

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the aldermanic chamber and via Zoom teleconference which meeting link can be found on the agenda and on the City's website calendar.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; 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 12 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Klee, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Cathey, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire. Alderman Moran, Alderman Clemons and Alderwoman Kelly were recorded absent.

President Wilshire

I'm going to take a moment to request a moment of silence for former Alderwoman Lu and her husband Matt Plante the Police Commissioner who lost their son at 33 years old. So if we could rise and have a moment of silence. Thank you.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Deputy Corporation Counsel Dory Clarke, were also in attendance.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Donchess

Thank you Madam President. First I wanted to give you some news on the affordable housing front. The property of 249 Main Street, which is down south of City Hall a few buildings – there's the Caribbean restaurant, and then Hollis Street, and then two buildings, and then there's an empty parking lot there with fence around it. Kind of an eyesore for a number of years. That has been acquired by Neighborworks and they have obtained a financing commitment from New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Their intention is to build 30 plus units of affordable housing on that site. If you know Neighborworks, they operate St. Casmir. They have about 40 units here in Nashua and many more in Manchester. They are a very quality operator and owner of affordable housing units, participate and are involved in the neighborhoods that they own in, and therefore we expect that to go forward sometime probably next year. Their acquisition of that parcel is certainly good news.

Thank you everyone who attended the public hearing and the meeting last night on the paving. We put forward the second five years of a ten year paving plan. We have improved over five years the quality of Nashua streets considerably as measured by the PCI – the paving condition index. We need to continue because the image of the community, the expectations of our residents, and really just people's quality of life is affected by the character of our infrastructure and especially including our streets. So expect that to be coming forward for your vote next time.

In your packet, there is a report regarding the Elm Street Middle School community input meeting which occurred back on the 11th. A lot of people participate. It was very interesting. People had various opinions. Obviously many people feel strongly about the Elm Street building which, of course, originally was a high school. The different opinions but the clearest message was that people wanted us to save the Keefe Auditorium as part of whatever we decide to do with the building. Of course I think everyone here is committed to that as well. There will be more discussions of that building and its future in a short time.

We discussed last meeting the absence of a third member of the Board of Registrars. With Alderwoman Klee's help, we were able to locate a very enthusiastic and willing nominee. He name is Bill Grady and he will come before you or his nomination will come on the agenda the next time. I think you'll find him a very qualified and capable member of the Board of Registrars.

Finally Madam President, I'd like our small business community is important because it creates many jobs and it's where a lot of growth occurs. Many entrepreneurs support themselves, their families, and those of their employees. I had the opportunity to talk with the owner of Sub Zero, which is an ice cream store that located down on Main Street a few blocks from here. They had been previously on Amherst Street. He said he's very glad to have moved downtown. They're doing very well and has already opened a couple of other stores and other cities and is seeking to open some more. It's

very nice to see an entrepreneur who started out here in Nashua doing well not only in our location but in his other locations as well. That's is all I have for you tonight Madam President.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR

Alderman Lopez

Just for clarification Mr. Mayor, you've mentioned the direction of 249 Main Street being passed the Caribbean Breeze but the site you're talking about is directly across from CVS and is literally a vacant lot.

Mayor Donchess

Correct.

Alderman Lopez

Just wanted to confirm for anybody who's listening who might have been a little confused.

RECOGNITION PERIOD – None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Special and regular Board of Aldermen meetings of the March 21, March 22, and March 28, 2022 be accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

- From: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Re: Referral from the Board of Aldermen on proposed O-22-010 amending the Land Use Code by adding Provisions regarding Synthetic Nicotine and Electronic Smoking Device Sales and Lounges
- From: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Re: Referral from the Board of Aldermen on proposed Petition by Etchstone Properties, Inc. for full Waiver of Impact Fees (for public school facilities) as Authorized Under Section 190-85 of the Land Use Code (Thompson's Preserve Condominium)
- From: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Re: Referral from the Board of Aldermen on proposed Petition by Etchstone Properties, Inc. for full Waiver of Impact Fees (for public school facilities) as Authorized Under Section 190-85 of the Land Use Code (The Alcove at Walden Woods Condominium)
- From: Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Re: FY2023 Capital Improvement Program
- From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: Communication on Keefe Auditorium – Relative to Elm Street Middle School Feasibility Study
- From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Re: Communication on Paint Color for Extended Outdoor Dining
- From: Alderman John Cathey
Re: Special Liaison – Nashua City Planning Board
- From: Donna Graham, Legislative Affairs Manager
Re: Communications Received from the Public

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

Brad Westgate

Good evening Madam President, members of the board. My name is Brad Westgate. I'm a lawyer with Winer Bennett, 111 Concord Street. I'm here to speak on behalf of Etchstone Properties and with me is Dave Petropoulis Etchstone Properties relative to the two petitions before you tonight for waiver of the school impact fee of the capital improvements impact fee for public schools. The Petitions pertain to two condominium communities Etchstone built. As you noted, the Thompson's Preserved Condominium 39 single family detached units and the Alcove at Walden Woods Condominium off Exit 5 - 63 units in a multifamily structure.

Madam President, the Land Use Code imposes a school impact fee on new residential construction in Nashua. These are one-time fees paid to the city typically when the developer seeks the Certificate of Occupancy for the residential unit. They go into a capital reserve fund for the school system. I think the Board is aware that these impact fees, of course, are in addition to the regular property taxes that the developer and then the homeowner will pay school, County, city taxes on their regular annual property tax bills. Because certain types of residential development are not likely to generate an impact for capital improvements in the school system, there's a provision in the Land Use Code that allows a petitioner to seek a waiver of the public school impact fee and that's what these petitions are for.

These two properties are elderly communities - 55 and older or housing for older persons as it's known in the city code. With the petitions, we submitted a study by Mark Fougere of Fougere Planning and Development. Mr. Fougere canvassed a number of 55 and older communities in southern New Hampshire, including four in Nashua, two of which were the ones that are before you tonight, and it is study of approximately 1,036 units. He found that only five school aged children were residing in these number of communities that he canvassed in southern New Hampshire. So roughly speaking, he determined about five school aged students for every 1,000 or so units.

