

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference and broadcasted on the Education Channel 99.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Clerk Susan Lovering recorded.

Prayer was offered by City Clerk Susan Lovering; Alderman June M. Caron led in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Wilshire

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

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing WebEx through the City's IT Department for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board of Aldermen have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen in to this meeting through dialing the following number (515) 604-9094 and using the access code 355 211 880. The Public may also view this meeting on Comcast Channel 99.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, through public postings. Instructions have also been provided on the City of Nashua's website at www.nashuanh.gov and publicly noticed at City Hall.

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or Channel 99, please call 603-821-2049 and they will help you connect.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods mentioned above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

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

The roll call was taken with 15 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Alderman June M. Caron, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderman Ernest Jette, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu and Alderman Skip Cleaver.

Mayor James W. Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steven A. Bolton, Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director, Carrie Schena, Urban Programs Manager, Deputy Police Chief Testaverde, and Bobbie Bagley, Public Works Director, were also in attendance via teleconference.

Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Alderman O'Brien?

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, I am alone and I can hear you.

Alderman Klee

Yes, I am alone at the moment, my husband and two greyhounds are in the house with me and could at any time come in. I can hear perfectly, thank you.

Alderwoman Kelly

I am here, I am alone currently and I can hear everybody.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I can hear everyone, I am alone and I am following social distancing in accordance with the Governor's order.

Alderman Caron

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

Alderman Clemons

Yes, I am here, I am participating via telephone, I can hear everyone and I am following the Governor's Executive Order.

Alderman Lopez

Yes, I am here, I am practicing social distancing and I am participating via WebEx and I am alone.

Alderman Tencza

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

Alderwoman Lu

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

Alderman Jette

I am here, I am alone, I can hear everyone and I am obeying the Governor's order to stay home.

Alderman Schmidt

I can hear you all, I am the only human in the room and I am following the CDC Guideline.

Alderman Laws

I am alone and I am very impressed at how good everyone has gotten at this.

Alderman Cleaver

I'm here, I am alone and I'm practicing social distancing.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am here, I am alone and I am practicing social distancing.

President Wilshire

I am here, I am alone and I am at home because of the Governor's Order.

Sue Lovering, City Clerk

There are 15 in attendance.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Also in attendance is Mayor Donchess, Corporation Counsel Steve Bolton and who else do I see out there? I see Deputy Chief Testaverde. Those are the only people I can see. Mayor, do you wish to address the Board this evening?

REMARKS BY THE MAYORMayor Donchess

Yes, thank you Madam President. I wanted to speak with you about a few things. The first and most immediate is a communication on your desk from Director Bobbie Bagley regarding a grant that we are (inaudible) program we are going to undertake with the CDC, Center for Disease Control Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit corporation that is associated with the Center for Disease Control. And fortunately for us, as a result of the very good work that the Health Department has been doing, the CDC Foundation has agreed to provide, at no cost to us, four employees to help with the COVID-19 Crisis. Two of these would work directly with the Health Department, one would work for Emergency Management and one would serve as a Public Information (inaudible). We really would like to get started with this; there is no cost to the City whatsoever, but we need to get this approved by the Board of Aldermen so that we can begin the hiring process. The CDC and the City will jointly interview people locally here and hire the four people as soon as we can. Again, no cost to the City. So Madam President, I do ask that the Board suspend the rules, accept the communication and approve the agreement or the arrangement with the CDC Foundation.

Of course the Health Department is still very active with respect to the COVID-19 Crisis. They are working still 7 days a week. There are now 178 cases that have been documented in Nashua. 100 have recovered. These numbers are as of this morning. So unfortunately, tragically 8 people have died and that leaves 60 active cases. Now in addition to working with the people who have tested positive, the Health Department traces all

the contacts that each of these patients who have tested positive has had over the days before their symptoms developed, to determine who else might have been exposed to the disease. So they are following right now 113 contacts but testing is increasing. The State is committed to a goal of 1,500 tests a day. They are at least coming somewhat either achieving that or coming somewhat close to it and therefore the Health Department has been allocated more tests by the State of DHHS, the Department of Health & Human Service.

Our Health Department conducted 151 tests last week; most people tested negative but there were a few positive tests. Also, they will be testing more people late this week and early next week. So if anyone believes that they meet the criteria to be tested which have been loosened, you need to call the COVID-19 Hotline, which is 589-3456, pretty easy to remember. So again I would ask that you accept the communication, place it on file and approve the arrangement with the CDC Foundation.

Another COVID-19 related piece of Legislation which is on the agenda is R-20-029. This has been reviewed in Committee and we would through this legislation create a COVID-19 Impact Fund of an amount in about \$1,200,000.00. This will be comprised of Community Development Block Grant Funds and other sources of Federal Money and would be used to provide smaller loans averaging \$25,000.00 to small businesses in Nashua who are going to need to try to recover once the economy begins to reopen. Also grants in the same amount, that same range to the non-profits, of course, many of whom are struggling because of the impact and inability to fund raise and things like that.

So I ask that you favorably act on the COVID-19 Impact Fund (inaudible) small business sector all over the City including downtown and is going to be struggling and after the COVID-19 Crisis after it passes to some degree and after we begin to reopen the economy, or any small business that needs to close for several months, that is a huge hit. So I think we need to do anything we possibly can to jumpstart these businesses, bring money in, bring customers to them and this COVID-19 Impact Fund is one step that we can take in that direction.

More briefly Madam President, a fairly significant item in size, R-20-025; this is a compactor at the landfill. It is a Caterpillar machine. The machine has worn out and it is not functioning properly; we need this for compacting at the land fill. The choice was between buying a new compactor at \$1 million dollars or reconditioning, rebuilding basically from the frame up the existing Caterpillar Compactor for a cost of \$500,000.00; one half the cost. The Board of Public Works is recommending that we go forward with the rebuild. It really creates a machine as good as new at half the cost. That's been recommended by the Committee so again I ask that you consider that positively.

Also, sponsored by Alderman Caron was the \$25,000.00 for the Senior Center, we have done that every year, helped them with their capital improvements over there, the condition of the building which we own and maybe Alderwoman Caron will speak to that.

And finally, Madam President, there's an item that you should not act on tonight, which is R-20-028 having to do with the School Street Parking Lot. That still needs a Planning Board recommendation which we have not yet received. Various Aldermen on the Budget Committee, you referred that, had questions we need to answer some legal issues raised by Alderman Jette and provide more information and do more work on that. So I would ask that you refer back to Committee. (no audio). That's all I have Madam President other than to wish everybody well, please wash your hands frequently and I know you are all doing that, wear masks in public. As much as we have cabin fever, as difficult as it is not to see each other in these meetings, we still need to exercise the social distancing and maintain the steps which have helped us contain the spread of the virus here in Nashua. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Mayor. Any response to the remarks of the Mayor? I can't see everybody. Any responses? Ok.

RESPONSE TO REMARKS OF THE MAYOR - None

RECOGNITION PERIOD - None

READING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the minutes of the Board of Aldermen meeting of April 14, 2020 accepted, placed on file, and the reading suspended.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ONLY PROCEDURAL ACTIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS FROM LIAISONS

From: Dan Hudson, City Engineer

Re: Review of Petition for Street Discontinuance – Portion of Palm Street

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file.

There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for an introduction of a communication that was received after the agenda was prepared.

From: Stephanie Ouellette of Opportunity Networks

Re: In Support of R-20-029; CARES Act/Amend FY2020 Action Plan with the hopes of its passage; Relative to accepting CDBG funding under the 2020 CARE ACT, amending the FY2020 HUD Annual Action Plan to reprogram existing CDBG funding and create a COVID-19 Impact Program.

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file.

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

From: Laurie Ortolano

Re: Communication for public input – concerned by the lack of communication from both boards regarding staffing and manpower in our city government

There being no objection, President Wilshire accepted the communication, placed it on file.

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You may also submit your comments via e-mail which will be accepted and placed on file with the minutes of the meeting. Please e-mail your comments to: BOA@nashuanh.gov

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING FINAL APPROVAL

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Contract Award for FY21 Unleaded Fuel Contract – City of Nashua - multi-year contract in an estimated amount of \$337,986 to Global Montello Group Corp.; one year with a one (1) year extension available

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO AWARD FY21 UNLEADED FUEL CONTRACT – A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT - IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$337,986 TO GLOBAL MONTELLO GROUP CORP. – ONE YEAR WITH A ONE YEAR EXTENSION AVAILABLE BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Contract Award for 2019 CIPP Program – Change Order 2 - in the amount of \$1,500,000 to Kenyon Pipeline Inspection

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO AWARD THE 2019 CIPP PROGRAM CONTRACT – CHANGE ORDER 2 – IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 TO KENYON PIPELINE INSPECTION BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

President Wilshire

Is there any discussion?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you very much, Madam Chairman. I just have a couple of questions about this. I went back to the Finance Committee notes and couldn’t find notes on this award. Is there any (inaudible) to address to answer the question. Anyone from the DPW or Street Department?

President Wilshire

No. Alderman O’Brien is raising his hand. He might know something if you have a question or you can ask a question to the Mayor.

Alderman O’Brien

Thank you Madam President and I can defer to the Mayor as well, but being the liaison to the Public Works Department, granted this is \$1.5 million but what we are talking about is the inspection of sewer lines that many in our city are aging. What this company will do, they will come in and will recoat those sewer lines, thus increasing the longevity. Now if we do not do this and the sewer line fails, besides creating the usual mess that would occur, it would be much, much more money and this is the economic value to the taxpayers besides digging up our streets and replacing these lines. We will get several more years out of our sewer system by coating these particular pipes.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Lu, did you have another specific question on this?

Alderwoman Lu

Yes, thank you Alderman O'Brien. I actually have a specific question; my question was just about I think we learned this will cover 10 miles. I was just concerned or confused because back in 2019 when we hired Kenyon, we paid them twice as much to do more miles. So my question is how did that, did they reduce their price by 50% or is it actually five miles or four miles that we are doing? So if I'm not clear, last year we approved \$2 million to do four miles. But my understanding is this year we are going to approve a little over \$1 million to do 10 miles. And I just wanted to be certain I understood that.

Mayor Donchess

Would you like me to answer that Madam President?

President Wilshire

Yes, Mayor, please.

Mayor Donchess

Well there are two ways that the sewers get replaced. Number one, when a sewer is in very bad shape, you have to dig it up and replace, you know, you go into the ground down to the sewer and replace the line. That is a very expensive proposition as Alderman O'Brien (no audio) almost 10 times the cost of the lining. Last year there was more replacement and some lining so the cost was more for a shorter distance. This year we are, the plan is to line 10 miles, of course it all depends on what they see when they get in there. (no audio) inspection and then lining but if they find something really bad they might have to do something different. But the estimate is for this money they will be able to inspect and line. What they do is put a plastic pipe inside the sewer and they should be able to, the estimate amount (no audio).

