

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

November 9, 2020

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, November 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in via teleconference.

Chairwoman Kelly

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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 4 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 June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Members of the Committee absent: Alderman Patricia Klee

Also in Attendance: Alderman Tom Lopez
Bobbie Bagley, Public Health Director
Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department
Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Kelly

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

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I am present. I am in this room alone and I'm practicing social distancing.

Alderman Wilshire

Alderman Klee? I don't see Alderman Klee on. Alderman Caron?

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. We have four members present.

Chairwoman Kelly

Alderman Klee also reached out and let me know she would be unable to make it tonight.

Alderman Wilshire

I'm sorry. Also with us tonight is Alderman Lopez, Bobbie Bagley and Bill Adamson.

Chairwoman Kelly

We will first call for public comment, if there's anyone from the public who would like to comment on something being discussed this evening, please make yourself known. I don't think I see anybody on from the public, but just making sure.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PRESENTATION - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-080

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$44,016 FROM THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE (“CTCL”) INTO CITY CLERK GRANT ACTIVITY “CTCL FY20 ELECTION ADMINISTRATION”

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Wilshire

I'd like to speak to it if I could?

Chairwoman Kelly

Yes, you can.

Alderman Wilshire

So I spoke with the City Clerk today. This was a grant they had applied for, kind of at the last minute. But it's a pretty generic grant, they can use it for any of the Administration that they did during the election cycle; there's match required, so that's it.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you, Alderman Wilshire. Is there any discussion or questions on this motion? The motion is for final passage. I don't see any. Can the Clerk please call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly	4
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-082

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$825,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A "CARES ACT REVOLVING LOAN FUND"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

So on our Agenda it said either Director Marchant or John Griffin would be here, I don't know if either would have liked to speak to that, but I don't see anyone else on the call who might speak to this. What would the Committee like to do? I always like to have someone that likes to explain to us what's going on here.

Alderman Wilshire

I agree. I can make a motion to table if that's in order.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO TABLE R-20-082 BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly	4
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-084

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

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000 FROM THE KRESGE
FOUNDATION INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY
“ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH IN COMMUNITIES”**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Wilshire

Director Bagley, are you here to speak on this?

Bobbie Bagley, Public Health Director

Yes I am, thank you. This is another opportunity for the Division of Public Health & Community Services and the City of Nashua through the Kresge Foundation to advance public health in our communities. And this funding was actually granted or awarded out to local public health departments across the country to focus on addressing certain focus areas related to COVID response. And we received this funding to advance our role in addressing cultural competency but not at the level where we started out with doing basic cultural competency training, but this at the leadership level. And so the funds will be used to train our leaders not just at the Health Department, but also some of our hospital leaders as well in looking at how do we create culturally effective organizations. So that is what these funds will be used for. It will cover a consultant providing the training that will focus on seven priority areas for each of us to look at in developing our organizations to be culturally effective. And it’s in response to what we saw out of the Governor’s Equity Task Force that identified racial and ethnic minority populations disproportionately being affected by COVID-19 and helping to position us in our leadership roles, to bring our organizations to a heightened level of competency around effectiveness in addressing those gaps in our populations. So I am excited about this funding.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you, Director Bagley. Is there anyone on the Committee who has a question or a comment? It’s such a quiet group. I would just like to comment, I actually am really excited for this, it’s important to have those cultural competencies and look at what’s going on in minority populations. So I appreciate that this was brought forward. Uh-oh, we lost Lori. Linda, do you want to call the roll on this until Lori gets back? We definitely lost her.

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron,
Alderwoman Kelly 3

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairwoman Kelly

We still have a quorum; I want to make sure we still have a quorum.

Alderman Caron

Yes, we do. We do.

Chairwoman Kelly

Hopefully, she'll join back up, do you mind being Clerk until she hops back on?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Yes. So we just did 84.

R-20-085

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$58,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "2021 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) GRANT PROGRAM" AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING FUNDS

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

The Motion is for final passage; I believe Mr. Adamson is here on this.