These two before you tonight have no school aged children per his canvassing. Fifty-five and older communities have to have at least 80% of the units occupied by at least one person who's 55 years of age or older. So the tendency is obvious that they don't tend to generate a need for...

Alderman O'Brien

30 seconds

Brad Westgate

...public school improvements because of the type of demographics that are there. So we ask the Board to approve these two petitions tonight. I note that the Planning Board and the Planning and Economic Development Committee both gave favorable recommendations. One side note, the developer can't just willy nilly if you will change the 55 and all the designation. These are approved by the Planning Board on that basis that density was allowed for on that basis. So this is a fixed status that these communities have.

President Wilshire

Mr. Westgate, time.

Brad Westgate

Thank you very much, Madam President.

President Wilshire

Thank you very much.

Laurie Ortolano

Good evening. Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. I'm here to address the unfinished business item that you'll be voting on tonight for the Expendable Trust Fund for 14 Court Street. I'm not in favor of this fund because I think that building it was pitched to the Board that the goal is that building will become self-sustaining or profitable and not require this, you know, constant use of taxpayer money. I happen to believe that that's not the case with 14 Court Street. We're doing a lot for the arts downtown and the art center that's being built was obviously funded by taxpayer dollars. But on top of that, there's a lease arrangement whereby I believe for 15 years taxpayers will be paying a fee to the operation of that building that will go anywhere from a half a million dollars to three quarters of a million dollars. So taxpayers will be supporting

that art center regardless of whether it's profitable or not for a very long period of time. I think we have to look at what facilities we keep going like 14 Court Street that struggles so much as that requires a lot of costs. That building it was always very, very expensive.

I agree that the Keefe Auditorium should be maintained at Elm Street and obviously, there's a lot of interest in that and I'm not certain why we can't transition. The few arts programs that are over they're using the theater over to Elm Street to use the auditorium over there. It's a much nicer facility. It'll obviously be renovated and it just seems to me that it would be a much better use of taxpayer dollars. In fact 14 Court Street does not contain the fire station lines north and south lines that I had addressed at one of the board meetings that was rather scoffed at by a few people as not an issue, if those lines are not in there and there's no fire issue with that station associated with 14 Court Street, I don't know why we wouldn't look at letting that go to someone else for development of some kind to turn that into something that wouldn't be such a burden for taxpayers because that becomes a third arts potential place that we just continue to dump money into that I think is a bottomless pit. That will never be a self-sustaining facility. So I'm not in favor of this expendable trust fund because I just see it as a money pit and I think what we're doing with the new end pack and what we're doing with Elm Street with taxpayer dollars is the direction to go in and cut your losses on the white elephants that don't work. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess
Re: Multi-Year Contract Award – ARPA Funding Management Consulting

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN COMEAU TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND AWARD A MULTI-CONTRACT TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS AND HOW THEY APPLY TO THE ARPA MONEY PROVIDED BY THE US TREASURY TO IPARAMETRICS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000. FUNDING THROUGH DEPARTMENT: 183 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; FUND: 53142 CONSULTING SERVICES/ARPA GRANT FUNDING
MOTION CARRIED**

From: Larry D. Goodhue, Chief Executive Officer of Pennichuck
Re: Notice of Annual Meeting of Sole Shareholders and Proxy Statement; Proxy Card; and Annual Report to the Sole Shareholders

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO RECOMMEND THAT THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS FROM ELEVEN (11) TO A FULL SLATE OF THIRTEEN (13) AND TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PENNICHUCK CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED: C. GEORGE BOWER, AMYMARIE R. CORRIVEAU, JAY N. LUSTIG, JOHN D. MCGRATH, AND PRESTON J. STANLEY, JR. TO THE PENNICHUCK CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS CLASS A DIRECTORS, EACH FOR THREE-YEAR TERM, AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSIONS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED; AND TO ELECT SARAH PILLSBURY TO THE PENNICHUCK CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS A CLASS C DIRECTOR, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, AND UNTIL HER SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO TRANSMIT, BY PROXY CARD, THE VOTE OF THE SOLE SHAREHOLDERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PENNICHUCK CORPORATION
MOTION CARRIED**

PETITIONS

Petition by Etchstone Properties, Inc. for full Waiver of Impact Fees (for public school facilities) as Authorized Under Section 190-85 of the Land Use Code (Thompson's Preserve Condominium)

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN THIBEALT TO RECOMMEND GRANTING THE PETITION FOR FULL WAIVER OF IMPACT FEES (FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES) AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 190-85 OF THE LAND USE CODE (THOMPSON'S PRESERVE CONDOMINIUM)
MOTION CARRIED**

Petition by Etchstone Properties, Inc. for full Waiver of Impact Fees (for public school facilities) as Authorized Under Section 190-85 of the Land Use Code (The Alcove at Walden Woods Condominium)

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CATHEY TO RECOMMEND GRANTING THE PETITION FOR FULL WAIVER OF IMPACT FEES (FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES) AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 190-85 OF THE LAND USE CODE (THE ALCOVE AT WALADEN WOODS CONDOMINIUM)

MOTION CARRIED

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Finance Committee..... 03/16/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the March 16, 2022 Finance Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Joint Meetings Committee on Infrastructure and Planning and Economic Development Committee..... 03/16/2022 and 03/23/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the March 16, and March 23, 2022 Joint Meeting on Committee on Infrastructure and Planning and Economic Development Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee..... 03/21/2022 and 03/28/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the March 21, and March 28, 2022 Budget Review Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Task Force Committee 03/23/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the March 23, 2022 Task Force Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Pennichuck Water Special Committee 03/29/2022 and 04/14/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the reports of the March 29, and April 14, 2022 Pennichuck Water Special Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee 04/04/2022

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 4, 2022 Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee be accepted and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-008

- Endorsers: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
- Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
- Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
- Alderman Thomas Lopez
- Alderman Patricia Klee
- Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
- Alderman Derek Thibeault
- Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

ESTABLISHING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND FOR 14 COURT STREET EXPENSES, FUNDED BY APPROPRIATIONS

Given its third reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-22-008

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

Yes, this is just establishing a holding place if monies were appropriated to cover 14 Court Street. There are no funds being appropriated this time. So it's just establishing an account and it would be unique this building as opposed to other buildings. So I'd recommend final passage.