President Wilshire

Alderman Klee? I'm sorry, Alderman Lu did you have a further question?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you I'm sorry the sound went out. But that's ok. My review of those minutes were that it was CIPP work that was being done and I just wanted to be certain that the dues were right. But thank you Mayor Donchess.

Alderman Klee

Yes I just wanted to comment that during that meeting when they were there and I remember asking very specific questions about did this contract also include some of the sewer work that was happening, because I know on Orange Street they are really digging it up and replacing it. This particular one was just for the lining. I think some of the last years they did kind of incorporate the lining and they did very little lining comparative to what they are doing this year. I think they did do a lot more sewer work, but I can't be 100% sure and I am commenting to Alderwoman Lu. I do remember that I asked very specifically so I know this particular \$1.5 is only for lining, no additional sewage work. They may find something when they got in there but it was just going to be for sewage work, I mean lining, I'm sorry, I apologize.

Alderman Jette

Yeah, I just wanted to comment that both this last time when the Mayor spoke and when he was making his remarks earlier, there are times when he cuts out and I couldn't hear him. I don't know if anyone else is experiencing the same thing.

President Wilshire

Yeah, I think we all are. I think the Mayor cut out twice so far. So I am not sure if that is something on his end. Yeah, I experienced the same thing. So we will move forward and hope that clears up.

Alderman Jette

OK thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome; does anyone else have any discussion on this motion to award the contract to Kenyon Pipeline. Seeing none, would the Clerk call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

From: Mayor Jim Donchess

Re: Contract award for turbine, generator, and controls for Jackson Falls turbine replacement in the amount of \$1,271,700 to Mavel Americas, Inc.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN LU TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR TURBINE, GENERATOR, AND CONTROLS FOR JACKSON FALLS TURBINE REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,271,000 TO MAVEL AMERICAS, INC., BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

There being no objection, President Wilshire suspended the rules to allow for an introduction of a communication that was received after the agenda was prepared.

From: Bobbie D. Bagley, Director, DPHCS

Re: CDC Foundation

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ BY ROLL CALL TO ACCEPT, PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE THE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CDC FOUNDATION TO HIRE TWO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, ONE COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, AND ONE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR. THE CDC FOUNDATION WILL PROVIDE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL COST TO THE CITY OF NASHUA.

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS - None

NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS - None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Committee on Infrastructure.....	02/26/2020
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There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the February 26, 2020 Committee on Infrastructure accepted and placed on file.

Finance Committee.....	04/15/2020
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There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 15, 2020 Finance Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee.....	04/16/2020
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There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 16, 2020 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Budget Review Committee.....	04/20/2020
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There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 20, 2020 Budget Review Committee accepted and placed on file.

Human Affairs Committee.....	04/21/2020
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There being no objection, President Wilshire declared the report of the April 21, 2020 Human Affairs Committee accepted and placed on file.

Alderman O'Brien

Next Madam President, if there is no objection, would you suspend the rules to allow for the oral report of the Budget Review Committee being held last Monday night regarding the proposed Resolution R-20-028?

President Wilshire

Ok so moved.

Alderman Dowd

I am just following the Agenda I have and there's something else. I don't have anything here.

President Wilshire

You don't have an oral report for last night's Budget Review Committee?

Alderman Dowd

No but I can tell you that we did have discussion on R-20-028 and we are waiting for things to come back so we re-tabled it and not take it up this evening. I can see what else we covered.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

It's actually on Page 7 and it does say that it was tabled at the Budget Review Committee Meeting April 27, 2020.

Alderman Clemons

Madam President?

President Wilshire

Yes?

Alderman Clemons

I don't think the oral review is necessary because R-20-028 was tabled in the Committee and is not up for discussion this evening or at least the Mayor didn't want it to come. Obviously, that's up to the Board.

Alderman Dowd

Relative to the rest of the meeting we did Emergency Preparedness, which was reviewed, Emergency Management and CityWide Communications Budget, Economic Development, Parking Enforcement, Parking Operations, The Hunt Building. We had a discussion on the status of the Performing Arts Center and the Elm Street property redevelopment.

President Wilshire

I am trying to pull up my Agenda on my other computer, sorry.

Alderman Dowd

And that was pretty much it for last night's Budget Meeting.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Dowd.

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-018

Endorsers: Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Patricia Klee

Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderwoman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$25,000 FROM DEPARTMENT 194 "CONTINGENCY",
ACCOUNT 70100 "GENERAL CONTINGENCY" TO DEPARTMENT 109 "CIVIC & COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES", ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION 56 "OUTSIDE AGENCIES" FOR THE PURPOSE
OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO THE NASHUA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELDERLY**

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-018 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Caron

I'd like to speak on that please.

President Wilshire

Alderman Caron?

Alderman Caron

Yes thank you. First of all I'd like to thank the Board for supporting the proposal to give another \$25,000.00 to the Senior Center. As I spoke to the Budget Committee last week, I did ask them if they had a problem with us utilizing some of that money, after we put \$5,000.00 away into our reserve account as we usually do, and also to make sure we have some funds put aside so that we can continue to do professional cleanings of our bathrooms and kitchen throughout the year and the balance would be utilized for regular operations if needed. If not, we would continue to maintain and upgrade the facility as we have done for the last 5 years. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Caron. Anyone else? Would the Clerk call the roll?

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

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

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-018 declared duly adopted.

