua; Minister Ray Ealey from the Fellowship Baptist Church at 50 Ash Street and I don't remember I know it is one more but I can't remember the name. But there will be approximately 5 speakers that will speak to whatever is played that morning. It will be on Zoom.

Alpine Grove was welcoming us back but we are following the rules. No we are not supposed to be congregating together like that. So we decided that yes, we still needed to do something, even if it's for our children. So we still will have a youth speaker as usual but the adult speakers will be probably several for maybe 10 to 15 minutes as to what that's about. So I am inviting all my colleagues here and Statewide and everywhere else as usual and the community at large. So there will be something sent out for that and that will be on Monday approximately 9:00 a.m. and we figured it would be probably an hour, hour and a half on Zoom or so.

But I also wanted to mention that First Baptist Church who are celebrating their 39th year Celebration of MLK and let me see, I did pull it up here. I think I pulled it up. I know it's Saturday and I think Mr. Mayor is still here, probably had more; I did have it up on my screen, I don't know what – oh there it is. OK Saturday, January the 16th at 7:00 p.m. the Keynote Speaker is the Reverend Dr. Willard Ashley Senior and he is Co-Chair of Anti-Racism Coalition of Faith. They also have musical performances by First Baptist Church Choir, New Hampshire Gay Men's Choir, Julia Leonard, Vocalist Soloist and other musical performances. And that will be online as well so I will send this out to Donna so hopefully she can share it with everybody else so that if you want to be in attendance on Saturday, which is usually a good time, great time, and great speeches.

And actually for Monday as well, anyone in the Public that wishes to join, we will be happy to have you. Any comments you want to make, we will be happy to have that as well. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Anyone else? Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Yeah I just want to first correct my colleague Alderman Tencza. The organization that did all the work at PAL is called "Building on Hope". They are a small group of people and they've done some pretty amazing projects. They are definitely worth checking in and we were really lucky to have them choose Nashua as a community. PAL I won't say is lucky because they are a force multiplier they usually hit way outside their weight class; not only when they are boxing but when they are doing other programs. So we are just lucky to have PAL.

I wanted to express my condolences to DPW at the loss of Andre. I wanted to thank the Board of Health for taking the time to come out and present. And for all the work that Public Health and Healthcare Providers have been doing behind the scenes, after hours, over the weekends to try to get us all through this. I wanted to also thank Alderwoman Klee, it's been awhile but we did, since Christmas, but she took the lead on Operation Enduring Welcome's Christmas Tree decorating competition this year. We still had Veterans decorating their hallways and trying to celebrate the Holidays as best they could. We had food donated by Soel Sistas and then again for New Year's by Chick Fil-A. So it's little things like that that I hope help people get through this difficulty.

As Alderman Clemons pointed out, there is a lot of very unfortunate decisions made in the Capitol over the week and a lot of them were by President Trump and by people who I believe were trying to represent him. But I've gotten a lot of calls from people locally, a lot of concerns about how safe they feel. And all I can do is remind them that this is Nashua, we are all neighbors we all know each other. You can still contact your Alderman, you can still contact your State Representatives. New Hampshire is a small State and I like to think that we are a little bit closer together. To the people who decided that they were going to get caught up in the mob and run off with podiums and violently attack Police Officers, I can't speak for the President but you betrayed everybody who believes in the same things as you. Because that's also what I am hearing a lot of is people saying, Look, I believe in this but I would never have done that. And that's wrong to take away from other people.

And I also think it's wrong to take away what should be a point of transition for our country where we are willing to say, OK Democracy happened. We put all of our hours into counting ballots and voting and our own City Clerk worked many, many extra hours making sure that the polling stations were safe and orderly and organized. And it just is a complete discredit to all of that to say, Well I didn't get my way so they can't be true. That's very unfortunate and we all still have to live together here in Nashua regardless of whatever is going on in Washington.

So I would encourage people to just be mindful of the impact you have on others especially in that area. And if you have beliefs and you have ideals and you want to push those forward, then run for office. We need more people. Feel free to lead, mobilize and organize in positive ways; it speaks better to your message than the alternatives. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? I'd like to say a few things. First on the Brave New World art project, so impressive. The first day I saw it, I was like, what is that. Then I slowed down and then I got stopped a light or an intersection and I was able to read them and then every time I went by I tried to read a new one and I go by there almost every day; very impressive. Great group of kids that were able to put that together and the teachers were amazing. So I want to thank them and hope they continue doing that honest and just great things.

Also I'd like to send my condolences to the family of Andre Pelletier and Terry Romano. Terry Romano, I knew her quite well, she was a very generous woman, very nice, very well-loved; she will be missed. I guess that's it.

Committee announcements:

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes, Budget Monday 25 January at 7:00. We are going to have 3 bonds and a contract that night and we had to schedule that way because of the timing involved. So there will be a fair amount on the Agenda so I just want to make sure that everybody knows that's when the meeting is.

President Wilshire

Is that 2020, or 2021 Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

I wish it was 2020 but no 2021.

President Wilshire

OK thank you. Any other Committee announcements? Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes, thank you. The Personnel/Administrative Committee will be holding a Special Meeting on 1/21/21 for discussion of two items. One is for the sewer fees and the other one is the hiring of a new Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer and that's it. 7:00 – thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you, ok. Anyone else? Seeing none, Alderman O'Brien?

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE JANUARY 12, 2021, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk