

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:35 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Dan Healey recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Dan Healey; Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. If you are participating via Zoom, please state your presence, reason for not attending the meeting in person, and whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

The roll call was taken with 15 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly (via Zoom), Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire.

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

President Wilshire

Mayor would you like to address the Board this evening?

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

Yes Madam President. First I'd like to reiterate what we announced Monday which is that the NH Community Power of which Nashua Community Power is a part was able to purchase electricity for Nashua consumers and the consumers in nine other communities this past week. They were able to achieve for Nashua consumers going forward a price of 15.8 cents per kilowatt hour. This represents a 22% savings below the cost currently being paid by Nashua consumers with Eversource which is something over 20 cents per kilowatt hour. So this will save our consumers a lot of money. Maybe around \$25.00 per month as we move forward. Now this will begin implementation in May. My understanding is that after a certain date late in April, all bills paid after that date will be at the old rate but then once that final Eversource rate bill is paid, the new rate will kick in for the following bill - the May bill and then beyond.

Now this is due to the work of a lot of people. First, I want to thank the Board of Aldermen who were able to consider this and authorize the City to enter this arrangement. You worked very hard on this and took it up quickly and certainly we owe you a thank you. Also, our Aggregation Committee. A group of people who studied this, made recommendation to you regarding the approach we should take, and finally our staff lead by Doria Brown the Energy Manager, but also Deb Chisholm who's head of our Sustainability Department, and Matt Sullivan who is of course Community Development Director. They also worked hard on this over a long period of time. So I think it's a great accomplishment for the community as a whole and due to the input, the efforts of many people.

Second Madam President, I did want to mention that we have the paving contract for this year's streets on the paving plan of action coming before us. I think Mark Saunders one of the City Engineers is here. He's principally involved in supervising the paving. I hope you will approve that so we can move forward and pave streets in all of the Wards if you look at the list.

Finally Madam President, you will see on the agenda is the appointment of Liz Hannum as Economic Development Director. She's originally from New England here currently working in Oregon. She will be here to be interviewed at the next meeting of the Personnel Committee which I believe will take place April 3rd, the first Monday in April. I think you will find her to be someone who can make a great contribution to our City. That is all I have Madam President.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

President Wilshire

Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to say thank you to everybody that was able to put this Nashua Community Power together. Being an employee of Eversource, I know what these bills are, and what the prices are, and 15 cents or 15.8 cents per kilowatt hour is a fantastic rate. I have a third-party supplier and its 16+ cents per kilowatt hours. I will be switching myself. So anybody who has a third-party supplier that's paying more than that will be able to switch. They won't automatically be switched. They'll have to switch themselves so just want to make sure people know that because everybody else who is on Eversource will automatically switch. So thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I was going to hold this remark to the end but as we've been talking about the Nashua Community Power, I agree with what my colleague had to say about switching over and that the letters will be going out. There is a slight caveat to that and those that have solar panels and are doing the buy-back. There's a little wrinkle with that one. Eversource is not being quite cooperative as we would like them to be. If they do switch over, they won't be getting a return on their solar panels so they won't be able to qualify for it. I just want to put that out there. The Aggregate Committee and all the people that were mentioned before have done a phenomenal job and I want to thank them as well.

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Len Fournier, Superintendent Woodlawn/Pinewood Cemeteries

Re: Woodlawn/Pinewood Cemetery Trustees Requesting Joint Convention to re-nominate Niles Jensen and David Aponovich

From: Kenneth J. Lennox, Superintendent of The Edgewood Cemetery

Re: Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees Requesting Joint Convention to nominate Thomas Dion

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communications, placed them on file, and scheduled Joint Conventions with the Woodlawn/Pinewood Cemetery Board of Trustees and Edgewood Cemetery Board of Trustees for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

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

Kevin Rourke, Police Chief

Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. I would like to speak on behalf of the Collective Bargain Agreement between the Nashua Police Commissioners and the Communications Union. The Police Commissioners and I are in favor of this contract. I think it is very fair. The members of this Union are a vital part of our Police Department. They are the first group of people who you speak to when you contact the Police Department. They have a very stressful and difficult job. They are some of the people who keep our officers safe on the street. The Union at full staff is made up of 21 members. At this time, we have 10. One would ask why that is. In my opinion, I think they are under paid. The schedule is not appealing. It's a four days on, two days off, weekends and holidays. It's a tough, demanding, and very stressful, and the job market at this time is very good.

I just want to compare the probationary employee for dispatch with other local agencies in the area. Right now in Nashua, communications or dispatchers starting out in probation would make \$49,441. Hudson PD is at \$45,281 and NFR is at \$53,776. I'll jump ahead to a 10-year employee. Nashua PD employee would make \$53,570. Hudson PD they're at \$61,193 and NFR dispatcher is at \$67,389. Our starting employee in Communications if you don't know - we have a unique situation at the Police Department where we have people answering phones. They gather the information and then relay that to our dispatchers who dispatch to our officers. Our communications personnel starts out at \$18.82/hour for a total of \$39,145 a year. Some of these local businesses in the area of Dunkin Donuts, Target, Home Depot...

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

One minute.

Kevin Rourke, Police Chief

You can make more money going there at this time.

Recently, I really learned from Portsmouth PD they're at 50% staffing issue right now where right now they've farmed out their dispatch to Rockingham County Sherriff's. They don't even have coverage to cover that. That is not a place I want to go. Right now we have our officers filling in overtime shifts to cover dispatch and communications and at that point it can become costly for us. So we're looking to get the full staff. Tonight I just ask for your continued support and pass this contract. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess
Re: Multi-Year Contract Award – Conway Office

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MORAN TO APPROVE THE CONWAY 60 MONTH LEASE FOR RENEWAL/REPLACEMENT OF COPIERS FOR CITY HALL AND PUBLIC HEALTH WITH CONWAY OFFICE XEROX FINANCIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,546.20. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH DEPARTMENT: 122 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; FUND: 54421 COPIER MAINTENANCE/GENERAL FUND, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

From: Mayor Jim Donchess
Re: Contract Award in excess of \$1,000,000 - Paving Program Contract 2

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN TIMMONS TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 PAVING PROGRAM – CONTRACT 2 TO SUNSHINE PAVING CORPORATION OF HUDSON, NH, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,185,248.50. FUNDING WILL BE THROUGH DEPARTMENT: 160 ADMIN/ENGINEERING AND 169 WASTEWATER; FUND: 54210 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES/PAVING BOND/WASTEWATER FUND, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Joint Convention - Board of Library Trustees

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared that the Board of Aldermen meet in joint convention with the Board of Library Trustees for the purpose of electing a Trustee and called for a nomination.

Trustee Linda Laflamme nominated Padmaja Kunapareddy for a seven (7) year term to expire on March 31, 2030.

There being no objection, President Wilshire closed the nomination.

President Wilshire

Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Trustee Bergeron, Mayor Donchess, Trustee Kunapareddy, Trustee Laflamme, Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	19
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

President Wilshire declared Padmaja Kunapareddy duly appointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire March 31, 2030.

Oath of Office administrated by Corporation Counsel.

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared that the Joint Convention now arise.

Appointments by the Mayor

The following appointments were read into the record:

Ethics Review Committee

Roger Wiseman (new appointment) 88 Peele Road Nashua, NH 03062	Term to Expire: March 14, 2026
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Economic Development Director

Liz Hannum (new appointment) 12506 NE Hassalo Street, Unit B Portland OR 97230	Indefinite Term at the pleasure of the Mayor
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There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the Appointments by the Mayor as read and referred them to the Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee.

Alderman Sullivan

Madam President not an objection but a question if I may through you to the Mayor?

President Wilshire

Yes.

Alderman Sullivan

The appointment for Liz Hannum – this is the first time I’ve gone through this – is she the finalist for this role or is she one of the finalists for this role?

Mayor Donchess

She is the finalist. It came down to two people which were screened we had an interview committee and they recommended and I agree that Ms. Hannum was the best choice.

Alderman Sullivan

Okay. Thank you.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Finance Committee..... 01/18/2023

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the January 18, 2023 Finance Committee be accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of Steven Kenney, 9 Sagamore Road, Nashua, to the Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee for a term to expire January 10, 2026.

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

Animal and Dog Park Advisory Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the re-appointment of Amber Morgan, 20 Lock Street, Nashua, to the Animal and Dog Park Advisory Committee for a term to expire September 10, 2025

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointments to the Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees: Marylou Blaisdell, 206 Main Street, Nashua, and Richard Lannan, 7D Taggart Drive, Nashua, for terms to expire February 14, 2028; Ian Buckley, 207 Main Street, Nashua, for a term to expire February 14, 2027; Judith Carlson, 15 Manchester Street, Nashua, for a term to expire February 14, 2026; Jay Minkarah, 13 Mt. Pleasant Street, Nashua, for a term to expire February 14, 2025; and Amber Morgan, 20 Lock Street, Nashua, for a term to expire February 14, 2024.

Oaths of Office administered by Corporation Counsel to Judith Carlson. Oaths of Office will be administered to the other Trustees at a later date.

Citizen's Advisory Commission

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of Amber Morgan, 20 Lock Street, Nashua, to the Citizen's Advisory Commission for a term to expire February 21, 2026.

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

Downtown Improvement Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the re-appointment of Edward A. Hayes, Sr., 15 Franklin Street #3, Nashua, to the Downtown Improvement Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

Environment and Energy Committee

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of William Darby, 13 Jensen Street, Nashua, to the Environment and Energy Committee for a term to expire February 21, 2026.

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

Board of Assessors

There being no objection, President Wilshire confirmed the new appointment of Abdallah “Jay” Minkarah, 13 Mount Pleasant Street, Nashua, to the Board of Assessors for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Oath of Office administered at a later time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-060

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
- Aldерwoman Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman June M. Caron
- Alderman Derek Thibeault
- Aldерwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ACCEPTING FUNDS AND ADOPTING AN ALLOCATION PLAN FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN TIMMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-060, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Aldерwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Aldерwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
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Nay:		0
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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-060 declared duly adopted.

R-23-084

- Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
- Alderman Tyler Gouveia
- Aldерwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
- Alderman Derek Thibeault
- Aldерwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA SCHOOL CUSTODIAN UNION, LOCAL 365/COUNCIL 93, AFSCME, AFL-CIO FROM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 AND RELATED TRANSFERS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-084, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

This went before the Budget Committee and was unanimously approved. It's a reasonable contract. There are a couple of larger bumps for I believe its electrician and IT people because of the current market and the fact that they're very short of people right now. So I recommend passing this and there are a couple people from the Union here if there are any specific questions.

President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage. Discussion? Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

I just want to say I've been a supporter of these contracts. I am a supporter of our custodians. I have been and I encourage our colleagues to vote for this.

President Wilshire

Further discussion? Seeing none, would the Clerk call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-084 declared duly adopted.

R-23-085

- Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
- Alderman Richard A. Dowd
- Alderman Alex Comeau
- Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
- Alderman Derek Thibeault
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$58,753 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, EXOTIC SPECIES PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING FUNDS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-085, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran,
Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly,
Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-085 declared duly adopted.

R-23-086

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH RAMBLING HOUSE, LLC

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN GOUVEIA FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-086, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran,
Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly,
Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 15

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-086 declared duly adopted.

R-23-091

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AMENDING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS AND RENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-091, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran,
Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly,
Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-091 declared duly adopted.

R-23-093

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

ADOPTING ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO AMEND R-23-093 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE GOLDEN ROD COPY OF AMENDMENTS, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Kelly

I'd like to speak to my Motion.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I would hold my overall conversation around the legislation to the next but I just wanted everyone to know the golden rod copy is just a tiny tweak on #5 which a number of people were concerned about. So we made it sound a little bit more than just bringing the recommendations for it not a mandate. So that was the change there.

President Wilshire

Motion is to amend by replacing with the golden rod copy. Alderman Gouveia?

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you, Madam President. This amendment I know is an issue that my colleague Alderman Klee and I had with point #5. It's sounding more like a mandate than a recommendation and I feel the amendment takes care of that properly and I'll be supporting it. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Motion is to amend. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran,
Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly,
Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-093 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL**ON THE QUESTIONAlderman Kelly

I'd like to speak to my Motion.

President Wilshire

Absolutely.

Alderman Kelly

Thank you so much for everybody's hard work on this. The Energy and Environment Committee has been working on giving our original set of recommendations for energy and environment a little bit more action and context for the City. So the legislation before is the result of I would say over a year of discussions on how we can meet those larger goals that we set with the first piece of legislation that you saw from this Committee. So the Committee worked very diligently to make sure that these were things that could be actionable but not a concern in terms of being able to implement from a cost perspective and really just wanting to make sure that every time we're making decisions at the City level that we're thinking about how we can be more energy efficient and help us toward our goal.

So we've done a lot of great work. Doria Brown was incredible coming in as the Energy Manager. I know we've already hit some of our passenger (inaudible) things that we wanted to get done. We've worked on the bike sharing. So this is just the next iteration to make sure that we continue marching towards those goals.

President Wilshire

Motion is for final passage as amended. Alderman Sullivan?