R-20-019

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Skip Cleaver
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH NASHUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVIER UNIVERSITY, TOWN OF HUDSON, TOWN OF MERRIMACK AND THE PLUS COMPANY FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-019 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderwoman Lu

I wonder whether considering the (no audio) the stay-at-home orders, is possible that this contract is going to put us in jeopardy of great expense to the City. (no audio) without having the ridership or are the proceeds rather are the entities that are let me just ask you that question as it is, thank you.

President Wilshire

Well it's my understanding right now that the bus - the transit system isn't operating except for para transit and senior services. But I'm not sure if that addresses your question or not?

Mayor Donchess

I do have an answer. The services provided under this contract are paid for by the towns and entities involved. So we get payment from the town of Hudson, Merrimack, etc. These are very critical revenues because this makes up our matching revenue to qualify us for all the Federal support that the Transit System received. So this particular service will not cost us money but in fact brings in vital matching funds.

Alderman Lopez

In addition to being essential for making sure we have public transportation following the conclusion of this pandemic, the bus company is operating on an on-call status for any Nashuans who need transportation. They are taking historic safety precautions and they are taking every opportunity to make sure that people are doing it safely, but they are still providing limited transportation as is appropriate in this

pandemic for people who don't have another alternative for being transported.

Alderman Clemons

I actually never made the motion so I am going to do that now.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-019 BY ROLL CALL

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

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

Resolution R-20-019 declared duly adopted.

R-20-020

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$69,566 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY "FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("FTA") OPERATING GRANT"

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN KLEE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-020 BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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Nay:		0
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MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-020 declared duly adopted.

R-20-025

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
 Alderman Jan Schmidt
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd
 Alderwoman Linda Harriott-Gathright

RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR THE REBUILD OF THE SOLID WASTE CAT COMPACTOR FROM THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND ("CERF") DURING FY2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000)

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERMAN JETTE FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-025 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Jette

I'd like to be heard on that. So in spite of the title this has nothing to do with compacting cats at the landfill. As the Mayor explained, the compactor is a front-end loader type tractor with large solid steel wheels which rides over the newly deposited trash at the landfill to compress or compact it. This machine was made by the Caterpillar Company and that's why they call it the "cat". It's an old 1999 machine which was being used as a back up when the primary compactor was down for maintenance or repairs. It had electrical problems and the engine seized and it was taken out of service in 2018. Solid Waste has been using a bulldozer as a backup, but a bulldozer doesn't have the required weight of a trash compactor and it just doesn't work properly.

As the Mayor explained, a new machine would cost \$1 million dollars to replace this one. But Milton Caterpillar Company is offering to refurbish this one for \$500,000.00 and they take it down to the frame, they sand blast it, they repaint it and rebuild it to a like-new status which will have a four-year warranty. A new machine only has a three-year warranty and they expect that the lifespan of this will be another 10 to 15 years. This machine, this 1999 machine gave us 20 years of service and with this refurbishment it will give us another 10 to 15 years. So the Board of Public Works recommends that this is the most cost-effective way of replacing that old machine. It has been vetted and approved by the Finance Committee, the Budget Review Committee and I ask for your support in adopting this Resolution this evening.

President Wilshire

Thank you. Further discussion on the motion for final passage of Resolution 20-025? Anyone else? Ok would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-025 declared duly adopted.

R-20-028

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

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

- ***Tabled at Budget Review Committee meeting of April 27, 2020***

Sue Lovering, City Clerk

President Wilshire if R-20-028 was tabled in Committee last night, I don't believe it is before the Board for a second reading, but I am going to yield to you on that decision.

President Wilshire

No I think it was tabled and further action in the Budget Committee will take place.

Sue Lovering, City Clerk

So I will continue on to the second reading of Resolution R-20-029?

President Wilshire

Yes, please.

R-20-029, Amended

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

RELATIVE TO ACCEPTING CDBG FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 CARES ACT; AMENDING THE FY2020 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO REPROGRAM EXISTING CDBG FUNDING; AND CREATE A COVID-19 IMPACT PROGRAM

Given its second reading;

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO AMEND R-20-029 BY REPLACING IT WITH THE PROPOSED GOLDEN ROD AMENDMENT MADE AT THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Lu

Thank you, Madam Chairman. What was the amendment?

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Kelly, do you have what was amended?

Alderwoman Kelly

I'm trying to pull it up.

President Wilshire

OK.

Alderwoman Kelly

Give me just a moment. I don't think it was anything from the actual Committee, I think it was just an amendment from the original office in terms of what they were putting in there. Does that sound right, President Wilshire?

President Wilshire

Yeah, I believe it is. I don't think there were any funding changes.

Alderwoman Kelly

Yeah, I think there was like a minor, oh you know what it was? We had to amend the citizen participation plan to allow for this to go through and to allow for us to allocate it. That's what it was.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you.

Alderwoman Kelly

Sorry I was trying to put my fingers on it but then I remembered – so that is what it was.

President Wilshire

Does anyone else have questions on the motion to amend? Seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-029 AS AMENDED BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTIONPresident Wilshire

Discussion on that motion?

Alderwoman Kelly

I would like to speak on it. So just a quick overview for everyone who was unable to watch our Human Affairs Committee. Basically this is pulling some funds and pulling it into a larger COVID response fund. We got money from the Federal Government and we also pulled some left-over money from last year. The Committee and also Director Marchant and Carrie Schena have done a great job of reaching out to our current CDBG applicants and talking to them. We think that their potential plans may be shifting due to what is going on with COVID. So this creates a fund that doesn't take too much of a burden on what we will be allocating in a couple of months once this is all over.