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you, Madam President. As I stated in the Budget Committee meeting about this Resolution, I am not in favor of for a couple of reasons. I think that from what I could understand that there's a problem at Court Street and the problem that I understand it to be is that it doesn't make money, it loses money over the past few years. I don't see how this Resolution solves that problem. There are two trust funds right now that are set up on page 234 of the city budget. One is trust funds 7078 for city buildings and then the other one is 7082 downtown improvements. At the time that this was published, there was a sizable amount of money in those trust funds. Right now in this trust fund there's zero. If we were to take all of the revenue that is generated by Court Street and place it in there, it would still not be enough to even cover the expenses.

I think that Court Street has a vital interest of the city. I think it serves local arts. I think it's also from a historical point in the city, it's important. I'm not saying that we shouldn't do anything with 14 Court Street to make it viable, to make it an asset, to make it appealing for more people to come in. I just don't think this Resolution does that. I think by perhaps coming up with a solution to first figure out how we make that building viable and then to see what legislation we can pass in order to carry that plan forward. That's something I can support. This I cannot. Thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

Alderman Lopez

I agree with my colleague that this legislation doesn't fix all the financial issues that Court Street has faced over the years. I do think it's a necessary step towards doing that. The solution of trying to divert funds into a revenue fund that is used for multiple purposes and not specific to Court Street Theater allows and has allowed administrations to move money in and out and not to respond to the needs of the building when it is in need of things like roof repairs, or electrical work, or what have you. That has been the problem with the building in the past because it is not maintained from year to year by the administrations that oversee it. Those are elected bodies. The priorities change with the people who come into office and it's suffered.

But despite the condition of the building today, it has been very important to many, many families in many, many community organizations and Nashua's arts culture. It still has a very vital role in terms of supporting community arts versus the consumer driven performing arts that the Nashua Art Center might drive or the Keefe Auditorium - large audience scale with orchestra pit might have. Court Street Theater is more flexible, it's smaller, and it has specific purposes. It also has because of its size, the opportunity to be more financially stable than it has been in the in the past. Mayor Donchess' administration has taken steps forward, including having Liquid Therapy replace the empty parts of the building that we're not generating any revenue and were going to waste with something that does generate revenue.

So in addition, there are office tenants as well from different performing arts organizations that pay rent as well. As with any landlord when you're paying your landlord rent and you're seeing your building fall into disarray, you kind of want to know what the landlord is doing with that rent. In this case, unfortunately, your landlord is a bunch of politicians. So they're doing whatever they want or decide to do with it. So having a special revenue fund, I think, is a first step towards admitting that we even plan to be diligent about this building and that we are willing to try to create a sustainability and a feasibility plan. That signals to organizations that are willing to invest in it and support it that we're serious about it.

There's been public comment about just demolishing the building all together, as though any building past a certain age has no value in it whatsoever, and that it's strictly a financial exchange. There are many buildings in Nashua that have historical value and there are buildings that are operated by the city that aren't operating for the purposes of generating revenue. If we can have our cake and eat it, if we can make Court Street something that is revenue neutral, I think we should do it but I don't think we're gonna be able to do it if we don't at least start making it very clear how much is going in and how much is coming out of that building. While this single act of legislation doesn't do that, at least it's a start and it is something of a commitment. Thank you.

Alderman Cathey

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to echo Alderman Sullivan's comments. I don't think it solves the problem. I

understand the first step argument. I believe that's a considerable argument. My issue is we have a strategic plan for the library. The Arts Commission just had a strategic plan. I would prefer to go that route with this particular building, if we want to keep it. I'm not saying that's a bad idea, I think we should keep it. Let's develop a strategic plan so we know what money we're going to have to spend in the future rather than throwing good money after bad or bad money after good. If we're just patching holes in a dam, let's look at the entire structure and then come up with a full phase plan to take care of all of the issues ongoing step by step because we could put ourselves in a position where we create a fund that we then vote to put no money in it. So then it could be like an empty promise because we have this fund but we're not really contributing money. So it doesn't really matter. I'd rather come up with a really strong strategic plan, know what money we need to rehab it, and then go after that rather than hoping we put money into a fund in the future and hoping it solves the problem when it may or may not. Thank you.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you Madam President. So to echo Alderman Lopez's comments, I don't think this is there to solve the problem. It's the first step to getting Court Street to be self-sustaining. I don't think it is now. Last couple of years obviously, COVID, they haven't been able to do anything. So I agree that the last couple of years have not been good and that will take a while to even get this up and running.

I think somebody that spoke to us in one of the committee meetings said that there was money there and it was taken away. Promised and it was taken away and if we don't have something that keeps it there, and it's not going to be at least at first a ton until we try to get it more profitable, but if you say that oh we have money in other places, the thing is we don't usually then something else always comes up. Something else always comes up and that money goes somewhere else. This is a way to try to put some money in there at some point to keep it within 14 Court Street.

The three different venues we have are three different arts venues. They're not the same. They're not interchangeable. Everybody keeps thinking that one can replace the other. It's not the case. They're all different and this one's been important for a lot of people for a long time, including some of the people on this Board. So I think it's important that we at least take that first step to try to get it and then we can still make plans after it to make it more sustaining but we have to take that as Alderman Lopez said, that first step. Thank you.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I hate to repeat anything things I've already been said but one of the comments that have been made about 7078 city buildings, Trust Fund, I think the Director Administration had commented on that, that that was primarily meant for like City Hall type buildings. It has been used for other things such I think the public health building and so on. Our Downtown Improvement Fund is just for that. It's for the downtown improvement and so on. So I don't think that falls within the same venue that we're thinking of or I should say realm or whatever that that we would look for 14 Court Street.

I agree with what Alderman Cathey said about a strategic plan. I always like to see a strategic plan going forward but I don't see where one precludes the other. I don't see why we can at least set up this trust fund, look at it in a way that we can actually see revenue coming in. I agree, again, with what Alderman Cathey had said about that we could end up putting nothing in it. We've set this up so that's exactly what could happen. Nothing could go in it. I would think that would be a shame if we did that, because we know what needs to be done. I would like to see all of it go in but we did leave it open for that possibility. So he is absolutely correct when he says that zero could go in. I would hope we would not do that but that is a real possibility.