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a hard time getting behind this. I think that Alderman Kelly's heart is in the right place on this. However, I watched the Committee meeting and I kind of saw the back and forth and what they were trying to do. Boy that's a fine line between a mandate and then give this enough teeth to cause a good outcome. I always look at a legislation the way I evaluate it as what is the outcome that you want from this? If I were to look at Nashua in 25 years and it's more environmentally friendly (which I hope it is), I don't know if it's because of this legislation. I don't know if it endures enough beyond this Board. Because of the fact that there is a lot of nebulous and ambiguous language in it. For instance in point two, you use the word "consult". I mean consult and even in the Committee meeting, there was some back and forth on what one word meant to one Alderman and what it meant to somebody else.

I would just like to it be a little bit more specific. What's interesting is you spoke to point five. Point five was the one I liked most out of the five because it was specific. It was measurable. There was a course of action there to take. The other four points I think just need some work. In this case, I'm not going to support it tonight. Thanks.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. Addressing some of the comments that were just made and I, too, had watched many of the meetings as well. The issue that I had with five as well as my colleague Alderman Gouveia was that it was a mandate. In this economic times where things are already coming in over budget for gas type vehicles, it would put a strain on the taxpayer to ask them to have to come up with electric and alternative type of fuels. I applaud the Committee for suggesting that.

One of the comments that came out of the last meeting was relative to when something gets brought to the Finance

Committee that it gets brought to them with basically this is what it would cost if we got a gas vehicle. This is what it would cost if we got an alternative whether it be hybrid, or so on, and that cost would include the lifetime cost of it. So the taxpayer and in general, we could see that maybe we're saving enough money but the truth is, we have a spending cap and so on which may preclude us from spending that extra money up front. That may say no we can't do it because if we do that than we can't do something else. So I'm glad that they put that we're going to look at it as an alternative. I think that's very important and the spending cap does dictate what we can and what we should do and so on.

I'm glad when I saw that they will have consulting for sustainability. A comment was made at the last meeting, the Personnel meeting, relative to that we have these buildings and no one consulted to see if we could do some more energy efficiency. I corrected the record to say that discussions had happened. They had in fact happened. They may not have had that conversation with this Committee and maybe they should have but those conversations were happening. So I'm glad that this consulting was put in there. They're not going to be able to make the determination but it's good to get input and that's the way I look at consulting. I will be supporting this with that change and I appreciate all the effort that Alderwoman Kelly went to make that change and was listening to my comments so thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. First I want to thank the Committee. This is definitely a step in the right direction but I see it as guideline not really to be the right way. So let's keep it in that particular context. Like I saw in number three, I see creating sidewalk corridors. There are issues. We're hearing them now in our emails who's going to plow them because of that Supreme Court ruling. They also too is bike lanes on all main streets. Well that impedes traffic and that could cut down a lane. Just look at Cambridge, MA.

And then number five, I think it's a great idea to have charging stations at all municipal buildings as long as the people who are charging are going to pay for it and it's not clearly defined. So I consider it a work in progress but it's not enough for me to stop this. Therefore, I'm going to support it with or whether I to keep this going in the future.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I appreciated the discussion too. I watched it on YouTube as well as many members of the public. I had fun with number five as well. Interesting that that's the one that Alderman Sullivan appreciates the most. I was like is the bike shed over by the Leighton House going to get a charging station or the dugouts? But it is a Resolution. It's a step forward. It's not like we're never going to revise this before now and 2030. That's not how politics works. I think this is a very good step forward. I think it was very well vetted and can we come up with all kinds of extraneous examples of how it could be misunderstood? Sure but that's the point of being able to continue it as a living document. So I will support this and I think it's a great initiative.

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you, Madam President. So I think this is aspirational. I appreciate Alderman Sullivan's criticism that it doesn't have the sufficient teeth. I kind of agree with him but doing nothing I think is worse. I think the City has in the past declared its intention to get away from fossil fuels, to become more energy efficient, and yet I think there have been examples of where we have undertaken projects, and made decisions that were at variance with that. I'm hoping that even though this really isn't a mandate, it is aspirational that we Aldermen, and the City staff, and Board of Public Works, the School Department, that everybody takes this seriously and joins us in wanting to move towards a more energy efficient future. Climate change is real and we have to get away from burning fossil fuels. So I support this because it's a step in the right direction. I wish I went further. I wish there were more teeth to it but maybe down the road we can tighten it up a bit as we go along but I will support this tonight.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. I want to commend the Environment and Energy Committee for coming up with these recommendations and for Alderwoman Kelly for bringing this forward. In particular, the amendment because it allows me to be able to support this legislation the amendment does because I, too, had the concerns about point number five.

More to the point though, I think it's always important to support aspirational things particularly when they come from a working group of citizens who come together and employees of the city who come together and work hard and put their efforts into this. A lot of different things were studied and a lot of different areas were worked on. I think these are all aspirational goals that will make Nashua a better place to live 10, 15, 20 years from now. So even if there's no teeth behind this, for me I'm always going to support a better future for Nashua. This is a roadmap to try to get there. Whether we can do it or not remains to be seen. It's going to be decisions that happen here at this Board level but this is a pretty good roadmap to try to move forward. It's going to make our city better and I'm going to support it.

President Wilshire

Alderman Comeau?

Alderman Comeau

Yes thank you, Madam President. Like my colleague from Ward 9, I generally have a hard time with mandates. But that being said, I don't view this as meeting my criteria for a mandate. The language that I find key here is that it says that we're going to adopt the following goals. If this said we're going to do these things, I might have a bigger problem with it but where this is a list of goals that we're going to try to aspire to, and there's no penalty for non-compliance, or this is not something that's going to tie our hands in the future, I don't have nearly as much of a problem with it as I would if it was something that was mandating certain actions. So as a roadmap and as a list of goals, I think it's a good list. I think these are all things we should be doing and that being said, I will support this this evening. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Yes. I think this is a good first step in the right direction. When it comes to charging stations, it hasn't been approved by the Joint Special yet but we're going to put the infrastructure in. If it's approved at the new middle school to have the infrastructure to put ten charging stations in - we're not at the point where we're gonna buy the charging stations but we don't want to be digging up brand new parking lots and median strips later to put in charging stations. It's far more expensive. Very easy now if we put a conduit in underneath that can handle the infrastructure for the charging stations. That will be up to the Joint Special.

That being said, I've had discussions with DPW and the Fire Department on this and they would prefer on item five before the first sentence "where feasible" because right now large vehicles, plows, and other large vehicles, it's not feasible. So rather than go through all kinds of iteration and work when it's not feasible, and I think that could be worked into the CERF program, and when they are feasible downstream, maybe. Like fire trucks, it's very difficult for firefighters especially large ones to be electric because when they go to a fire, they have to keep running. They're pumping water and things. How'd you like they have your house on fire and all of a sudden there's no water because the electric vehicle wasn't pumping anymore. These are the types of things that need to be thought about. So I'm going to make a motion to further amend this item five, paragraph five to add before the first sentence "where feasible".