President Wilshire

Further discussion? Seeing none, the motion is for final passage as amended. Would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-029 declared duly adopted as amended.

Alderman Jette

Madam President?

President Wilshire

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Did we skip over R-20-020?

Alderman Klee

That's the one that I motioned.

Alderman Dowd

We voted on that.

Alderman Klee

Yes.

President Wilshire

Madam Clerk, we voted on that right?

Sue Lovering, City Clerk

We did.

Alderman Klee

I made the motion on that.

Alderman Jette

Ok I'm sorry I thought there were two related to the Transit Authority and one was money from the towns and one was money for the Federal Transportation Authority. Ok thank you.

President Wilshire

You're welcome.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-030

Endorser: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF \$10,000 WITHIN DEPARTMENT 156 "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT", FROM ACCOUNT 54407 "SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE" TO ACCOUNT 51300 "PAYROLL - OVERTIME"

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

R-20-031

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$122,122 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM"

Given its first reading; assigned to the HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE by President Wilshire

R-20-032

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF SIDEBAR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE NASHUA POLICE COMMISSION AND THE NASHUA POLICE PATROLMAN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE NASHUA POLICE SUPERVISOR'S ASSOCIATION REGARDING VACATION CARRYOVER

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

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR A SECOND READING OF R-20-032 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

And I'd like to speak to it. Yes, we have Deputy Chief Testaverde here and he can give us an overview. I have been working with the Chief and the Deputy Chief on getting this very important legislation passed this evening because it is COVID related. Deputy Chief, would you please take over?

Jim Testaverde, Deputy Police Chief

Thank you, how's everyone doing tonight? Thank you for having me. The current contract (inaudible) carry over 5 vacation days into the next year up until May 1st. Once you hit May 1st it either goes into your bank for retirement or you forfeit the days. We currently have 58 employees in these two unions that have anywhere from 1 to 5 days that they are not using purposely because of the pandemic and we greatly appreciate the fact that they are not just sitting home burning the days when we need them to come to work. So therefore we don't want to penalize them for it. At the same time we didn't want them to be able to carry it indefinitely so we set an expiration date of October 1st.

Alderman Dowd

Thank you Deputy Chief. This is truly fairness to the City and to the Officers involved so I ask that we pass this, this evening.

President Wilshire

The motion is to suspend the rules, so did we already vote on that?

Alderman Dowd

Not yet.

President Wilshire

Ok so the motion is to suspend the rules. Any further discussion on that? Alderwoman Lu.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you, Madam Chairman. Do we have discussion on the bill itself?

President Wilshire

We will.

Alderwoman Lu

I mean do we do it before we decide to suspend the rules?

President Wilshire

Well if you want to talk about it, we have to suspend the rules just to get it before us.

Alderwoman Lu

OH ok, thank you.

President Wilshire

The motion is to suspend the rules. Further discussion? Would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea:	Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
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MOTION CARRIED

R-20-032

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF SIDEBAR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE NASHUA POLICE COMMISSION AND THE NASHUA POLICE PATROLMAN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE NASHUA POLICE SUPERVISOR'S ASSOCIATION REGARDING VACATION CARRYOVER

Given its second reading:

MOTION BY ALDERMAN DOWD FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-032 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I'd like to make a motion for final passage of R-20-032 by roll call and I'd like to also speak to that again.

President Wilshire

Alderman Dowd.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, these side bars have been signed by both the Unions and the Police Commissioners and it was determined that it had to come to us for a Resolution since it has some cost impact, minor as it may be.

But it again is so that the Police Officers aren't treated unfairly because of the COVID-19 pandemic. So I would ask that we pass this.

President Wilshire

The motion is for final passage of Resolution 20-032 by roll call. Discussion? Alderwoman Lu?

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you, Madam Chairman. I think we should consider whether, my understanding is that crime was down in Nashua. I haven't heard that the Police Department is under COVID-19 has affected them. I just know that vacation time is something that a lot of the public is being required to take right now. I just question why it is described as being treated unfairly to be asked to just follow the contract as written at a time when (inaudible) is not over-tasked and at a time when we are looking ahead to later when people get out of their homes and all of our services will be more heavily tasked at that time. I feel that we should have a compromise of some type. I don't know why the Police Department waited until two days before the deadline to come to us and ask us to vote on this. I think Officer Testaverde said that May 1st is the deadline. I just think we keep in mind that there will be things that we will need to do to minimize or address the expenses that we are experiencing, perhaps requiring somebody to take their vacation time is not unreasonable. Thank you.

Alderman Dowd

Can we have Deputy Chief Testaverde explain the urgency?

Jim Testaverde, Deputy Chief

Thank you very much. To answer some of those questions, first of all when the pandemic hit, everyone in the City as you very well know, kind of went into high gear and as the Mayor stated before, this is still a 7 day a week process. For that reason, one of the very last, maybe number 97 on our list of things to do was to go through the contract to see what items might be affected by the pandemic. After about a month or so, I was approached by some of the Union Members to just say, basically the way they framed it was, "we understand that you guys have a lot going on, we are sorry to bring this up, but there are several people that are going to lose the days. Do you want us to just start taking them"? And I sat down with the Chief and said, "No we don't want you to start taking them". We have been affected by the COVID-19. If you give me a moment I can go into my desktop and try to pull it up but I am estimated, at one time we had as many as 7 officers on quarantine. Right now we only have 2. But those keep shifting like the rest of the country, into different pockets.

