

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MAY 11, 2020

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, May 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in via teleconference.

Chairwoman Kelly

As Chairwoman of the Human Affairs Committee, 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 Human Affairs Committee 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 978-990-5298 and using the password 273974. The Public may also view this meeting on Comcast Channel 16.

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 16, 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.**

Alderman Wilshire called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 5 members of the Human Affairs Committee present:

Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Vice Chair
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Also in Attendance:

Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Chairman Kelly

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

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Present. I'm on the phone. I couldn't get in; the password is not working so I dialed in. I am here.

Alderman Klee

Yes, I am here, I am alone presently. My husband and my two greyhounds are in the house and I can hear everybody clearly.

Alderman Caron

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

Alderman Wilshire

I am here, I am alone and I can hear everyone as well. We do have a quorum.

Chairwoman Kelly

Great, thank you. I believe we also have in attendance Mr. Adamson from the Police Department, is that correct?

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Yes, Bill Adamson, Nashua Police and I am alone.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-031

Endorsers: 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 Thomas Lopez
Alderman June M. 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"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

Mr. Adamson, did you want to speak on this?

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

I would love to. This was kind of a surprise grant that we got from the Bureau of Justice Assistance through the JAG Program. Basically it is like a lot of this, it is a lot of the unknown. So we haven't totally narrowed down our numbers as far as what we are going to spend exactly on but the categories that we are going to do are obviously PPE Equipment. We are looking to probably do enough for each officer to have 3 to 5 sets of equipment; so goggles, masks, gowns so that they are properly equipped when they go out in the field to a COVID situation. We are looking at using the money for electrostatic disinfection machines. They've got a few different models, there's some backpack ones that can do the whole building, so our Building Maintenance people can do it. Our Fleet Maintenance would have another one so they could do their area of vehicles. There's also a cheaper handheld one so we could go through all the cruisers and disinfect those vehicles.

So hopefully it will keep us ahead of the curve or God Forbid if there is a spike in the fall, we will have that with our in-house maintenance people. And then also some money is going to be allocated towards contract services to have deep cleanings like probably quarterly or – again it is not etched in stone as to how we are going to set up those things. It comes down to how much those cleanings are going to be. But to have like the ServePro Company come in and deep clean the entire building, maybe on a quarterly basis for example. The grant is good for 2 years, so it started January 20th, so it is retroactive. Any purchases that we made January 20th of 2020 it just has to be specific to the Police Department. So it couldn't be something where the Fire Department bought COVID-related equipment, we can't put in for reimbursement for their stuff. It has to be specific to the Police Department. It's good for 2 years, so it's good until January 20th, 2020. It is a Federal Pass Through Grant and there is no match required. And that's all I have.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you. Are there any questions from the Committee? I'm looking, I don't see any hands. If there are no questions from my colleagues, I just have a couple of questions for you. I was interested in knowing first what did you call it an electric cleaner?

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Electrostatic, it's basically like a mist-er. So it is a machine, it sends a mist all over whatever surface you are hitting. So it beats the traditional, you know, you spray something and then you use a towel to wipe it down. Whereas our building maintenance guys would do that, but you are technically spreading more germs by doing that, because you do one table, and then I go to another table in a different area that could have whatever – the flu, COVID, germs. You are just basically transporting throughout the building and equipment. If you look it up, the company that we are looking at is called E-Mist.

They have the backpack cordless units, so those can do up to – I've looked at it very sparingly. The bosses have all the information. But it looks like that unit - it is the big unit for like a 54,000 square foot building. I don't know off the top of my head the square footage of the Police Department, but I would say that would suffice and I think what they mean by the square footage is when you put the solvent in like how effective one round would be. And then the handheld is a similar thing, it sprays a mist, droplets and that would be beneficial to the cruisers, not only the area where the officers are driving and all the equipment there. But also if we are transporting prisoners, being able to disinfect those and to do it without having to down the vehicles until our Fleet Maintenance people came in, and/or have a private company come in like ServePro or 24 Trauma. We would have the solvent, the equipment on hand to kind of do that ourselves right away and get the units back out on the street.

Chairwoman Kelly

That's really interesting, I hadn't heard of one so I was wondering what it was.

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Yeah, the handheld one is pretty neat. I've seen a few different variations of it. Some schools have had them. I think Haverhill, Massachusetts. There was something on the news about them. It looks like – have you seen those; they are like massagers but they pound – they are like the new craze. It looks like a glorified remote-control car controller, that's what I would say like the size of it. And then you just put the solvent in. You can put any solvent that you want in there. It doesn't have to be powder or liquid. You can mix a solution and put in there so it is not going to harm the unit so it is pretty durable.

Chairwoman Kelly

That's really interesting, thank you. My other question was you had said you are going to purchase enough for three sets for each Police Officer. Are those disposable, are you going to be reusing them?

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Again, the Administration is still talking about that. They just tell me, you know, what they are going to spend it on. I make sure it is appropriate. As far as I know, yes, they would be disposable. And again that's like the high-end. The price that one of the Captains got was that it would be about \$50.00 an officer to outfit for one setup. So I figured I think 5 to 7 of them put us at like between \$55,000.00 and \$62,000.00 to get them that.

Chairwoman Kelly

And that wouldn't be their regular set up it would just be if they knew they were going to a COVID situation?

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Yes where they would have to have close contact with somebody like a life or death situation but they have the time to gear up, when it is a situation where they can't social distance for safety.

Chairwoman Kelly

Understood. I mean obviously I am going to support this; it makes a lot of sense to give you guys some emergency funding. I am just interested in making sure you guys have what you need and being safe out there.

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Yeah and that's the thing, I don't think anybody would have expected something like this, but you know, Justin has helped us a lot. We've had private companies that have donated stuff, just like all the other departments in the City. Just the grant really helps us in the long run, if nothing happens, it gives us a stockpile of this stuff should something flare up in the next couple of years. And again those machines that e-misters, you can use those all the time. Those will get tons of use.

Chairwoman Kelly

Great. Is there any more discussion or questions from the group? Ok, will the Clerk please call the roll? Thank you, Mr. Adamson.

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Thank you. Have a good night.

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly	5
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

R-20-026

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

**ADOPTING THE 2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND EXPEND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021
(remains on the table)**

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Klee, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Committee Clerk