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO AMEND BY ADDING "WHERE FEASIBLE" BEFORE EVALUATE (FIRST WORD) IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SENTENCE IN ITEM 5

ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Is that your Motion?

Alderman Dowd

That's the motion.

President Wilshire

Motion has been made. Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Well much like the federalists said about the Bill of Rights, they didn't think it was necessary but I'm going to agree to put it in there. I don't think it will harm this. I don't think it's necessary necessarily but I'm not going to not support it either because I think what you said makes sense so.

President Wilshire

Further discussion on the amendment? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Through you Madam President could I ask the maker of the motion where is the word "feasible" going to be placed here?

Alderman Dowd

It's two words – "where feasible" and it would be added before the first word "evaluate" in paragraph 5, the first paragraph. So it would start off "Where feasible, evaluate alternatives". There's no sense going through all the iterations of going through CERF and everywhere else to evaluate something that's not feasible.

Alderman Jette

Could I follow up?

President Wilshire

Yup.

Alderman Jette

So "where feasible" would modify evaluate?

Alderman Dowd

"Where feasible, evaluate". So if it's not feasible, you're not going to go through this whole evaluation process, and through CERF, and everybody else to come up with the answer that you know ahead of time. It's not feasible.

Alderman Jette

Could I?

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

So by "where feasible" if it modifies evaluate, you're saying that the evaluation process. You're saying where it's feasible to do an evaluation. I think what you want to say is that when you evaluate these things, you're not going to buy a fire engine if it's not feasible but that's part of the evaluation process. All this does is say evaluate alternative fuel vehicles during the replacement process by comparing electric or hybrid models to the traditional vehicle options at the purchasing

step. So if during the evaluation process it comes out that - for example your example of a fire engine that that's not practical. Well then it would not be adopted because it's not practical. To eliminate it before you even evaluate it doesn't make sense to me. It seems you evaluate it if - who knows in ten years they may have electric fire engines that are capable of doing what you say. You won't know that until you evaluate it.

Alderman Dowd

Then it would be feasible and you'd know that up front. Why go through a whole evaluation process if you already know the answer, it's not feasible. They don't have electric fire trucks.

Alderman Klee

Yes they do.

Alderman Dowd

I mean what its saying is it's not feasible, you don't go through this evaluation process to come up with an answer you already know.

Alderman Jette

May I?

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

I'm just saying that you won't know if it's feasible or not until you evaluate it. You can't go into these things already knowing what you think is the answer. This is the problem that we've been having. People approach these problems thinking that they already know the answer. So they just reject out of hand the possibility of doing something different. They stick with what they've done for years, and years, and years because they know that works. That it's dependable and I understand that but you're not going to appreciate the possibility of new technology unless you evaluate it. So I can't support what you're suggesting.

Alderman Dowd

What I'm saying is if the DPW or the Fire Department goes out there and they know right ahead of time that there's nothing available and the technology is not there yet, you don't need to go into this big long evaluation process and have written documents and hours of conversation when you know what the answer is.

Alderman Moran

Point of order. I just have a point of order. Wouldn't it just make sense to ask Attorney Bolton so we don't go back and forth? I know we have an attorney right here but it might just make sense to get Corporation Counsel's opinion.

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

I think it might capture what all Alderman Dowd is suggesting. If instead of including "where feasible" before evaluate to insert after the word vehicles "if such alternatives exist".

Alderman Dowd

I would be willing to change my terminology on my motion to amend to what was just brought up by Attorney Bolton.

President Wilshire

Okay, I'm going to call on Alderwoman Kelly.

Alderwoman Kelly

I actually am now amenable to what the original (inaudible) have suggested because I have similar concerns as Alderman Jette that where feasible leaves it open to what's feasible. I don't have time to do the evaluation. I don't, you know, like as technology goes along feasible can be kind of a squishy word so I do like the recommendation and I'm happy to support that.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO AMEND BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AFTER VEHICLES IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF ITEM 5 "IF SUCH ALTERNATIVES EXIST"

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 12

Nay: Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Jette, Alderman Comeau 3

MOTION CARRIED

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

So we are down to the final passage as amended.

Alderwoman Kelly

Do I have to move it again or is it still on the table because we made it?

President Wilshire

No, we're good. Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I think I know where this is going at this point but I figured I would put my two cents in. So as a member of the Personnel Committee, I was fine with the way the language was before. It's a plan and I think a City of our size at this day and age needs to have a solid energy plan. You know it doesn't have enough meat. If it did, it would be too specific for some people. So I think and some people wouldn't think it was too specific. So I feel strongly that Miss Brown will make sure it has enough meat at some point.

I mean you saw what they were able to do in just a few months to get us on Nashua Community Power to get us to 15 cents. So I feel strongly that her and her team and Ms. Chisholm and her team can make sure that a lot of this stuff is worked on. But again, it's a plan we're not held to any of this stuff. Most of this stuff will come with purse strings. So if we think we can just go out and Doria Brown can purchase an electric vehicle today and after we pass this is wrong. It's still gonna come through us. It's still gonna come through Finance, and Budget, and everything else. So you know some of the stuff on here whether it's fixing Infrastructure, it's got to come through other committees but at least we're having a plan to have people look into this. I think you know we have the right people doing it. Like I said, we need a plan. We can't just go without any kind of plan for energy and sustainability in a City like ours. It's got to be put out there and so you know, it's a resolution and I support it 100 percent.

President Wilshire

Further discussion?

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-093 AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly,

Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay: Alderman Sullivan

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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-093 declared duly adopted as amended.

R-23-094

Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman Alex Comeau

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND NASHUA POLICE COMMUNICATION EMPLOYEES N.E.P.B.A. LOCAL 125, I.U.P.A., AFL-CIO FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SULLIVAN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-094, BY ROLL CALLON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Alderman Sullivan?

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you. This resolution passed unanimously in the Budget Committee a week ago. Our Chief of Police both spoke eloquently to the changes that we made in this contract which I think do a fantastic job of trying to catch up to neighboring communities to try to fill the ranks of the folks on the front line and that are taking calls. Very stressful job. I think that one thing that that's lost besides the salaries that we pay these folks are the benefits. While there are comparisons to some private employers that were made, City employees have a very generous health care plan. I think that we should look at the entire package that we offer our City employees. I think it's very generous and I think that is something, you know, if we were to market the City or why would I take this role, I think that we should not leave that to the side, I think we should include that. So I will be supporting this tonight. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. I have been a strong supporter of our Police Department. I've been a strong supporter of this particular Union in the past and I will support this tonight and encourage all of my colleagues to support it as well.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

I just wanted to echo my full support of this contract. I think it's really important. I wanted to just point out the appreciative that Chief Rourke came forward and talked a little bit about their struggles with staffing this group. I think they're a very

important group and a lot of his patrolmen are doing overtime. So I'd love to continue those conversations and see how it's further helped that issue in the future because they needed good people in these roles. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Comeau?