In addition to that, we always need a minimum amount of officers on the street so to ask officers to start taking time off. Officers right now are allowed to take time off; they are taking it a day here or a day there. But we don't want 58 people to all of a sudden try to take block week vacations just to ... I know that there's nowhere for them to go but I don't want them to just sit at home and just for the sake of burning the time. When, hopefully soon, we get out of this pandemic and to address your concern Alderwoman, we have also in the contract all 58 people can't take time off at the same time. It is limited to any four per shift and there will never be a time when I would turn to anyone here and say, "Unfortunately we have half of the officers on the street right now because they are all off on vacation," we just wouldn't allow that to happen. I didn't use the term "unfair", or if I did, I apologize. This is just something I don't want to punish them for lack of a better term for doing exactly what I expect them to do during a time of crisis and that's coming into work every day and doing their job. If that answered the question.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you. I just wanted to say that I am going to absolutely be supporting this 100%. People have had, myself included, have had their vacations ruined by what has been going on. And in some cases, we've

gotten our money back, some people have gotten credits, some people are out the entire expense, whatever they put forward. You know a lot of these officers have young children and things like that and you know it is just not fair to somebody to have this happen and then say to them, "Well sorry but we are not going to give your granted time off and it is what it is" especially when there's nowhere to go even if they wanted to. I mean it's not like you can go to the beach or you can go to Florida. Everything is closed.

So to me this is one of those, we live in an exceptional time and what I mean by that is we are making exceptions to rules that are steadfast in every single industry across the spectrum. So the City has to do that as well. If that means that we have to allow for the Police Department employees to have extra time to be able to take their vacation without losing it, I don't see that as an issue. And I would even go so far as to say that if this continues and we are in mid-June or whenever with the stay-at-home orders, that it probably would make sense for this to even come back to us and I would certainly support it. You know depending on the situation and whether or not people had enough time just based on the number of employees to actually take their vacation. So I am in full support of this and I hope that my colleagues will understand that again, we are in exceptional times and we need to do exceptional things and this is one of them.

Alderman Lopez

I can't agree with the statement that because crime is low the Police are under less pressure. The Police are on the front lines and they are out working everyday with people having no idea what their health conditions are or what their risk factors are going to be. And I think members of the Board who may not be working directly with the public need to be really conscious of what that feels like because Police Officers are choosing to go and serve the community knowing that they could contract COVID-19 from a person who might be disorderly or from some parents who won't vacate a playground something that they handle in a very discreet, casual and respectful manner, but they can bring home to their family and their loved ones, a serious illness. I think that puts a huge amount of pressure on our Police Officers and I think we need to recognize that.

I also think that using vacation time as vacation time and not as a cost reduction mechanism is important. We need to leave that ability to them because not to put too much a point on it but I will remind the Board that before we had a Global Pandemic we were struggling with First Responder Suicide and I do not think that situation is getting better with unbelievable circumstances at play here where the Police are being asked to enforce historic measures that not everybody agrees with. We need our First Responders. That includes Police, to be able to help our community when it needs help the most and I don't think we need to be distracting them by quibbling over details like this. I think their request is entirely reasonable.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I want to echo Alderman Lopez's words. First Responders are out there just doing their normal job but as well as being there under these stressful circumstances. They are the First Responders they are right online. I know recently we had an incident here in Ward 3 where I won't go into the details of it but someone was found no longer living. They are always one of the first ones right there, no matter what. I know suicides are on the rise and of course they are there for those. Just because crime isn't up doesn't mean we shouldn't be doing this. So I do echo the last two speakers, thank you.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you, Madam Chairman, I don't mean this as a cost cutting measure. I know that it is a very, very important job. I see it though as nobody else gets to decide that they are going to hold off their vacation until this is all over and I you know, I just think that there is some benefit to compromising, because we are going to need a lot of staff when this is done. Thank you.

President Wilshire

Any further discussion for final passage. I just wanted to weigh in on this. I too believe like Alderman Clemons and Alderman Lopez and Alderman Klee that these are First Responders, these are people we need right now. More than ever we need our First Responders out there. We can't be out there; we need to count on them to be there for us. And I appreciate everything they do and to delay one to five days for 58 people is not more than we can afford to it but it is something we can do. Anyway I get a little passionate about it but I think we are asking a lot of our Police Department, our Fire Department, all of our First Responders and I think this is very minor in the scheme of things and I believe we should pass this this evening, so thank you. Anyone else? Would the Clerk please call the roll?

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

- Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza,
Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws,
Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire 14
- Nay: Alderwoman Lu 1

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R-20-032 declared duly adopted.

R-20-033

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

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONFIRMATORY DEED TO PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS

Given its first reading; assigned to the COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE and PLANNING BOARD by President Wilshire

R-20-034

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

APPROVING THE COST ITEMS OF SIDEBAR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE NASHUA BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND THE FIVE NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIONS REGARDING A POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITING INCENTIVE

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

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

PERIOD FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMENAlderman Dowd

Yes, I want to thank everybody for helping on that sidebar with agreement between Unions and their Labor Boards are extremely hard usually to get past. In this case, both members who signed it were in full agreement with it, as was I as the liaison for the Board of Aldermen to the Police Commission. The Police Commission signed off on it. So I am very happy that we passed that and I want to thank Deputy Chief Testaverde for being here this evening and providing his input.

This other sidebar that will be addressed by the Budget Committee, it is nothing that has to be imminently done, it has to do with recruiting and has a really minor financial impact. But we will be addressing that in Budget.