When we had as Alderman Thibeault mentioned - when we had someone who came forward and had spoken about this fund how a lot of people put in good faith money and suddenly that money disappeared. It disappeared either into the general fund or something but no work was being done. I can't even imagine what the people that are renting there and so on whether it be the Peacock Players, whether it be the Symphony, whether it be little art community that's down under Liquid Therapy how they must feel when monies that they thought were going to be going to take care of this and then when they need something done being told by city leaders, sorry there's no funds to take care of this. At least if we started this, we would be on the right path. As many of the people have mentioned here, this is just the first the first step towards doing that.

I'm glad that Alderman Cathey did bring up the strategic plan. I think that's something that we should be moving forward and we should be asking whether it's Director Cummings or someone of that, that we do have a strategic plan. How are we moving forward? What are the things that need to be worked on? How can we do that over 5 years, 2 years, 10 years or whatever?

One of the things I do want to mention is that many years ago this building was run by a nonprofit I believe is what it was. It was a Nashua Arts Commission - not the same one that exists now. I think that's what it was called - Nashua Center for the Arts. Exactly. For whatever the reason was, they went defunct. I don't believe that they were responsible for this money and so on. So other groups have tried to come in and do it in a variety of different ways. I think the city has embraced the arts and I think that as to Alderman Thibeault's comment about three venues, we have three venues with four very different and unique organizations. We have Actor Singers. We have the Peacock Players. We will have the Performing Arts Center. We have the Symphony. All four different ones. I'm going to be going to the Actor Singer - I think its Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat that will be held at the Keefe. I go to the Peacock Players regularly. I look forward to the Symphony. I look forward to the performing arts center when it when it does open up. So to say that we have a lot here so why bother? I think it's important to bother. I think it's important for us to show these people that we care enough, and then we are going to set up a fund, and I would like to see it all go in there. That's for another day and another board. Thank you.

Alderman Comeau

Thank you, Madam President. I agree with a lot of the comments made by my colleague from Ward 9 and with respect to what some comments from my other colleagues, you know, about possibly hanging the building out to dry. I don't agree with that. I feel like if we don't set up this trust fund, that doesn't preclude us from still doing the things that they might need us to do. There's nothing to stop anyone on this body bringing forth appropriations, requests, and things like that if there's projects that need to be done. There's money in other funds like Alderman Sullivan had mentioned.

My fear would be if we do set up this trust fund and we allocate this money, I mean it is a trust fund to be funded by appropriation. So I assume at some point, we will be appropriating money into it. But then that does tie our hands where if something does come up like has been mentioned and that money needs to be spent somewhere else, I like the idea that all of the money that we spend is debated, vetted, approved, and not just, you know, put into a fund with only one purpose because it might not be the most important thing to do at that time. If it is, then when it comes before this body we'll discuss it and we'll approve it whether we have this trust fund or not. So I don't feel like if we say no to this tonight, it's going to lead to the building falling into disrepair. We've already made significant improvements on the building already without having this trust fund. So there's nothing to stop us from doing that again in the future when things come up that need to be addressed. So I do agree that this might seem like a good first step, but I don't know that it's solving the problem that we think that it's solving.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. I'm going to put my hat on a construction helmet or whatever and speak basically as Chairman of the Committee of Infrastructure. To the new Aldermen, I don't know who changed the name but Infrastructure, the old name was lands and buildings. When you look at 14 Court Street, I'm in favor of this. We've owned that building for an awful long time and I think we all can sit here and shake our heads and say the fact that we're holding this discussion, whatever we were doing, and if this motion fails because whatever we were doing in the past wasn't working. Failing this motion will continue us down that path of not working. This will provide an expendable trust from profit that comes in that they basically see.

So what happens at 14 Court Street? It's used by many other different types of organizations that come in. They rent the space and different things. So that money and everything generated will stay within the building that it's appropriated to. This may also in the future if for the arts community if there's granting, it may establish an account with this expendable trust that perhaps maybe future grants could perhaps go into. But anyways, it's a step in the right direction, in my opinion, to make this work.

Now we heard some, you know, citizen, and they were correct. Right now, there is cabling. That used to be adjacent next door to when it was the old fire station. After they closed the fire station, it was a hub. That's where basically if you think just like a junction box and electricity, that's where all the fire cable basically comes in. It is still there. It can't be moved but if we've gonna sell that building, it is going to be moved and right now we're reaping the benefits of the cost by not moving it. So if we niched the 14 Court Street, we're gonna have to pay to move that particular cable.

And then looking at Keefe, Keefe is a wonderful auditorium. It is a beautiful spot, but with the individual rooms that side of these organizations currently now enjoy and if you walk through 14 Court Street, you would see them - the different suites and stuff like that, that a lot of these arts communities use. There's nothing at Keefe that has that. It's an auditorium.

Then the other thing is, that heating system to Keefe Auditorium, I think Alderman Dowd could say in his knowledge of the School Department, that heating system is tied into the existing Elm Street School building heating system. So if Elm Street gets to be replaced, don't rely on Keefe because we're gonna have to solve the heating issue somewhere in the

future. So right now, what is the safe bet? I guarantee you by supporting this legislation, your sun will come up tomorrow. Okay. It's not really gonna mean really a heck of a lot. It's just gonna mean that the funds that they generate is gonna sit in their account and that they'll be able to access it. Now, can they do so wildly without abandonment? No. We still have committees. We have the Finance Committee and the Budget Committee that many of their expenditures are going to have to come in and to be approved. It's basically the same thing that occurs right now. This is why I say the sun will come up tomorrow. Sounds like a little orphan Annie but the thing is all this will basically do is give some organization to something that needs some organization. What we have done in the past most certainly hasn't worked. This is a fresh step and I'm going to support this. Thank you, Madam President.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. You know we keep saying the word "problem" and, again, no one has ever said this is going to solve the problem. It's going to help keep those funds, at least in the building if we appropriate them. To say that, you know, we'll just appropriate whenever you know we need to is not looking at the past. It's saying our Board is better than every other Board that we've had in the past that history will never repeat and the Boards that go forward, right? We're not all going to be here forever. So if it was done in the past, that money was moved from there that should have been appropriated there and what's to say we won't vote against that or somebody else won't vote against it in the future. That's taking a gamble. It's what Alderman Clemons is doing right now in Vegas taking gambles, right? In his words, his words because he said it in the committee meetings and I think a lot of us ran on this word "transparency". It tells us where that money's going. That money that was there before, no one knows where it went or why it went there.