Alderman Comeau

Yes thank you Madam President. I'd like to echo the sentiments from the previous speakers. I also have been a big supporter of Nashua Police and all the various unions that support them. Hearing Chief Rourke earlier talk about the staffing levels, that's a scary thought. We spent some time earlier tonight talking about what happens when you let wages and benefits fall behind what can happen to your staffing. I'd hate to see, you know, what's going on with transit right now end up happen with the Police Department and hearing about neighboring towns having to call in sheriff's deputies to answer the phones is something that I hope we never have to experience. So I'm glad that this brings us up to a more competitive level and hopefully that will result in some positive recruitment and we can get our staffing levels up to have a fully functioning and effective Police Department. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Gouveia?

Alderman Gouveia

Thank you, Madam President. I am in full support of this. Obviously staffing is a big deal. I know Alderman O'Brien and I spent a lot of time up in Concord talking to 400 individuals about recruitment and retention upon first responders. To go off of what the Chief said earlier tonight over in the Portsmouth area with them going through the County for dispatching, I deal daily with a Captain of the Portsmouth Fire Department and when that ended up happening and dispatching was going through the County, it was not a smooth transition to say the least and making sure we could keep this in house and making sure they're taken care of and we have that recruiting and retention arm is huge. So I am in full support of this. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I have spoken before about how I have police in my family. I'm pro police all the way. I've supported every resolution/ordinance that has included police, including Chief Rourke's persistence on getting two more police officers out of the escrow which I supported.

That being said, I work for Eversource and we get calls from dispatchers all the time. I'll tell you right now, it's a tough job. We've interviewed quite a few dispatchers from not just and I can't say from Nashua but from around the area even in Connecticut and they want to leave their jobs because it's tough and they can get more money elsewhere. It burns them out after a while and to be honest, I don't think this is enough but you know as we go out and we talk taxes with our constituents, and the Mayor will say and he said it eight times so far in Ward meetings, the biggest taxes come from salaries, benefits, infrastructure. So every time we go up in salaries, it hits that but I'm 100% for this. It's just people have to realize that's what it impacts and I think we pay too low on everything that's important, police, fire, teachers, you name it. So I'm for this.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

I don't know that I've always been portrayed as supportive of the police but I would say that I always support their budgetary requests and I work very, very, very, very regularly with them coming from a Ward that has a lot of activity and a lot of constituents with different needs. I think while people who may be looking at the bottom line may not necessarily see this as dramatic as the bulletproof vests, or the new cruisers, or that type of thing, it is essential to public trust that we

have effective communication. It is essential to officer safety that we have effective dispatching in response to these types of crises. This is an area that the police has identified as something that they need to work on and they need our help to be able to address those needs.

As Alderman Comeau compared it to Nashua City Transit, I agree. We can't understaffed essential services that people rely on and where I compared it to people who rely on the bus with mobility issues for their life access, trying to get a hold of them, or trying to access their doctor's appointments or shopping, all that kind of stuff. In a crisis you don't want a shortage of people who are qualified and experienced handling it. This is something that we need to get right on top of and we need to make sure that we have the resources and the tools to support both the safety of our police officers and the interactions with our public.

President Wilshire

Anyone else? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-094 declared duly adopted.

R-23-095

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$25,231.25 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "FY2023 BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-095, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-095 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-23-046

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING A STOP SIGN ON GROVE STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH WHITNEY STREET

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-23-046, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

If I could speak to it for just a moment?

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much. This went through the Committee in the fastest I've ever seen anything go through. That Committee lasted two and a half minutes. That's all from beginning to end. This was there and I purposely did not speak because I knew they were looking for a record. The key for this particular stop sign is very important. The road that goes across Whitney Street does not go straight across. It kind of goes angular and it's a one way. The problem is there have been some near misses. It's quite important. I can't see why anybody would oppose this. Hopefully, the stop sign will bring a safety to those.

I will be honest. I did not originally put this through. I got a call from Public Works because they had a number of reports of some extremely dangerous things happening so it is very important. I'm glad the Committee went through without discussion and I congratulate the Committee on their two and a half minute meeting. So thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. The Infrastructure Committee is always happy to hear from Alderman Klee. But however, we are the record holder of the shortest stop sign meeting. We went right through that stop sign baby and it was nicely done. Thank you so much.

President Wilshire

Alderman Comeau?

Alderman Comeau

Thank you, Madam President. Since we're in no danger of breaking any records tonight, I'll add my two cents. Part of the reason why this went through Infrastructure so quickly is because it's an absolute no brainer. The only thing I don't understand about this Ordinance is how is there not already a stop sign there. This intersection absolutely needs it. It makes complete sense and DPW is behind this 100%. So it has my support as well. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Further discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-23-046 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS**R-23-096**

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NASHUA TEACHERS' UNION, LOCAL 1044, AFT, AFL-CIO, UNIT C, SECRETARIES FROM JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND RELATED TRANSFERS

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

R-23-097

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

RELATIVE TO THE RESCINDING OF AUTHORIZED UNISSUED DEBT

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

R-23-098

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) TO FUND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND RENOVATIONS AND EXPANSION OF PENNICHUCK MIDDLE SCHOOL INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED THERETO

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOARD OF EDUCATION, and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING at 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 in the aldermanic chamber, by President Wilshire

R-23-099

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ADOPTION OF NIMCO SITE PLANNING STUDY

Given its first reading; Assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, by President Wilshire

R-23-100

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING PENNICHUCK CORPORATION AND PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC. TO ENTER INTO A LOAN WITH COBANK, ACB

Given its first reading; Assigned to the PENNICHUCK WATER SPECIAL COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

R-23-101

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

REAUTHORIZING VETERAN'S TAX CREDITS

Given its first reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR A SECOND READING OF R-23-101, BY ROLL CALLON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

Do I explain the reason for it at this point?

President Wilshire

You can.

Alderman Klee

The reason to bring this in as a second reading is there's a deadline of April 1st. If this is not passed by April 1st, all veteran's currently getting the veteran's credit will be reduced down to \$50. That means the \$500 credit they'll get, they'll lose \$450. It needs to get through by April 1st and this is because of the passage of HB1667 that was signed into law by the Governor. I believe it was last July of 2022. I will leave it at that and I'll explain more in the next motion.

President Wilshire

The motion is to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading. Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Through you to the Corporation Counsel, should myself and Alderman Timmons recuse ourselves from this vote since we're we both get veteran's tax credits?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

Not necessary.