Bill Adamson, Nashua Police Department

Yes, so this is an annual grant that you guys see me for. This grant is a Federal Pass Through that we get through the New Hampshire Department of Justice and it funds, partially funds the Domestic Violence Unit. So it pays the salary of our Domestic Violence (phone ringing/audio cuts out) and also partially funds the officer assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. What they are tasked with is basically any domestic related case that comes in, they follow up with it, they follow through the prosecutorial process. They meet with the victims so that they can be heard and they have a voice in the way that the case is disposed of. And also it's used for training our officers in any updates in domestic violence law or procedures and also training with and for Bridges who we partner with on this grant. And there is a match on this as stated.

Chairwoman Kelly

And that's usual; thank you Mr. Adamson for that. Are there questions or comments from my Committee members? Welcome back, Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Wilshire

Sorry about that, my internet is spotty around here for some reason.

Chairwoman Kelly

No problem at all. I actually have a question if no one else does. You may not be able to answer this but I was interested in how this compares to previous years. I know that with COVID and people being stuck inside, the domestic violence has, unfortunately gone up.

Mr. Adamson

So it's pretty much every year, it's been level funding, it's been that \$58,000.00. Last year we received a little bit more because we partnered, well Merrimack partnered with us. They weren't a recipient, but we ended up, we ended up getting two – they are called Illumicams. And basically they are like a forensic light source camera so that it takes better pictures of injuries that may not be visible to the naked eye. So occasionally there are years that we get a little bit more but it's usually for something like that or for training for our domestic violence officer and advocate. But historically it has been level funded at \$58,000.00.

Chairwoman Kelly

I have no more questions, so I think you can call the roll?

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron, Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly	4
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairwoman Kelly

And that motion carries, Mr. Adamson?

Mr. Adamson

Thank you. And I just had one more question. Is this going to go for final passage with the full board tomorrow night?

Alderman Wilshire

I don't know if it's on the Agenda for tomorrow night. I'm not sure, sorry.

Mr. Adamson

No that's fine. I just figured I'd ask. Thank you.

R-20-087

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

**RELATIVE TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
AUTHORITY GRANT ACCEPTED BY R-20-002**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

The Motion is for final passage; I see Director Marchant just joined us. Hi Sarah, you look like you're in your car.

Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development.

I am, sorry (inaudible) practice tonight, but I'm happy to help with whatever you need help with.

Chairwoman Kelly

I know there was one that we had questions on before; I'm not sure if you are also able to speak on R-20-087.

Director Marchant

And, I'm sorry, but O-87 is pertaining to?

Chairwoman Kelly

O-87 we will have to take off the table.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I think it was 82 or 84.

Chairwoman Kelly

\$825,000.00 from the Department of Commerce.

Director Marchant

For the CARES Act Fund. Sure so do you want me to speak to that one now or is there another one the table.

Chairwoman Kelly

We moved on so if we could finish R-20-084, we can go back (audio cuts out).

Alderman Caron

Shoshanna, I think you have your numbers mixed up.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Yeah.

Chairwoman Kelly

What?

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

You do.

Alderman Caron

You have your numbers mixed up; the number that we are working on is 20-087, then you've got to take the other piece off the table.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

Right.

Chairwoman Kelly

Sorry about that, 87 is what we have up for discussion.

Alderman Wilshire

Director Marchant, that's the CDFA. Maybe she's having the same troubles I had.

Director Marchant

I'm back sorry. The CDFA dollars, I don't think any of these are Community Development, I am sorry to say. So O-87 is the CDFA funds and I think is it related, that is actually an Economic Development one. But I believe those dollars are going through the CARES Act Fund?

Alderman Caron

No, she's getting confused. Sarah, so O-87 is relative to the assignment of the Community Development Finance Authority's Grant accepted by R-20-002. And it says Community Development, it doesn't say Economic Development.