Alderman Jette

Yes, I want to acknowledge this past weekend, a group from the Gate City Striders, which is the running club in Nashua showed up in Ward 5, Main Dunstable Road and Ridge Road and obeying social distancing, they gathered, I don't know how many bags of trash along the roadway. They filled up a flatbed trailer with it and I want to thank them for doing that. I also want to acknowledge that the Nashua Rotary Club, this coming Saturday, a group maintaining social distancing, a group of members of the Rotary Club are going to clean up the Rotary Common which is the park on Main Street near Salmon Brook, where Salmon Brook crosses Main Street. So my hat is off to both of those groups. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

Yeah, I just wanted to thank everybody who donated to the Involved Impacts Fund Raiser to purchase N95 masks to donate to First Responders. I really wanted to thank all of the performers and musicians and entertainers that donated their time throughout April to do the on-line thing because I think people have been really struggling with the social distancing, people have been feeling very isolated. Their routine is really abruptly terminated where they may be used to seeing their favorite musicians or you know being able to go out on a Saturday night and this kind of gave them something to work with, some familiar faces. So I wanted to thank all of them for contributing their time. I wanted to thank the Mayor for guest starring in our final event as well.

On a more somber note, I wanted to express my condolences to the family and friends of Bill Nelson. I know Paul Shea and Julia Shea are feeling his loss deeply. My thoughts are with you.

Alderwoman Kelly

Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to thank everyone for their support of the Coronavirus Aid Fund and getting that together. I know that will be critical for non-profits and small business owners in Nashua as we try to get some aid to them as they are struggling through this as well. And I wanted to, I feel like a broken record, but every time we get together, I just want to say thank you to our Front-Line Workers; everybody at City Hall that's keeping things going. There's so much work that's going into it and people are working overtime on all fronts. So I really appreciate that; we have a great group of non-profits here in Nashua. I am personally connected and know what is going on with the United Way and the Soup Kitchen but I know there are a lot of other organizations that are stepping up during this time. So thank you for that and together we will get through it.

Alderman Klee

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to say a couple things. I feel much like Alderwoman Kelly is that we sound like a broken record saying "thank you" but I don't think we can say thank you enough. And it truly is heartfelt and I do believe everybody understands it and it is from the person that is cleaning the

buildings to our grocery store workers, to our front liners, to our health care facilities and so on. I also wanted to add that I had a conversation with Director Bagley last night and one of the things in our conversation that came up was she asked me if I had Netflix. And I said, "Yes I do" and she said, "There's a great series called Coronavirus, it's 30 minutes". They are going to be doing a few of them; I watched the first episode which is the only one available and it was phenomenal. It explained Coronavirus, how there's just not the three of SARS and MERS and the one we are living through now. It explains that there are 7 of them and it starts very small, it explains exactly what a virus is. And I actually took away, as scary as all of this is, it took away some of the fear of understanding that we are really on the right track. It's called "Coronavirus something" I forget what the last word is. But anybody who has Netflix, if you search for Coronavirus I think it will be very, very helpful. And I want to say that we really are all in this together, there's no one person that would not be willing to reach out and help. I know from this Board; I see it constantly so I want to say thank you to all of you too. Thank you.

Alderman Dowd

Yeah, I just want to follow up on one thing from the Police Commissioner's meeting yesterday and Deputy Chief Testaverde can back this up that the Police Department in Nashua just went under a new accreditation for law enforcement agencies. I hope I have that right for the acronym, but they got almost, if not a perfect score, almost a perfect score. And the people that did the inspections were so impressed by the Nashua Police Department and their process and procedures that they took some of those back to incorporate into inspections of other Departments. So the Department got a Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done and I think that goes a long way to showing exactly how great a Police Department we have here in the City of Nashua. So my thanks to the Chief and his deputies and all of the officers of the Nashua Police Department.

Alderwoman Lu

Thank you, Madam Chairman. I just wanted to comment that it is a little bit disappointing to me that many of my colleagues have made it clear that staffing is off limits and I just have a feeling that we have an opportunity to share ideas and feelings with regards to the financial situation that we will possibly be in. Not to share ideas out, these things is just disappointing to me. Rather than have a full discussion about it just to, I would rather go into future decision-making process with the benefit of the Board's input as well as some time to reflect it and discuss it with people in my Ward. And I know one of our residents has asked for discussion among us about how this situation is currently affecting revenues and expenses and I don't see that discussion among us at these meetings and I too think it is disappointing. I'm sure there are a lot of people that watch, that would like to know what we are thinking about, how we can address the shortages that the States have been predicting we will have.

I hope that we can be more open minded and talk among ourselves about these ideas, rather than shut down, come to these meetings with our minds set already. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

Madam President, (inaudible) personal privilege can I just state that I don't appreciate having my intentions visited by other Aldermen. I don't consider staffing to be off limits and I didn't make up my mind before this at all. It falls short of our decorum, making observations about what other Aldermen's intentions might be.

Alderman Klee

I agree.

Alderman Cleaver

Yes, I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank the Mayor for an outstanding job and the entire administration for an outstanding job under very, very, very difficult circumstances. They can be very

proud of our City's Leadership and what we have been able to accomplish despite all the hurdles and difficulties. So thank you Mr. Mayor.