Alderwoman Timmons

I don't take that tax credit. So I just want the public to know I do not take that tax credit at all.

Alderman Moran

That would have been an email.

President Wilshire

Okay. Motion is to suspend the rules.

Alderman Jette

Madam President. I couldn't hear Attorney Bolton's answer. What did he say?

Steve Bolton, Corporation Counsel

I said it would not be necessary for anyone to recuse themselves.

Alderman Jette

Okay. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Will the Clerk call the roll please?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	15
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Nay:		0
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MOTION CARRIED

R-23-101

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

REAUTHORIZING VETERAN'S TAX CREDITS

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-23-101, BY ROLL CALLON THE QUESTION

Alderman Klee

I'd like to speak to it.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you very much. The reason for the rush on this was last Friday I learned that the DRA had contacted the City and all municipalities, not just Nashua, and reiterated that if they did not pass this by April 1st and put it into the reauthorization I should say, by April 1st that it would revert down to the minimum of the \$50. I truly found it incredulous that this could possibly be the case. How could something like this happened over the Bill? I know the Bill HB1667 what it does is it redefines Veterans. It brings into the veteran's definition all active duty as well as the guards. It also brings in certain trainees. I shouldn't say trainees - those that went through basic training but didn't necessarily make it out. It's not something that I was in favor of. I actually the one and only time spoke on the floor of the House in my six years was to advocate against this. I lost on the floor but I think a lot of many communities are going to be feeling this especially the fact that we bring in active duty and guards that were no longer before. That's active and retired guards, guardsmen so and women.

The issue here this is a little different way back when we had the solar credit and they had changed the definition, a lot of things like that. They put a little statement at the bottom of that. This is what the DRA has told me. They had put a statement at the bottom that said there was no need to reauthorize because the passage of this was basically a reauthorization. They made a booboo when they did HB1667 and did not put that phrase in there. So it is necessary for us to do this, and get it signed, and Assessing will not be taking \$450 away from the 2,400 or so veterans that are getting it and the potential of well over three or more thousand. As the fiscal note states in here, it is impossible to really say what the overall cost or anything like that is because we don't know what the active duty and the members of the guards how many will be coming forward. So having said that, I hope that we can all unanimously reauthorize this and send the message out to the veterans that, you know, we're going to take care of this. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Discussion? Alderman Thibeault?

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Madam President. As someone who authored the legislation to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit all the way up to \$750 despite my reservations about what they consider a veteran now, I am fully in support of this. Hopefully in the future we'll be able to take that off the table and look at that as a piece of legislation as well.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Just a quick question through you to the sponsor. Is this a one-time reauthorization or do we have to do this every year?

Alderman Klee

It's a one-time authorization from what I've been told and Attorney Bolton can correct me if I'm wrong. It was just because they changed the definition. HB1667 changed the definition. If they did it again and didn't put that one paragraph, we would be right back here again.

President Wilshire

Further discussion? Motion is for final passage. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	14
Nay:	0
Abstained: Alderman Jette	1

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-23-101 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-23-048

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

EXEMPTING GAMES OF CHANCE USED FOR STATE LICENSED CHARITABLE GAMING FROM THE "AMUSEMENT DEVICES" ARTICLE IN THE NASHUA REVISED ORDINANCES

Given its first reading; Assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, by President Wilshire

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderwoman Timmons

No comments.

Alderman Thibeault

I have a few things as always. Thank you Madam President. First of all as someone who cares about education, I watch the Board of Education meetings quite often. I watched one that came up this week and one of our peers mentioned I thought I would bring up. So Paula Johnson had mentioned that her sister had passed away. I just wanted to express my sincere condolences to her. I know how it is to lose family members. We all have and I think that, you know, I listened to her words and she had said it was her only sister and that she was trying to get through it. I reached out to her privately but I don't know if everybody knew that. I didn't know that until I watched the meeting myself so I just wanted to put that out there.

Also in remembrance of Alderman and State Representative Skip Cleaver, they had his memorial - Celebration of Life on Sunday at the Nashua Public Library. I was able to attend that and it was a it was a really nice showing of family and friends that got a chance to kind of just you know talk about Skip, his life, and his family, his daughters and sons. As we found out, he had a son that Skip hadn't known about until late in life but he was there as well. They told stories and Representative Telerski had a great speech as well.

One thing I noticed about Skip is that he was a runner. They had a table filled with every medal he had ever collected for any road race, half marathon, 5K, whatever and it was overflowing. It was unbelievable. It really was and it was a nice moment to be able to celebrate his life. To me, he was my Ward Alderman and my State Rep. I didn't really get a chance to know him that well at all and I wish I had.

So two more things real quick. So tonight while I was here, my son and Gloria's grandson got to play in their final playoff game and they lost as I found out while we were in this meeting in the semifinals of their Bantam playoff game. It was great the other night to be able to coach with Gloria's son and win a tight playoff game and advanced to tonight but their season is over so I just want to acknowledge them. Great team, great bunch of kids.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to the two most Irish people here in the room - Alderman O'Brien and Alderman Jette. As we know, Alderman Jette is going to the Irish Breakfast. So Happy St. Patrick's Day everybody and everybody in the City. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes, thank you. I, too, would like to give my condolences to Miss Johnson for her loss.

Also, I'd like to send out a condolence to Robert Genest's family. He died unexpectedly over the weekend. Bob was a long-time employee with the City's Park and Recreation Department almost 40 years. He was very involved with the upkeep at Holman Stadium and then when Stellos Stadium became part of the project, he was there as well. He was a very good employee. I worked with him as long as he was there and whatever you asked, he was willing to help out in any shape or form. Those are those kinds of employees you want to say remind people of that we do have a lot of good employees that work for the City.

Also because it is St. Patrick's Day coming up, I decided to wear my green. I may not be Irish but I will be enjoying my husband's corned beef and cabbage on Friday.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

I just wanted to point out that I'm also Irish. You probably have a couple of years on Alderman O'Brien and Alderman Jette.

I also want to give my condolences to Paula Johnson. I served on here. She was a former Board of Aldermen member. I've known her for quite a long time and my condolences.

I know this is probably going to come up with somebody else, especially on the other side, but the sidewalk plowing. I know the President of the Board of Ed got a reply from DPW this afternoon and that is that the same people that plow sidewalks are the same people that plow the streets. They're required by law to rest every so often so they can't just right

straight through. They're even working out there tonight in the dark doing additional sidewalks but the only way we can address that is during the budget season when DPW comes in. Right now DPW is short personnel and they're making the best due they can. They don't have enough sidewalk plows. The two high schools are taken care of by Shawn Smith and his group. They have two sidewalk plows and they even do additional sidewalks to help DPW. That can only be resolved in the budget season because they can't be in two places at the same time, trying to do sidewalks when they're also doing streets. It's the same people.

