

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Monday, June 29, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

President Lori Wilshire presided; City Deputy Clerk Nicole Reyes recorded.

Prayer was offered by Deputy City Clerk Nicole Reyes; Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr. 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:

To access Zoom, please refer to the agenda or the City's website for the meeting link.

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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, Public Health Department and the Nashua Telegraph.

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.**

Deputy City Clerk Reyes 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 11 members of the Board of Aldermen present: Alderman Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Alderman Patricia Klee, Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Alderman Benjamin Clemons, Alderman David C. Tencza, Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu, Alderman Jan Schmidt, Alderman Brandon Michael Laws, Alderman Skip Cleaver, Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Lori Wilshire.

Alderman June Caron, Aldermen Ernest Jette, Alderwoman Shoshanna Kelly, and Alderman Thomas Lopez were recorded absent.

Alderman O'Brien

I am present, I can hear the proceedings and I am alone and I am practicing social distancing.

Alderman Klee

I am here, I am alone, I am practicing social distancing and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Dowd

Yes, I can hear everyone and I am here alone and I am practicing social distancing in accordance with the Governor's Order.

Alderman Clemons

Yes, I am here, I can hear everybody, I am by myself and I am following the Governor's Order.

Alderman Tencza

I am present, I am alone, I can hear everybody and I am staying home per the Governor's Orders.

Alderman Schmidt

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

Alderwoman Lu

I am here, I can hear you and I am practicing social distancing.

Alderman Laws

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

Alderman Cleaver

I am here, practicing social distancing and I can everyone hear everyone so far.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am present, I am alone, I can hear everyone and I am practicing social distancing.

President Wilshire

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

Nicole Reyes, Deputy City Clerk

There's 11 members present.

President Wilshire

Thank you. As is customary for Public Hearing, I will turn the meeting over to the Chairman of the Planning & Economic Development Committee, Alderman Tencza.

Chairman Tencza

Thank you, Madam President. The purpose of this Hearing tonight is to hold a Public Hearing on O-20-023 as amended, relative to advertising signage on umbrellas, awnings, and canopies in connection with outdoor dining.

Madam President, I don't see that anyone from the City is here to present on the topic, is that correct?

President Wilshire

I don't see anyone on.

Chairman Tencza

Ok, well in that case, we will start in with the Public Testimony.

Alderman Clemons

Sorry to interrupt. I can give you a brief overview of the Legislation if you'd like.

Chairman Tencza

If you could, Alderman Clemons, that would be great.

Alderman Clemons

Sure, so what this Legislation proposed to do is to eliminate the interpretation that an umbrella on the sidewalk that has advertising on it is a sign. And the reason being is that's signs are prohibited on public ways and sidewalks or in the pedestrian way. So this would exempt that if it is on an umbrella. That was pretty straight-forward.

Chairman Tencza

Thank you for that explanation. So now after that explanation, I will call for anyone who would like to give testimony in favor of O-20-023. If you would like to speak, rather than raise your hand, let me know and I will call on you.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

O-20-023, AMENDED - RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING SIGNAGE ON UMBRELLAS, AWNINGS, AND CANOPIES IN CONNECTION WITH OUTDOOR DINING

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

Chairman Tencza closed the public hearing on O-20-023, Amended.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CLEMONS TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING, BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Klee, Alderman Dowd,
Alderman Clemons, Alderman Tencza, Alderwoman Lu,
Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Cleaver, Alderman Laws,
Alderwoman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Wilshire

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Nay:

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MOTION CARRIED

The special meeting was declared adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attest: Nicole Reyes, Deputy City Clerk