This is another act of transparency. Money comes in through the 14 Court Street and we may or may not appropriate some of that money into this account so we know where it is. I think I ran on transparency. It's one of the words I used when I was running. I believe it. I think Alderman Clemons who supported this and was the one that endorsed this put it out there believes it as well. So again, I'm gonna support it and I just wanted to throw that word out there "transparency". Thank you.

President Wilshire

Further discussion?

Alderman O'Brien

Madam President may I call a roll call on this vote?

President Wilshire

You bet.

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Jette, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Gouveia, Alderman Thibeault, Alderwoman Timmons, Alderman Wilshire	9
Nay:	Alderman Sullivan, Alderman Comeau, Alderman Cathey	3

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-22-008 declared duly adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-22-010

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Melbourne Moran, Jr.
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Derek Thibeault

AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE BY ADDING PROVISIONS REGARDING SYNTHETIC NICOTINE AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE SALES AND LOUNGES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-22-010ON THE QUESTIONAlderman Klee

I've given this same talk two times before to the Planning Board and to PEDC and not much really has changed but for the Board here, I'd like to speak to this. This came about because of a vape shop opening close to the Adult Learning Center. I want to preface that with both parties have tried to do everything they possibly could to mitigate the secondhand smoke going over to the children whose daycare, and play yard, and so on about that building. Because of the location of that building and so on, it was impossible to do. They couldn't put up a large enough fence. They couldn't put trees or anything else like that, that would stop anything from coming through. The owners of that property really have worked very hard. The Adult Learning Center when they found out about it tried to, I guess, kind of stop this. I was not at those meetings so I can't say exactly what was said but they did try to stop it. Because it met all the criteria within the city, it passed. It's a legal operation. It was legal to be there. So this kind of came as a conversation and a discussion.

The main thing with here was that we want to not stop this type of business from coming in the city. We do not want to do that. What we want to do is we want to stop to be within 1,000 feet of a school, or youth service organization, etc., that type of building. They said 1,000 feet. We did give the Planning Board the ability to give an exception or exemption if it did not about that property. So for instance if this particular property was in close proximity - within 1,000 feet but say that their two back doors were kind of at each other, anybody coming out of the front of that store and possibly smoking and so on would not have any effect. So if that business could show that they had no negative effect, they could be within 1,000 feet as long as they did not about. An abutting is often asked well what exactly is a abutting? Abutting is property lines touching or directly across the street. That is what an abutter is. So that's basically how this came to be and so on.

There's also another provision that says, "like business within 1,000 feet" and that's so that we don't have a string of these types of businesses coming through. One of the comments that I make each and every time is that when I was at the Planning Board someone asked me - I don't know if they asked me or if they asked Director Sullivan is this kind of a knee jerk reaction to what happened? You want to say no but the truth is not a knee jerk reaction but a reaction to it is the absolute positive thing. One of the things that I find is that we create laws and we create rules oftentimes - sometimes to stop something from happening but oftentimes as a result of something happening. So for instance, right now DCYF in Concord is now going to amend their covenants in their contract, basically with bordering states like Massachusetts so that we don't have another case of what happened to the little girl Montgomery where their conversation didn't happen. It hasn't been changed in 65 years I think is what it was or something close to that. Something extraordinary. So yes we do sometimes when a problem arises that falls within the letter of the law, we have to change the law to make sure that that doesn't happen again. That's exactly what this is doing is it's trying to stop that from happening. As I said, we don't like these companies being side by side and creating an auto mile of vape shops of some sort.

Another thing that I want to bring up is that this is the majority of the business has to be this. It will not affect gas stations who might sell vape products. It will not affect convenience stores who might sell vape products. It has to be a primary source, primary use of that type of the electronic smoking device and synthetic nicotine. In summary, basically what this does is it takes the current Land Use Code, I think it's 137, and changes it from what is now just tobacco and tobacconist and it adds these different parameters. Something that didn't exist when that Land Use Code was done. I think at one of the meetings someone had said, well what about marijuana and so on. That's another discussion for another day. It would not affect a medical store from opening up next door because that's a whole different type of venue. This does not affect opening up next to hospitals, or doctor's office, even if it's a children's home. It does not affect if a McDonald's were to open up and they've got a playground in it because they that particular business is not primarily children or youth service organizations. I am sorry to go on but I'm just trying to spell all of the different questions and comments that have kind of come up through these last two meetings. I think it's, you know, obviously I'm the main sponsor of it and I do think it's a good plan. It's not completely 100% of those that had wanted this to go through. It's not exactly what they want to but it's a compromise and I think it's a good compromise. We're not hurting any of those businesses and this does not affect that business that already went and just to let everybody know. This does not go backwards. It only goes forward once it's signed. And having said that if there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them Madam President. I do see that Director Sullivan was able to make it. We weren't sure if he was going to be able to get out of ZBA so he may be able to answer any other questions.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance O-22-010 declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-22-027

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,700,000) FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Given its first reading; Assigned to the BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE and SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 23, 2022 by President Wilshire

R-22-028

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF MANCHESTER REGARDING A WELFARE SOFTWARE APPLICATION

Given its first reading; Assigned to the FINANCE COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

O-22-012

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons
Alderman Patricia Klee

AUTHORIZING A STOP SIGN ON GARDEN STREET AND ESTABLISHING A PORTION OF GARDEN STREET AS A ONE-WAY STREET IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION

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

O-22-013

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman John Cathey
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

UPDATING THE EDITION OF MASON'S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE USED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Given its first reading; Assigned to the PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR A SECOND READING OF O-22-013
MOTION CARRIED****O-22-013**

Endorser: Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman John Cathey
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

**UPDATING THE EDITION OF MASON'S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE USED BY THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN**

Given its second reading

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF O-22-013ON THE QUESTION

Alderman O'Brien

Yes we were very fortunate to receive new copies of Mason's. Many of you have it on the desk. This is the current version and it will assist us in our legislative procedures. So I urge you to pass this. Thank you, Madam President.