President Wilshire

Alderman Comeau?

Alderman Comeau

Yes, thank you Madam President. I'd also like to extend my condolences to Paula Johnson and her family.

I'd also like to thank DPW for the great work they did this week. It's been a while since we got a real big storm like this. I think that they do a very good job. They're doing the best they can and I just ask people to try to remain patient. If you are serious about your concern about how long it takes to do stuff, there's a link on the website where you can apply. I'm sure they'd be willing to talk to anybody that wants to show up and drive a plow.

Since it's been a while since I've given a wrestling update, I just like to congratulate Anthony Fernandez back-to-back State Champ out of Nashua South. My son Connor fell in his championship match that he finished second in the State but there's a contingent of south wrestlers that at the end of month will be traveling down to Virginia for High School Nationals. So I'd like to wish them all luck and hopefully they all place down in Virginia. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly?

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you so much. I also wanted to comment on the Skip Cleaver remembrance. It was really well done and beautiful. I know that for me the loss really kind of hit me surrounded by family and friends and really talking about Skip's life. He was in the chamber with us but I also knew him outside the chamber and he was an incredible asset to our City. I was floored by how many marathons. I think they said he went up Mt. Washington race something like 30 times which was amazing to me. So I just wanted to put that out there. He will be missed and it was a really incredible event.

So after everything, I'll start with my two low notes and then I'll move up. I just noticed that it is actually been about three years since the pandemic started. I remember our initial town halls on the 13th but we also talked as Aldermen about how to approach the upcoming festivities with that we were going to be staying in and staying safe. So came up on my feed and I thought wow, I can't believe it's been three years. I just wanted to shout out everybody who worked so hard to make sure that the people of Nashua were safe and putting in plans to get us through the pandemic. So just wanted to make that note because it was it was a big deal for so many of us.

Then I wanted to just thank everybody in the chamber for their support of the Energy and Environment Committee legislation. I think that there were a lot of similar echoes the plan and it's an iterative step and I really want to, you know, comment that is exactly the goal here. We started off with broad goals, now we're giving some more steps that we can do and we'll continue to refine and move forward. It's really important that we're having these conversations. I have learned as an Alderman for two terms for term and a year, the conversations and having these discussions are really important to the slow iterate that will make a big difference. At the cost of potentially sounding like a tree hugger, I'm really excited for the opportunity to continue moving us forward because this is really important stuff. So thank you everyone for that.

I am not Irish despite the (inaudible), but I will be enjoying the festivities on Friday and I hope everyone has a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

President Wilshire

Alderman Clemons?

Alderman Clemons

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone.

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

I'd like to take the opportunity to put in another plug for the Plus Company's Wild Irish Breakfast. It's the biggest fundraiser for the Plus Company. A great organization that supports people with developmental disabilities. So please either - don't come because of me but Mayor Donchess is going to be there, and Senator Shaheen, and former Senator Ayotte, and Governor Sununu. There's always a little bit of fireworks between the Mayor and the Governor so that should be fun but they also have a professional comedian Justin McKinney who will be great. So it's Friday morning at 7:30. You can buy your tickets online or buy a raffle ticket to support them. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Just for the record, I'm half Irish. The Lopez everybody, I'm half Irish, quarter Hispanic and a quarter Italian and like not good enough for any of them.

So I have a bunch of save-the-dates I want to put out and I wanted to also thank Joanne's Kitchen for supporting the veterans with a traditional Irish dinner corned beef and cabbage. They'll be donating that on St. Patrick's Day. Anybody who wants to support them, stop by Joanne's Kitchen. They are like two minutes that way and you can donate \$7.00 and St. Patrick's Day dinner for a veteran.

The Employment Committee for the Continuum of Care is doing this rare thing where we're going to try to do two job fair events because there's so many companies that are saying that they're understaffed and they're in need. This tracks back to my attempts to support both the Police Department that's hiring and the Nashua Transit that's hiring. There's a lot of places that are looking for good people and there's a lot of people who are looking for their next career. So that will be May 16th at the Nashua Public Library so save the date.

Then additionally, the tree streets block party we have decided on June 18th which is the day before Juneteenth. So we're hoping to put a Juneteenth celebration in there and it's also Father's Day. So save the date. It'll be a great event to bring your kids to. It's always a good time. Thanks a lot everyone.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

Thank you, Madam President. I forgot to mention this the last meeting but I want to thank the doctors at St. Joseph's for giving me a great surgery. It was great. I was so nervous prior, and then woke up, and in tremendous amount of pain but I was alive. They were professional, they were excellent, and everything went very well. As you can see, I'm well healed except for some scars and some stuff underneath my jacket but I want to thank all the staff over there. They were just great from everyone from reception, all the way up to the doctor, to the surgery.

The other thing is and we've talked about this before, the DPW the frontline guys do a very good job of what they can do within the time constraints and the plowing the streets, plowing the sidewalks. They do an excellent job. The School Board President and I are both social workers. We talk social work stuff all the time. We just had a conversation this morning prior to any emails that came out regarding just our concerns about school children getting to school safely. A constituents observed that the bars were being shoveled out first and not so much the school sidewalks. So sorry if it make you feel uncomfortable that social workers bring up things that might shake you a little bit but I would certainly like to have a conversation. I'm still waiting for times from Director Cummings - sorry to put you on the spot - and Director Fauteux to set to see because I would really love to get line items in there for independent contractors to come in for the next season so we don't have to have the same conversations about kids almost getting hit by cars in the streets on the way to school. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I too would like to send my condolences to Miss Johnson on the loss of her sister.

Speaking of Skip Cleaver, I've known Skip for a very long time. I was unable to attend. I was very sick on Sunday and thought it best not to bring it to anybody. I knew Skip way back when he was part of Gate City Striders and President of Gate City Striders. Richard was recruited by Skip to become part of Gate City Striders and we have a lot of really fun times - from a lot of away races, and partying afterwards where batteries went dead because we were using the cars for radios, and it was just a lot of fun. For those that run at least back then, there was a lot of beer that flowed afterwards. They called it "carb loading". I'm not sure about why afterwards. But anyways, Skip was an incredible man and I knew him on the State House, I knew him here, and I knew him from Gate City Striders, and he is definitely missed.

I wanted to also speak to the fact and thank Miss Brown, Doria Brown. I have been emailing her all day long with a barrage of questions from the solar panels, to low income electric assistance, and that's because my constituents have been contacting me. Just to reiterate about the solar panels, those that currently have solar panels Eversource is not releasing the information to us so we cannot tell those with solar panels to move over because they will not get their buyback money. I don't quite understand how those credits work but they know it. So those are the solar panels and that are using that will should not and that will be part of the letter that goes to them.