President Wilshire

I agree Alderman Cleaver, thank you for that.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you, Madam President. I happen to notice today on Facebook one of my former organizations being on the Fire Department, Nashua Fire Fighter's Local 789 has hit its 76th year of being in existence. I wish I knew of it last year to wish them a Happy 75th, but we will do it on the 76th. One of our very important first responders that have stepped to the plate in many different ways such as the Police and Public Health and our nurses and our doctors from our two wonderful hospitals. I know Local 789 has done a lot for the community, whether it be at Christmas Time, passing out Christmas baskets to the needy to even their program of helping the NDA and also working to supply coats for some disadvantaged children through the School System. So I hope they continue with their great community work; granted, at times, between the City and the Union may get sometimes adversarial, but we still like them and appreciate the work that they do. The Fire Fighters are saving lives and thank you for the indulgence to allow them to be recognized, thank you.

Alderman Clemons

Thank you, first I just want to address some things that were said in regard to discussing the finances of the City. For any Alderman who wants to discuss the finances of the City, I would recommend that they come to the Budget Review Committee Meetings because that's where we are discussing next year's budget. That is the appropriate place to ask questions and do the due diligence when it comes to deciding how we are going to move forward next year in a cohesive manner.

In addition to that, it is incumbent upon each one of us as an Alderman to do our own work and to make sure that we ourselves understand what is going on in the City. It is not up to other Aldermen to inform us of different things. That has been something that my mentor Brian McCarthy instilled in me. Because he told me, you know, if you have a question ask it. If you need to know something, go to somebody and ask it. The questions are not going to be answered by not asking the questions. So I would just like to state that because I think that some have the expectation that we are going to get an answer for everything and the thing is that unless you ask the question you won't get the answer.

And then lastly, I just want to reiterate and I said this at the last meeting, we need to make sure that we are listening to our local leaders here. Governor Sununu, Mayor Donchess and not necessarily what is coming out of Washington, D.C. Our local leaders have done a superb job in handling the COVID-19 Crisis, particularly here in Nashua. Mayor Donchess and his team have done outstanding work and as a result of that, I think Nashua has come out for the better because of it. So I want to just thank him and the Administration here. I want to thank Governor Sununu for his leadership. I also want to thank all of our First Responders who are out there every day doing a tough job that they signed up to do but I don't think ever might have crossed their mind that they would be dealing with the types of situations that we are in right now. So thank you, all of you and have a good evening.

President Wilshire

Thank you, Alderman Clemons.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you. I just wanted to say that although I didn't have a lot of time with Alderman McCarthy as my mentor, he did say exactly as Alderman Clemons just said. He taught us how to do our research, to find the

data for ourselves, to actually come to these meetings with information and it really does make things work better. And we work well together that way. Pardon me I think I screwed up my camera. The other thing I wanted to tell you was that today, April 28th, is Worker’s Memorial Day. Last year in New Hampshire six workers died at the job and today is the day to remember the fallen to honor their work and to honor their lives. Thank you very much.

President Wilshire

Alderwoman Lu, did you want to speak again? No? Ok. Have I missed anyone?

Committee announcements:

Alderman Dowd

Tomorrow evening at 7:00 we have a WebEx Meeting on Budget and we will be discussing the Police Department’s Budget. So I am sure we will see Deputy Chief Testaverde and Chief Carignan tomorrow night.

President Wilshire

Tomorrow night. Anyone else, Committee Announcements? Seeing none, Alderman O’Brien.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O’BRIEN THAT THE APRIL 28, 2020, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN BE ADJOURNED BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea:	Alderman O’Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderwoman Kelly, Alderman Dowd, Alderman Caron, Alderman Clemons, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu, Alderman Jette, Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Harriot-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire	15
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest: Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk



Enriching Our Communities by Connecting
Local Employers and Individuals with Opportunities to Succeed

To the Human Affairs Committee and Office of Urban Programs for the City of Nashua,

On behalf of Opportunity Networks, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for all the hard work you are doing to support local nonprofits during these very uncertain times. We are writing today in support of R-20-029; CARES Act/Amend FY2020 Action Plan with the hopes of its passage.

This legislation recognizes the vital role that nonprofits and small businesses play in the Nashua community by assisting their ability to remain open, retain employees, and/or provide critical services during this public health crisis.

Regards,

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*Division of Public Health and Community Services
Community Services Department*

"The Gate City"

April 28, 2020

To: John Griffin, CFO; Daniel Kooken, Purchasing Manager
From: Bobbie D. Bagley, Director, DPHCS
Subject: CDC Foundation

The Division of Public Health and Community Services has been awarded an opportunity to have staffing support of additional frontline public health workers to assist in the response to COVID-19. The CDC Foundation received a \$15 million dollar contribution from TikTok (the short-form mobile video platform) to hire hundreds of staff who can work with state and local governments during this pandemic outbreak. The DPHCS participated in the Emerging Leaders of Public Health last year and through these connections were offered this generous support to expedite hiring surge staff needed to meet the needs identified to increase contact investigations, contract tracing and mobile clinic testing in Nashua and the Greater Nashua Region.

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/our-commitment-to-covid-19-relief-efforts>

<https://www.cdcfoundation.org/blog/public-health-week-tiktok-donates-15-million-support-frontline-public-health-workers-coronavirus>

The DPHCS has requested four positions be funded through this initiative: two public health nurses, one communications specialist and one emergency management coordinator to work with the office of emergency management. The CDC Foundation will provide compensation and benefits for these temporary employees that will work with the DPHCS and the OEM without any additional cost to the City of Nashua, except to provide safe and secure workspace and resources needed to complete the work assigned by the City Division Directors and staff. The CDC Foundation will also supply the CDC Foundation employees with a laptop, software and phones required by these positions. The CDC Foundation employees will be working in Nashua for 12 months. These employees will only be working on COVID-19 activities.

There is no additional cost to the city for the contracted consulting services.

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