President Wilshire

Further discussion?

Alderman Lopez

I was just curious. So did we have the other Mason's manual edition that we had specifically identified by ordinance or? Okay. So the idea is we're updating it so that everybody knows this is the version we should read so they're not confused as to what pages or whatever?

President Wilshire

Correct.

Alderman Lopez

Okay, just making sure.

Alderman Jette

Yes through you Madam President if I could ask Corporation Counsel a question about the effective date of this ordinance. Do I have to read this tonight before we can proceed or?

Dorothy Clarke, Deputy Corporation Counsel

I'm not 100% sure I heard or understood the question.

Alderman Jette

So my question was, when is the effective date of this ordinance and does that require us to read this new edition of Mason's before our next meeting?

Dorothy Clarke, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Yes we do have it effective upon passage. We could put the date out two weeks if desired. I don't think substantively there's probably a lot different. I did check to see if Mason's had indicated sort of what the differences were with this new edition. The publisher of it has made a brief list. I can read you where they say, here's what's different in the 2020 edition of Mason's manual. They say the use of certain words were changed for consistency, sections about remote participation were added, the section about legislative privilege and immunity was rewritten, the section about the enrolled bill rule versus the journal entry rule was reorganized, more internal cross references were added, parliamentary manual citations were reviewed and updated as needed, case law from 2009 to 2019 was reviewed, and case citations were updated as needed, and the index was updated.

So amendments to make it more modern and updated but I doubt that to the very basic rules that the Board tends to utilize are changed in any way.

Alderman Jette

Okay, thank you. Would it be possible for you to distribute that memo that you received from a publisher?

Dorothy Clarke, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Yes, yes.

Alderman Jette

Thank you.

Alderman Comeau

Thank you, Madam President. I know, the older version we had a couple extra copies, I believe, at the City Clerk's Office that were available to the public on request. Do we have extra copies of this if anybody wants to check it out and review it?

President Wilshire

The new one?

Alderman Comeau

The old one we did. I'm curious if we got enough extra copies of the new one to make that available as well.

President Wilshire

I'd have to defer to the City Clerk.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Yes, we do.

Alderman Comeau

Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

I was just going to point out that this one is stamped and labeled. So I assume everybody else is and we probably should give them back at the end of our term?

President Wilshire

Correct.

Alderman Lopez

Do we have to give back the old ones?

President Wilshire

Well we're not using the old ones anymore. So if you have it and you're able to turn it in, that's fine. Okay. The motion is for final passage of Resolution 22-13. Further discussion on that? Seeing none.

MOTION CARRIED

O-22-014

Endorsers: Alderman John Sullivan
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Alex Comeau
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Tyler Gouveia
Alderman John Cathey
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderwoman-at-Large Gloria Timmons

NO PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF A SECTION OF EAST DUNSTABLE ROAD

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

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Muccioli

Thank you. So I know that I'm a day late and a dollar short regarding the disc golf course at Roby Park. Denise Muccioli, 6 Midhurst.

President Wilshire

Thank you.

Denise Muccioli

I am an abutter to Roby Park. Just three main points. One is safety, two is environment, and three is I'm going to question the process it we got this approved. I don't know if anybody here knows a disc can fly at 40 miles an hour to 70 with the record being 80 miles an hour. They can fly up to 400 feet. What do you think's going to happen when I'm walking my dog down that trail and somebody's not paying attention? A little kid is gonna get hit playing baseball. I have on the Professional Disc Golfers Association testimony from people where they've knocked people in the back of the head, knocked them out, bloody them, broke their nose, things like that. These are from golfers so they're not from people that don't like disc golf. I don't care one way or the other about disc golf but I do care about my safety. There's people behind there that walk their dogs. There's elderly people. There's hearing impaired people. Where we live in the condos, people let their kids play on the edge of the woods. So where they're putting the disc golf basket and they're cutting down our trees, there's a good potential a kid's going to get knocked in the head with one of those. Even a professional, his disc can go awry and harm somebody. Okay, so there's a good potential. If you look at the National Institute of Health, there's good potential that there's going to be head injury. Is everybody willing to take that risk because I'm not? I want to be able to walk my dog and not worry about getting knocked out or having my dog injured. Okay. So that's one thing.

I'm an animal lover. They're ruining that environment. We in Nashua we don't have many wild places left. I've lived here since 1960 something and I will fight till the day I die against further destruction of habitat. We have behind where I live, we have bear, bobcat, Fisher, raccoon, and so forth. There's a lot of people that use those trails and I'm telling you right now which are ripe for injury. Really bad. You could hit a car or whatever.

Secondly is the parking issue which I have right up to the Mayor before. I have photographs if you folks want to look at them. I live at Oak Hill. There's no light. I live across from the fire station. On a Sunday you have Little League tournaments parking at both sides of the street. You've got cars traveling and then you have a fire engine that needs to get to a fire.

Alderman O'Brien

30 seconds

Denise Muccioli

And guess what, there's going to be a problem. I'd like to work with people. I'd like to send a proposal to you all about some safety things. How are they going to stop us from using the trails when then using the disc golf? Are you going to shut the trails down completely so we can't use the trails? That's a big issue. It's just a big mistake. They're cutting down live vibrant trees. They're infringing upon the wetland. What process would you use? How come none of the abutters weren't notified? No site plan was put out. \$5,000 was spent.

Beth Scaer

Hi. Beth Scaer, 111 East Hobart Street. I just wanted to talk about my lovely flag to say women's sports flag and the one the Mayor had taken down about 18 months ago. I was able to attend a couple of events with the Mayor - the public health week kick off and the Coffee with the Mayor event. I was really glad he was able to bring my flag and make a showing. I was glad I was able to talk to the police outside the Coffee with the Mayor event and confirm that it's legal to be on the sidewalk with my flag. I just wanted to let the Mayor know it's the Boston City Hall flag case is still working its way through the US Supreme Court and I'm looking forward to a ruling that would definitely work via against the City of Nashua if my flag doesn't go back up on the citizen flagpole. So hope to see the Mayor again soon. Thanks. Bye.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Seeing no one else. I'm sorry Ms. Ortolano.