The other question that I got from a constituent that asked me whether or not those that are getting the low income electric assistance would they still get that through this Community Power? The answer to that is yes. Miss Brown actually gave me a link to the frequently asked questions and it's addressed in there. That's <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/faqs>. There's a lot of good information for people to go to and Miss Brown has been amazing in answering all my questions.

I'd like to commend DPW for all the work they've done. I know it was not perfect and I appreciate all the comments from social workers, from parents, and from so on. I can tell you that my street did not get plowed until almost early morning and rightly so. I live on a side road and should not be plowed before a major artery.

I also want to thank Director Cummings for having brought to my attention the HB1667 so that we could get that reauthorized today and no veteran lost it. So thank you very much for bringing that to me on Friday. I'd like to thank Attorney Bolton's staff for rushing to get that to us as well as Mr. Griffin's office for doing the fiscal note. It was done quickly and literally, I think within a 24-hour kind of work period. So thank you very much for everybody having gotten that through and I want to thank my colleagues here for approving that.

I also want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I am part Irish, hence my name Maureen. I mean middle name is Maureen, my first name is Patricia. I have a very long name. It's Patricia Susan Maureen and my mother whose name was Maureen was very adamant that I would not be named Maureen but she wanted me to have a nice Irish name. So I am Patricia Maureen, thank you so much.

President Wilshire

Alderman Sullivan?

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you very much. I'd like to congratulate Bishop Guertin High School because this past weekend they did something I thought was pretty incredible. They won three State Championships in about a 24-hour period. On Saturday morning, the girl's hockey team won the State Championship; Saturday afternoon the boys won the state Hockey Championship; and then Sunday afternoon, the girls won the Basketball State Championship. So that is pretty incredible especially in one weekend so I'd like to congratulate them.

St. Patrick's Day - it is a very big holiday in the Sullivan house despite my last name. So I am excited to go to the breakfast on Friday morning and I hope Alderman Jette brings his A game because that's very early, so I'm counting on you to make me laugh. So that's it. Thanks.

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you Madam President. I, too, would like to offer my condolences to the Johnson and Genest families on their loss and to partially utilize Skip Cleaver. What a gentleman and that's not even fair to sum it up. I served with him in the New Hampshire House. It's the New Hampshire way. You live up here long enough, you do time in the House just depends which one you choose. Skip was one of those political gentlemen, a pleasure to be around, and so I'm glad that he was properly honored.

Just quickly, good news everybody the DPW building at the landfill. They're moving in. Punch lists are being completed. We're coming to the end of the project. Everybody seems to be quite pleased. There will be an official opening and I'm sure that will be open to the public but it's definitely a must see. This is something that's going to serve our City well into the future so it should be good.

To all those citizens that are going to the Irish Breakfast, particularly to see Alderman Jette, I can attest that he does come from a very long lineage of the Irish clan somewhere in the highlands there. So I think you'll do our race proud.

Alderman Jette

Highlands of France!

Alderman O'Brien

Doesn't matter. The Irish had the year of the French who just stay.

But anyways, also on March 17th we're going to be raising the tri-colors which is the traditional Irish flag. Got a bagpiper coming in and I think that's a fitting honor. The Irish have been in this country since the beginning. There's some historical fact that basically says 38% of George Washington's army was Irish. So I think yeah, you can go and it has the history right through the American Civil War. The number one winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, unfortunately, is still the Irish so they have proved their medal worth. They keep the law and order in the streets and put out the fires. So come celebrate to all the rookies, recruits, and veterans, please be careful out there, use the Uber link or get a call to somebody just to be careful. Don't let tragedy occur on have such a great day. When you're eating your corned beef and cabbage, I hate to burst your bubble, it's more American than it is Irish. But I love it so but there was a point in time in Ireland when you went over there and ordered corned beef and cabbage, they looked at you like you had a three-headed monster. So we'll leave it at that. Thank you.

Alderman Wilshire

I, too, would like to send my condolences to Paula Johnson and her family for the loss of her sister and to the family of Bob Genest.

Reminder to those in Ward 4 that there is a primary election on March 28 for the State Rep. seat that's been vacated. So I hope you all show up to vote.

Committee announcements:

President Wilshire

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you. Our Administrative Assistant Miss Graham. It's Infrastructure on what, next Tuesday?

Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager

Wednesday. PEDC is on Tuesday.

Alderman O'Brien

Yes, PEDC is on Tuesday. We're going to be quite busy so if you're really bored please come on down.

President Wilshire

Alderman Moran?

Alderman Moran

As you briefly heard PEDC will be on the 21st and I know a lot of folks want to talk about the Mohawk Tannery. There'll be the public hearing, followed-up with Committee discussion so I look forward to seeing everyone there and members of the community to have their input.

President Wilshire

Other Committee announcements? Alderman Dowd?

Alderman Dowd

Next Thursday the 23rd at 7:00 pm, the Joint Special School Building Committee at Nashua High North and on the 22nd, Wednesday the 22nd will be the Mayor's Town Hall for Ward 2, correct, and that's at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE MARCH 15, 2023, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED, BY ROLL CALL

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

- Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Moran,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Clemons, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Comeau,
Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Caron, Alderman Thibeault,
Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire 14
- Nay: Alderman Lopez 1

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest: Dan Healey, City Clerk



RESOLUTION

ADOPTING ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Environment and Energy Committee (“Committee”) is to further sustainability and livability in Nashua by promoting environmental stewardship and renewable energy, encouraging energy conservation and energy efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, and encouraging green initiatives both within the municipality and beyond to reach businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has developed goals it recommends that the City adopt.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua adopt the following goals:

- 1) Develop a Sustainability Plan to create a roadmap for the City of Nashua’s Sustainability Goals by 2024.
- 2) Improve city building efficiency by:
 - Selecting three buildings annually for energy auditing.
 - Create a replacement age list for HVAC equipment throughout the City.
 - For new building or major renovation projects with a joint special committee attached, consult the Sustainability Department before the project is finalized.
- 3) Strengthen Alternative Transportation in the City:
 - Improve city walkability and bikeability by creating sidewalk corridors and bike lanes on all main streets.
- 4) Increase Renewable Energy Generation:
 - Evaluate public land space for more renewable energy, in particular solar.

"if such alternatives exist"

5) Reduce Municipal Vehicle Emissions:

"when feasible"

- Evaluate alternative fuel vehicles during the ~~Have~~ CERF (Capital Equipment Replacement Fund) ~~passenger vehicle purchases be fully electric or when not possible, have a fuel efficiency of at least 40 miles per gallon, if possible.~~ replacement process by comparing electric or hybrid models to the traditional vehicle options at the purchasing step, including the consideration of the lifetime cost of the vehicle for maintenance, fuel, and infrastructure.
- All city operated buildings to have at least one charging station by 2030.