

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 9, 2021

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber and via Zoom teleconference.

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

Members of the Committee present: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright, Vice Chair  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Members of the Committee absent: Alderman June M. Caron

Also in Attendance: Carrie Schena, Urban Programs Manager (via Zoom)  
Scott Slattery (via Zoom)

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman Kelly

If there is anyone who would like to do public comment, please raise your hand on Zoom. There's nobody in the Chamber other than us. I don't see any. I don't believe we have any presentations or communications.

PRESENTATIONS - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.  
Alderman Patricia Klee  
Alderman June M. Caron  
Alderman Thomas Lopez  
Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza  
Alderwoman Elizabeth Lu  
Alderman Jan Schmidt  
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright  
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly  
Alderman Skip Cleaver  
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**APPROVING THE USE OF ADDITIONAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR 10 PAXTON TERRACE**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE, BY ROLL CALL**

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

I believe that Ms. Schena is here. Did you want to speak to it quickly?

Carrie Schena, Urban Programs Manager

Hi. Good evening. Carrie Schena, Manager of the Urban Programs Department. Thank you for having me. The

Resolution before you is for a project that we currently have funded under our HOME Program. Also in attendance is Scott Slattery as you mentioned. He's the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity or Greater Nashua Habitat. They are in the process of constructing a two-unit building at Paxton Terrace. Like many of us have experienced, there has been a sharp increase in the cost of building materials. So Habitat came to our office and asked if there were any additional HOME funds that could ease some of that increase. Habitat itself will also be contributed to the increase. So before you tonight is a small amount and it's currently the balance we have available in the HOME Program. So once this amount is committed, there will actually only be a few hundred dollars left. This is a good use of such a small balance since it wouldn't be enough to do a new project. If there's any further questions, I think Scott would be happy to speak to them as well.

Chairwoman Kelly

Does anyone from the Committee have questions or if you'd like the floor quickly Mr. Slattery, you're welcome to make any remarks.

Scott Slattery, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

Thank you Madam Chair. Certainly as Ms. Schena has alluded to, Habitat for Humanity is building a duplex for two US Army Veterans at 10 Paxton Terrace in Nashua. I don't think that most people have to be told about the sharp increases in building materials over the past year, specifically lumber. We are estimating an increase of a little over \$50,000 for this project just due to lumber increases. We are asking the Committee and the City for an additional \$14,500 towards that \$50,100 amount. Habitat will be using agency funds and other in-kind donations to cover the additional \$36,000 and change to make sure that we can complete the project. I'm happy to answer any questions you folks have.

Alderman Wilshire

Thank you. Scott where are you in the project?

Scott Slattery, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

I'd say two-thirds done. The exterior framing is done. The roof has gone on. We're starting to put the windows and doors on. The interior is pretty much framed. We'll be starting rough electrical and rough plumbing within the next two weeks.

Alderman Wilshire

Excellent. Thank you.

Chairwoman Kelly

Anyone else from the Committee have questions? I would also just like to comment. I know I was there for the groundbreaking and this is a really good project. I also know the pain of the increase in building costs. Glad that the City can help a bit and thank you for your commitment to this project.

Scott Slattery, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

Thank you Madam Chair.

Chairwoman Kelly

Okay, Clerk please call the roll.

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

Yea: Alderman Kelly, Alderman Klee, Alderman Wilshire,  
Alderman Harriott-Gathright 4

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairwoman Kelly

I just wanted to let the Committee know that I've been speaking with Sarah Marchant and Tim Cummings. They are working in tandem with myself and others to come up with some additional legislation around affordable housing and they'd like to come in and talk to us at our next meeting. They were going to try to make it this meeting but I thought that would feel too rushed. So the next meeting they'd come in and tell us what they're doing with that and I know that I'm very excited to hear and share that. That's all I have for general discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 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, Alderwoman Kelly,  
Alderman Wilshire 4

Nay: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire  
Committee Clerk