Laurie Ortolano

No problem. Laurie Ortolano, 41 Berkeley Street. A couple things. The road project that you looked at yesterday and bonded, I think, to do the next five years. Terrific. The road project I think is a very nonpartisan issue but I would ask you to be mindful of the patching and the cutting into roads that's going on in this project. There's been a lot of questions raised about proper cuttings and patching done on roads when we're spending this amount of money and we're not doing the proper patching. Hall Street's got some beautifully well done patching done when they've had to open a road that has been paved or even due to paving and there's been plenty of studies by the DPW Department regarding the consequences of cutting into freshly paved roads and then having to patch them. If the patches aren't done well, that you affect the life of that road by 30%. It's really significant. Go out on Broad Street - you see five or six patches between Coliseum Ave. and Broad Street School that are really exceptionally poorly done on a newly paved road. We spent millions on that. Go down Hall Street and you see beautifully done patches. They're done by two different vendors. If let's say Pennichuck does some of the cuts, their work might be of a different quality for patching than let's say Liberty. We need to get consistency and compliance with the patching process because we're spending an awful lot of money on these roads.

Another thing – Assessing. We know our Assessing Chief has moved on. I want to make certain that that has no impact on the release of the numbers in July. I am very concerned by the no bid process done for the \$82,000 contract awarded to EZRI to create an interface between the Arc GIS system and the assessing software. That was a sole source bid and I would like to recommend that when the administration brings forth projects that are not bid, that it be marked in the proposal when it's given to you that this is sole sourced. I don't believe that should have been sole sourced. I don't think - you had other options and I had to do a lot of research but there is a community in Nashua not far from here, half the size with 40,000 plus people that put that interface in place. When I called them and told them we paid \$82,000 for a consultant, they were blown away. They said we paid nothing. We did it ourselves in the IT Department and I'd strongly recommend you just take your time and do it. We're rushing this for some kind of transparency plan...

Alderman O'Brien

30 seconds

Laurie Ortolano

...in Assessing that is not necessary. If you want us to have transparency, just give us the sales data in a spreadsheet and we'll be good to go. I would like you all to be able to confirm that we're on target for July for those numbers. I have to turn in a memorandum to the courts Friday for training for the city regarding Right to Know. I have a lot of reservations

that the city will not be compliant with any type of training because the legal office has given me so much trouble. So thank you very much.

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman Sullivan

Thank you, Madam President. A few things just going back earlier in the meeting. Sometimes I think and I ask the question of myself what happens if we do nothing? I think that that question is applicable to a lot of different things that whatever we do outside of this chamber but sometimes it happens especially with legislation. I felt that that was a tactic in search of a strategy or a step in the right direction of a destination where we're not really sure where it's going to go. Time is spent. Maybe money is allocated, maybe it's not. Here's the thing. I want the same outcomes that a lot of you do. I just want to make sure that what we do and everything we do we can point to in five years and say yeah we did that. That's the idea.

Second, a week from Thursday is my first Ward meeting. So if there's anybody in Ward 9 that's listening – New Searles School, 7 o'clock, Cinco de Mayo. Come down. It's in person. Like I said, New Searles. We'll have special guests and it will be fun.

Alderman Klee

Thank you Madam President. I'm the liaison to the ADPAC which is the Animal and Dog Park Advisory Committee. One of the things that they had discussed was some of the issues that we have in our parks, and our athletic fields, and so on. In the past, Ward 3 has put together different cleanup crews. We did the Shattuck Street Tot Lot. We did Locke Street. We did Whitney Street. The Tolles Street Mission also put together a project to do Whitney Street and even some of the properties with permission of the owner. That was a Tolles Street Mission that did that. In all cases, we were lucky enough our Public Works provided us with bags, and gloves, and so on.

So in discussing this, one of the things that they had said was they wanted to put a Ward challenge to see if the Wards wanted to do this. So I have two little fliers that I will hand out to each of the Aldermen and I have an electronic version as well. I'm not forcing any Alderman to take place in this but I'd like to see your Ward at least take place in it. The challenge is here is to pick a park, a tot lot, even an athletic field if you think that that would be good enough, and let's all work together to take one and clean it up. That would be nine locations within the city. Citizens do want to help. I can tell you that Ward 3 not only brought people in from Ward 3, we had people from Ward 6 and Ward 1 they came and helped us. We advertised and so on.

So why the two flyers? Well, the one flyer that I have here says contact your alderman and I give the link to the list of the Aldermen. The other one says to contact me. The ADPAC Committee wants to help and work on it and I've spoken to Parks. One of the things that we did say was pick any day that you think would work for your Ward. Pick whatever park you would work for. I would not pick Mine Falls simply because they have their own little group that kind of goes through that and that would be kind of cumbersome. You want to be able to pick something that will work within a day.

Alderman Lopez

A little group though.

Alderman Klee

Yeah they have a very large group that goes through and works on Mine Falls. I put on this that the nomination period ends on May 15. I know that many of the members, including myself, on the ADPAC Committee would also help. We would pitch in. Now I started saying - and I apologize because I stumbled over my own words. One of the things that Parkes asked is that we don't do it on a Saturday. The reason for it is that they will come and pick up all the bags. We do not have to do that. If they didn't come till Monday, that means those bags are going to sit there for two days. So it's best to do it on a Sunday or weekday. I think Sunday is probably the better thing. I can tell you for myself that when we did it in Ward 3, we started between 10 and 11 o'clock on Sundays. We did it til two o'clock. When two o'clock came, we were done. Maybe you're gonna want to do it less, maybe you're gonna want to do it longer. I'll let you all choose what you want.

I think we have a lot of parks that need help. So why the ADPAC? One of the things that we find quite often is a lot of trash in these parks but there's also a lot of dog waste violations I'll call it for better lack of a better word. That means that we're going to get a little dirty, hence the reason for the gloves. I put on here please bring a poop rake scoop if you own

one. It doesn't mean that you have to pick up that. There's some people that absolutely positively would not be able to but trust me, there'll be enough trash for you to pick up and help clean. When we did the tot lot, we went over and we cleaned leaves, we cleaned branches, and so on. I'm not asking anybody to do that. Just the trash, just that. We had 27 bags and believe it or not, it just makes me very disgusted, we had four bags of poo. That was because as the kids came off the slides, they were landing in dog excrement. When Easter came and there was an Easter hunt, they were slipping in dog waste. That makes that tot lot unusable for our children, which is what it was meant for. So as a community, we got together and we cleaned it. That's the reason why these closed in tot lots have signs that say no dogs allowed in there.