Director Marchant

Yes, I am sorry that I don't know more than the Community Development Finance Authority dollars coming this way that we are asking for acceptance.

Alderman Wilshire

It's asking actually assign money that was accepted.

Director Marchant

Oh OK. I do know about this, it isn't actually Community Development, but I do know about this. So these dollars, they already came into the City and you already accepted them once before. But what didn't happen is they were not assigned specifically to this fund. And so at this point, to be able to properly account for and expend these funds, we need to have them assigned not to just the General Fund but to this specific account so that they can be appropriately accounted for and expended.

Chairwoman Kelly

I was digging through my packet as I think everybody was. OK thank you for that explanation. Does anyone else have questions about that? Motion is for final passage.

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-082

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

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$825,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A "CARES ACT REVOLVING LOAN FUND"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO TAKE R-20-082 FROM THE TABLE BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Director Marchant

Alright, thank you. Again so O-82, this one relates to a new funding that the City received through the Economic Development Office and they are looking to create a revolving loan fund with these CARES Act dollars or to appropriate money to a revolving loan fund that will be specific to CARES Funds related needs to businesses and non-profits in the community that have direct needs related to COVID.

Chairwoman Kelly

Great, so are there questions from the Committee? Alderman Wilshire?

Alderman Wilshire

Do we know what kind of loans they expect to give out, I mean is it going to be like a \$20,000.00 a \$50,000.00; any idea on that?

Director Marchant

That's a great question. We don't know yet. Part of that is assessing all the other dollars that are out there. And all of these dollars come with a string that you can't double dip, right, you can't use for the same things. So we are looking to evaluate the situation, evaluate where dollars have been spent and see if we can find, again, some of those issues that have been missed to make sure that we can most appropriately position these dollars. And I am sure the Revolving Loan Fund Committee will come up with a process for that as well.

Chairwoman Kelly

Are you raising your hand Alderman Caron? I didn't know if you wanted to speak.

Alderman Caron

Oh no, Alderman Wilshire asked the question that I was going to ask.

Chairwoman Kelly

Ok, perfect. I actually have a question. It was along similar lines of Alderman Wilshire. It sounds like you are going to go through the Revolving Loan Committee so potentially we will see the same type of parameters that we saw that first time around?

Director Marchant

Yes and no. It would be the Revolving Loan Fund Committee who will go through the process again. Again, the program needs funds to the needs that exist and so I do think it will be similar to the first round of funds. But it has a little bit of different strings with it and so we will make sure that, you know, if there's a way to get these dollars to some people who were missed by earlier rounds of funds, or to businesses that were missed by earlier rounds then we definitely want to identify who those are and make sure we can get them there as well as who we supported before.

Chairwoman Kelly

Thank you. Alderman Wilshire?

Alderman Wilshire

I'm not sure we have a motion on the table. We took it from the table but I'm not sure that we have a motion for final passage.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN WILSHIRE TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OF R-20-082 BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairwoman Kelly

Is there additional discussion on this? OK – thank you Director Marchant for hopping on, I really appreciate it. Let's go ahead and take the roll.

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman Wilshire

I just wanted to say we accepted quite a bit of money so I hope these all pass at the full Board level. But I think we've been fortunate to keep getting the funding especially for the CARES Act, if we have small businesses that need it or whatever. So kudos to those who keep going after that money, I appreciate it.

Chairwoman Kelly

I think that's a really nice point. I think especially in some of the earlier rounds, especially minority owned businesses, they definitely got missed, so I am hoping that we can fill that gap.

Alderman Caron

Yes, I agree, I think that staff does a good job looking for these grant monies and right now we can use every dollar that we can get as you say, we have all these small businesses that hopefully will reap some of the benefit. Thank you.

Alderman Harriott-Gathright

I just want to say, it's a good meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN HARRIOTT-GATHRIGHT TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL

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

Yea: Alderman Harriott-Gathright, Alderman Caron,
Alderman Wilshire, Alderwoman Kelly 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Committee Clerk