I know that some of the schools - Charlotte Street is one of them where a lot of the people walk right up to the building, let their dogs poo there, and they don't pick it up. There's a lot of trash. I did speak to Mr. Smith and said we'd like to kind of do something like this. We're also going to work on signage because a lot of the places have conflicting signs. It'll say no dogs allowed in this area, right next to the sign that says keep your dog on a leash. So which is it? We are working on fixing those signs so that we don't have this conflicting information. Some of the signs refer to some of our ordinances and they're wrong/incorrect so we're going to be fixing that as well. So we're really trying to do everything we can. So at the end of the meeting, I'm going to hand these out. If you want to do it, that's fine. If you don't want to do it, let me know and I will try to reach out to your Ward but I think this is a great way. Alderman Sullivan is going to be having a community meet and greet where they can he can even talk to people that things are going on. That's wonderful. This is also a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and people want to help. Thank you very much.

Alderman Lopez

So not to step on Alderman Klee's challengers to the Board, but a couple of weeks ago we were invited to participate in the Best Buddies Friendship walk in Concord, New Hampshire. That will be June 11th at 9 am. I forwarded invites to any of the Board members who are interested in attending. It's a pretty short walk. Its handicapped accessible. It's about a mile long. It's what it's called - just Best Buddies Friendship Walk and it's to support the cause for adults and the inclusion of adults struggling, experiencing developmental or cognitive disorders. So I definitely want everybody to come. If you want more information, I posted it on my Alderman page but I also sent an e-mail to each one of you individually. So you're more than welcome to create your own page, see if you can get your own particular constituents to participate, donate, whatever they're interested in. Definitely a good cause and something worth raising awareness of. Thank you.

Alderman Comeau

Thank you Madam President. I don't have any major pressing business. I just wanted to thank you for your earlier moment of silence for Alderwoman Lu and Commissioner Plante. I consider them both friends and it's just an unthinkable tragedy. So I offer them both my condolences and to everyone, you know, when you go home tonight, hug your kids tell them that you love them. It's important. Life is short. Thank you.

Alderman Cathey

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just wanted to remind the public that there is another Parking Study on May 11th at 6:30 here in City Hall going over, you know, improvements to or what we want to do for the future of parking in Nashua.

Also I am the Special Liaison to the Senior Center Board of Directors. Right now they are recognizing that they want to be more attractive for more ethnic diverse populations in Nashua and so they understand that language tends to be a barrier. So they are starting a Spanish program where they want to start off with some basic words, teaching members Spanish so if people want to come either be a part of that or help the Senior Center in in evolving that program. I'm sure they would love the help. I think that's it.

Alderman Thibeault

Thank you, Madam President. I just have a couple things. So to Alderman Sullivan's point about, you know, I think we do all want some of us do want the same things when it comes to Court Street and maybe this trust fund works maybe it doesn't. I'm hoping it does and that's why I voted for it. I've heard other people in this horseshoe say they would they would sell that. They would bulldoze it. They'd bulldoze the Keefe Auditorium. So I can't fully trust that everyone is going to do what I believe or what I think my constituents believe. So I hope we do get the right things whether it's out of this, or whether it's some other thing, or I hope we do appropriate money to the Court Street building when that comes up.

The other thing is citizen flagpole was mentioned. Honestly, I think we should look at that and I don't know if that's something that's under our purview or not. I mean I love when we put, you know, flags up there for cultural reasons such as, you know, right now we've had the Ukrainian one up there. We have the Armenian Genocide commemoration day

that we put up there. When we do cultural stuff like that - French Independence Day, whatever. I think those are great. What I get nervous about is putting political type stuff up there and I think that's when it gets a little dangerous in the community. That's when I think people start to - that's where divisiveness comes in. No one can, you know, really argue about French Independence Day although, it probably had been called some things before when I was young. You can't really argue about something like that where you can argue about political statements and I think it's divisive. So, again, I don't know if that's something that we should look at but you know, just the comments earlier I just wanted to put that out there.

And lastly, disc golf. I wasn't gonna mention it but it was mentioned in the comments. I hope that it brings what I think it's going to bring to Nashua. I hope it's a good thing. I personally think it is. I hope there's no injuries. I hope, you know, a lot of the trees that are there stay there for the course. I hope the trail stay there and I hope no one gets hurt. I just think it's going to be good revenue for the city. We didn't have to spend money on it or very little money on it as a city. I hope it's a good thing. I wish it was still in my Ward. I lost my parks so I'm gonna have to go join another Ward for park cleanup I guess. But thank you, that's all I got.

Committee announcements:

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. Tomorrow night, April 27th, at 7 pm here in the chamber is the Committee on Infrastructure and its part of our continuing lack of a better term continuing education program. We're going to have presentations from the City Engineer and it's going to be on the paving program. I know those of us that were here at the meeting the other night saw a lot of it.

But second to, it's another important part of our infrastructure and that is parking garages, which we're going to focus on and look to keep those things both viable and if they need any type of repairs, and security, and what the like. So you're all invited. So hopefully we'll see you there.

Alderman Dowd

Yes. Tuesday, May 3rd having a Special Joint Special Building Committee meeting. It's at 7 pm at Nashua High North and its dealing was Franklin Street. We're having this special meeting because of time constraints to get the things done at Franklin Street so the school can be open next September, again. I don't believe it'll be very long meeting but a very important meeting.

Alderwoman Timmons

Yes thank you, Madam President. The Cultural Connections were cancelled yesterday due to no quorum.

Alderman Lopez

Yes. There will be on May 2nd, Monday, there'll be a Special Human Affairs Committee meeting. Regular humans are invited of course like, but we will be focusing on the CDBG funding and I'm hoping for some presentations by city departments regarding inspections and code enforcement.

President Wilshire

Thank you. I would like to thank Alderman O'Brien for Clerking for us tonight and wish Donna a speedy recovery and thank you to Attorney Clarke for filling in today.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN THAT THE APRIL 26, 2022, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE
ADJOURNED
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk